

Doverly Manor Museum

The Museum's summer exhibition, *Seas of Change*, charting the continuing story of Porlock Weir from 1914 until 1950 will conclude our look at a small community and the enormous changes it experienced during that period.

A frequent comment from even life long residents of the village is, 'I never knew that.' As they now do know, I feel we are fulfilling our role to preserve a history common to us all.

The Museum's annual July Quiz Night was enjoyed by all. It was a lively evening and competition was keen. Our congratulations to the winning (by one point) team and a huge thank you to John Thorne who set the quiz and asked the questions with a great deal of humour. Our thanks also to John and Jane Hill who kept score and to all those who worked behind the scenes to make the evening a success

The recently donated Post Horn, from the stagecoach that passed through Porlock on the Minehead to Lynton route, is now on display in the Museum entrance. It was blown on the stage's descent down Porlock Hill (that must have been harrowing and we do know that some passengers chose to dismount and walk down), to alert the Ship Inn to ready the post horses for changing and to put the kettle on.

We are looking forward to **Rosemary Gray's August 24th talk on the history of the old Rose & Crown. At the Methodist Hall at 7:30 pm.** We are grateful to Rosemary Cape for sharing her recollections and family history.

Next year's summer exhibition will be a departure from historical events and will feature the work of Clare Maryan Green. Clare has recorded the beauty of Exmoor and the lives of those who work the land through her internationally acclaimed stained glass and paintings. The Solar will be filled with colour and will tell the story of Clare's farming year.

The **Museum Players** will be remembering the **Blue Motor Bus Service** in their play, **All Aboard, on Friday October 20th and Saturday October 21st at 7:30 pm in the Museum Solar.**

Tickets will be available at the Visitor Centre. £5 includes wine and canapés and coffee and chocolates after the performance. Early booking is always advised.

Rosalinde and Katherine Haw will be serving super-sized waffles in front of the Museum on the evening of the Porlock Carnival in aid of the Museum. A delicious way to lend support! Our Visitor's Book reflects visitors from all over the world, as well as their appreciative comments. I hope you will find the time to visit your museum.

Perhaps I will see you there.

Lita Strampp, Curator