

CHARMOUTH LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER WINTER 2019

Merry Christmas

ALL CHANGE END OF 2019

2019 ends with the departure of Phil Tritton as Chairperson of the CLHS. He has taken on many posts within the society over the years and sometimes all at the same time. He has undertaken a considerable amount of work for Charmouth and its community and is leaving us in a very healthy state and ready for years to come.

The new committee is currently sorting and documenting its archive into a handy resource for anyone interested in Charmouth's history. Similarly, the CLHS website and online links are also in a process of upgrade. Our Oral history programme *Within Living Memory* continues.

In 2020 the Pavey Room will become easily accessible for anyone wishing to view or research anything about Charmouth and its history.

With public talks, publications, posters and leaflets, we hope to continue to promote, preserve and make readily available the history of Charmouth and its surrounding area.

Through our 70+ subscription members and the continued support of the community, we hope to preserve the amazing historical archive of this wonderful village.

MEMBERSHIP

There are currently just over seventy fee paying members with a minimum membership fee of £6 per household. The committee is unpaid and voluntary.

We are custodians of a considerable amount of material for a village of our size. It is because we have such a rich and growing archive that we are proud of our publications and talks over the past years. These are reported to have excelled in their content and quality that would normally be expected from a small local history society.

We ask for your help to encourage more members from Charmouth and wider afield. Please consider paying a little more than the basic membership. You can also make a one off donation.

We thank you all for your continued support.

WHAT IS HIDING IN YOUR CUPBOARD

Items related to the history of Charmouth are found in the most unlikely of places. From eBay we recently obtained a 8mm film from 1965 of Charmouth. This was an old holiday film but with very interesting shots of The Street and the beach.

A bronze age slot axe was head purchased at auction which was originally found in Charmouth.

You may have something lurking and unknown in your cupboard. So please take a look. We would love to know however mundane it may seem to appear.

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Any of us can be contacted through the CLHS website

A Q&A with Helen Parker

Have you always been interested in History?

One of my earliest memories was my mother seeing a hill fort on a map. So we climbed up this hill to look at tufts of grass. This was repeated for years with forts, houses and standing stones but I was hooked.

What gets your History interest going?

I am not a lover of the Victorian world view but more a history from the people up not the rulers down. At the moment I am interested in the Tudors. My main passion is for geology and the recent fossil finds of early man such as "Naledi" fascinate me.

Have you traced your ancestors?

There was a long oral history our of family. We can be traced back to 1600s and one line to 1400s. We have train drivers, publicans, a murder, balloonist and several generations of soldiers and scale makers.

Are you from Charmouth?

No, originally we came here from Surrey and like many others had regular holidays in Charmouth.

What is a good read?

Tudor Secretary by F.G Emerson about Sir William Petre a fascinating insight into Tudor England or *Almost Human* by L Berger which is about early human fossils.

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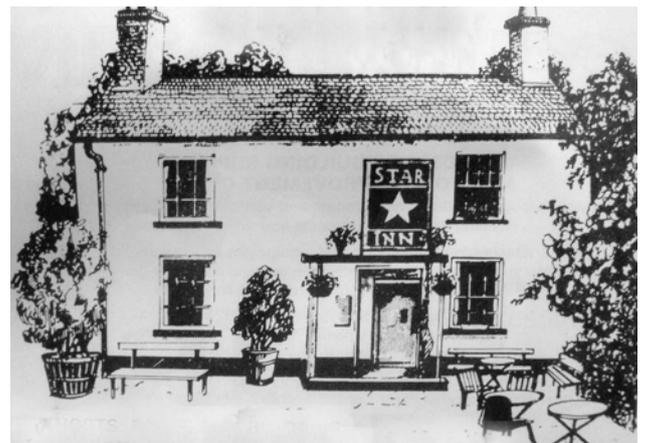
DRUM AND MONKEY

STAR HOUSE

Do you have any information, photographs or memorabilia relating to the above former public house in Charmouth. It was originally the Star Inn and Drum and Monkey.

It was located in the alleyway next to the current Nisa store on the Street in Charmouth.

If you have any information please contact us through the web site.



**DO YOU KNOW WHO AND WHERE
IF SO PLEASE CONTACT**

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*We will be making this short
film available for members.*