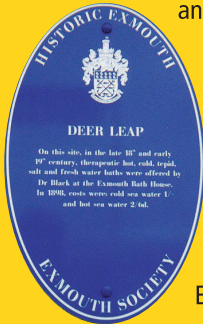


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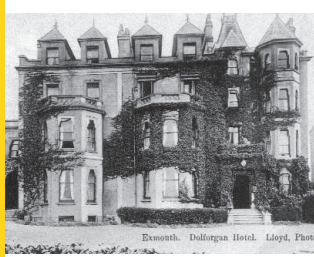
Exmouth is one of Devon's oldest seaside resorts. Much of Exmouth's legacy has come about due to its strategic and scenic location at the mouth of the River Exe, its mild climate and 19th century fashion for seaside living.



As the Exmouth Society's Millennium Project the Blue Plaques have been fixed at various locations to commemorate the town's famous former residents, their homes and other historic features. The provision of the Plaques has had the support of the Exmouth Town Council.

We hope this trail provided by the Exmouth Town Council will help you to enjoy Exmouth's fascinating heritage.

19 Dolforgan Court,
Louisa Terrace,
circa 1910



The Blue Plaque Trail (continued)

- 23 **Exceff** Trefusis Terrace – home of Admiral of the Fleet, Sir Fairfax Moresby.
- 24 **Lime Kiln Lane** Route from Maer lime kiln and as used by smugglers.
- 25 **Globe Hotel** Rolle Street – site of town centre hotel, hub of Exmouth life, demolished in 1866.
- 26 **Sea Wall** Esplanade – first sea wall built in 1842 protecting Exmouth's Victorian development.
- 27 **Docks** Shelley Road – commemorating Exmouth's docks 1865 - 1989.
- 28 **Lower Halsdon Farm** Halsdon Lane – former home of Stanley Long who gave his farm to the National Trust.
- 29 **St Margaret Chapel** Magnolia Centre – site of Votive Chapel.
- 30 **Francis Danby** Trefusis Terrace - near site of Francis Danby ARA's house.
- 31 **The Delderfield Family** Chapel Hill – Literary family and Art Deco building.
- 32 **The Pilot Inn** Tower St – Long used as an inn it was not named The Pilot or Pilot Boat until the 1860s.
- 33 **Withycombe Village Mill Wheel** Salvaged prior to Mill's demolition.
- 34 **Edith Helen Pratt** Carlton Hill - First recipient of the Order of the British Empire.



20 Exmouth from the Gun Cliff, circa 1831



22 The Barn Hotel, Foxholes, circa 1906

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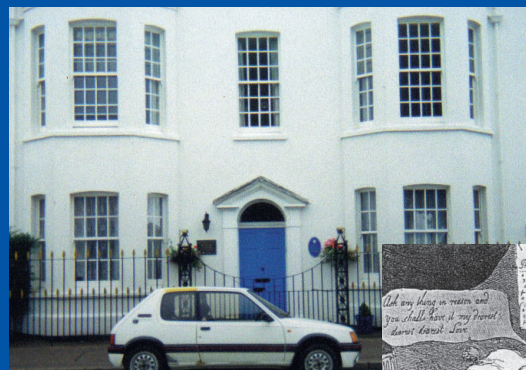


15 The one time home of
Lt. Richard Sandford, 15 The Beacon.

The Blue Plaque Trail

- 1 Dolphin Hotel** 2 Morton Rd – Sub. Lt. Warneford V.C. Naval Air Service 1st World War V.C. hand dropped bombs and destroyed Zeppelin.
- 2 Chester House** Imperial Rd – One time home of Mary Ann Clarke, mistress to the Duke of York.
- 3 Thomas Tucker** The Strand – history of the shop.
- 4 Pilot Lights** Tower St – home of Nancy Perriam, sailed with husband in Nelson’s fleet and acted as powder monkey in battle.
- 5 Mona Island** Exeter Rd – Pratt’s landing place for ancient ferry Exmouth to Starcross circa 12th C.
- 6 Glenorchy Church** Exeter Rd – brief description of foundation by Viscountess Glenorchy.
- 7 Sir John Colleton** Library Exeter Rd – introduced magnolia to England from S.Carolina.
- 8 Conrad Martens** Library Exeter Rd – artist on the Beagle with Charles Darwin, subsequently settled in Australia.
- 9 Primrose Cottage** North St – last remaining thatched cottage in Exmouth town centre.
- 10 Temple Winds** Chapel Hill – started as a pharmacy in early 19th century and continued as such until the 1960s.
- 11 Assembly Rooms** The Beacon – was the centre of social life in Exmouth in the late 18th and early 19th centuries.
- 12 Manor Hotel** The Beacon – history of hotel and reference to performance at hotel by Franz Liszt.
- 13 Nelson House** The Beacon – home of Lady Nelson in her latter years.
- 14 The Merchant** The Strand – In the late 18th Century the site was used as a Tea Warehouse by the East India Company.
- 15 Lt. Richard Sandford** 15 The Beacon – 1st World War V.C. submariner took part in St George’s Day raid on Zeebrugge.
- 16 Byron Court** 10 The Beacon – one time home of Lady Byron.
- 17 Royal Beacon Hotel** The Beacon – visited by the King of Saxony in 1844.
- 18 Beacon Hill House** The Beacon – home of Richard Perring, inventor of improved manufacturing technique for ships anchors.
- 19 Dolforgan Court** Louisa Terrace – home of Charlotte Ann Hume Long founder of Exmouth’s first hospital in 1884.
- 20 Gunfield Gardens** Carlton Hill – garrisoned in Civil War controlling sea approach to besieged Exeter.
- 21 Maer Bay Court** Douglas Avenue – intended home for General Gordon.
- 22 Barn Hotel** Foxholes – Arts and Crafts house designed in 1896.

(continued overleaf)



2 Chester House, formerly Manchester House, Imperial Road – one time home of Mary Ann Clarke, mistress to the Duke of York.

In 1803 Mrs Mary Ann Clarke became the mistress of Frederick, Duke of York, brother of the Prince Regent. She later became something of an embarrassment to him and a Motion was made against him in the House of Commons by Col. Wardle. He said, "I remember her at Exmouth, when she resided at Manchester House, in those days a noble dwelling...and when she had neither bishoprics, commissions, nor clerkships in the Ordnance to dispose of to the highest bidder." An enquiry followed and she served a time in prison.

Mary Ann Clarke, with her children, retired to Paris. Her daughter Ellen met and married a French emigré, Louis Bousson du Maurier. Their son George became the famous Punch artist. Their grandson was the great actor Gerald du Maurier whose daughter, Daphne, was the author of many famous books about her adopted county of Cornwall.