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## A Chequers history: the country house of British prime ministers

It became the home of Arthur Lee and his American heiress wife in 1901.... She is brilliant and a massive loss to No 10. It states: It is not possible to foresee or foretell from what classes or conditions of life the future wielders of power in this country will be drawn.

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He did so after realising that the politicians coming to prominence post-World War I were not from the landed classes of yesterday, and that they would therefore be unlikely to have country estates from which to entertain foreign dignitaries or to relax in themselves. It will take at least all day and its consequences may be felt much longer. The home was given to the nation by Arthur Lee, First Viscount Lee of Fareham in 1917 with the intention of it being a country retreat for the sitting PM.

## Somebody shoot that f\*\*\*ing dog! What Boris Johnson growled as Dilyn gnawed antiques at Chequers

The mansion is about 41 miles from Downing Street. Due to the nature of their work, Queen Elizabeth and Prime Minister often meet, usually at Buckingham Palace, or occasionally at a Downing Street function. After long discussions with then Prime Minister , Chequers was given to the nation as a country retreat for the serving Prime Minister under the.

## Chequers, Buckinghamshire. The country home of the Prime Ministers of Great Britain.

There is no confirmed correct answer to this question, but there are a couple of theories that seem plausible. William Hawtrey — High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire — had the current house built circa 1565....

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Despite being at the centre of British government and its dramas for a century, very few members of the public have ever seen it.

**Where is Chequers, who owns it and is it open to the public?**

A building has stood on the site just south of Aylesbury since at least the 12th century.

**Chequers has offered recuperation to prime ministers for 100 years**

It is grade 1 listed and houses a huge art collection — of some 190 pieces dating from the early 16th Century.... Instead, the prime minister is understood to be enjoying walking in the 600-hectare 1,500-acre grounds of the 16th-century manor house in Buckinghamshire, wrapped up against a cool spring wind, and with his pregnant fiancee, and jack russell-cross terrier, Dilyn, at his side.

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