

TOWN WATCH

Presenter *Guard*
Market seller 1 *Snobby man*
Market seller 2 *Town Crier*
Water seller *Passer by*

CHICHESTER 1397

Presenter - Hello this is _____. I am going to take you on a tour of Chichester. You cannot mistake the town. Even from here I can see the walls and the great spire of the church. Why walls? Well there was plenty of fighting in the Middle Ages and they needed protection. They could also control who came in and went out by controlling the gate. Let's go in through the gate.

Market seller 1.

Come and buy your silken hose only 2 pence.

Market seller 2.

Capons plump capons only 3 pence each.

Market seller 3.

Cherry pie lovely cherry pie only 4 pence, come and buy your cherry pie.

Market seller 4.

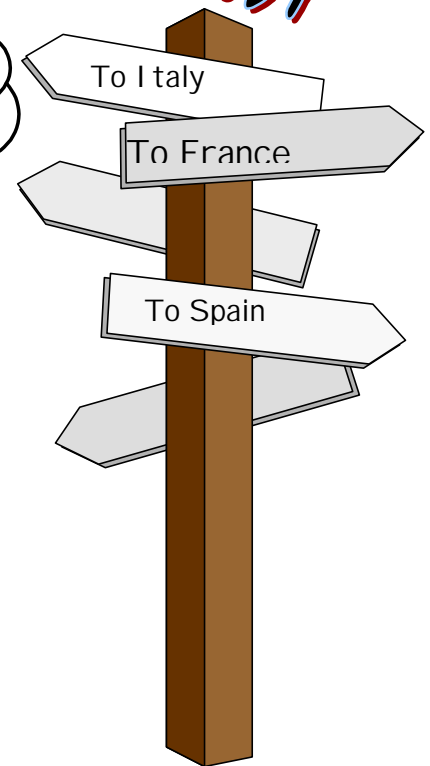
Come and get your goose grease, get your goose grease here now only 5 pence, help ease those sores!!

Presenter - What a noise, and we're not in the town yet. These traders are getting to the customers first and not paying rent for the stalls. Clever eh!

Guard - Good Morning young Madam / Sir. Welcome to the town of Chichester. Don't forget that the gates to the town close at sun down.

Presenter - No ,I won't. It's dark here - the houses almost touch each other at the top and block out the sunlight

Presenter - Watch it woman!! She has just thrown the contents of the Chamber pots all over me! No wonder there is a terrible smell in this town. Watch where you are walking everybody. There are even pigs sniffing around. People seem to be hurrying towards somewhere. I will try to find out what is going on, follow me!





Presenter – What is happening?

Passer By

Why young Sir / Madam it is the Town Crier. If you and your group don't hurry you will miss the announcements! All the important messages for the people of this town will be read out by the town crier.

Presenter – There is quite a crowd straight ahead by the cross. Oh look there is the town crier mounting the steps now!

Town Crier – Oyez, Oyez, Oyez, Hear Ye , Hear Ye.
Good people of Chichester. The news on this day is that there are pickpockets in this town of Chichester. Look after your belongings, and keep all valuables safely with you at all times. If we catch these pickpockets their punishment will be the chopping off of one hand. So if pickpockets are listening now you have been warned! I notice a large group in the crowd, be very careful!

Presenter – Right we had better be careful everyone. Lets move on around the town.

Market Seller – Water, pure water. Clean water, fresh from a spring. Water, water come and buy your water.

Presenter – Hello can I have 19 bottles of your finest spring water please, here 19 groats should cover the cost, thank you.
Right drink up we need to think about leaving the town now, if we don't leave before sunset we get locked in the town for the night, and I don't know about you lot but I don't fancy staying out all night, there will be beggars and thieves around no doubt about that!

Snobby man – Out of my way fellow, out of my way can't you see I am busy, clear the way.

Presenter – Hey look out. You nearly knocked me over then. He was a posh looking fellow wasn't he full of his own importance though, very rude. Right we have to find a way out of here now. Oh look there is a Punch and Judy show down there, at least it is better than bear baiting, come on we will try down here.

Presenter – I will ask this person how we get can get out of the town. Excuse me can you tell me in which direction we have to go to leave this town? Can you direct me to the Eastgate please.

Helpful person – Why good sir / madam it just behind you. But if you want to leave Chichester tonight you and your group will have to hurry. The keepers close the gate promptly at 6 of the clock and it is nigh that now. So quickly go just behind you.

Guard – You and your group have just made it Sir. I have already got my keys out, you were all close to spending the night in the town, and unless you had somewhere to stay it could have been a very nasty night for you.

Presenter – Why is there a hand nailed to the gate Guard?

Guard – Oh well, we caught one of the pickpockets earlier on today, lets hope that it acts as a deterrent for any other would be pickpockets, Chichester does not want them!
Now God Speed, come again!

Presenter – Well I hope you enjoyed our brief tour of the town of Chichester. It is certainly very different from today!
As for me I prefer 2001 to 1397. At least you don't get a chamber pot tipped all over you!



Images of Chichester