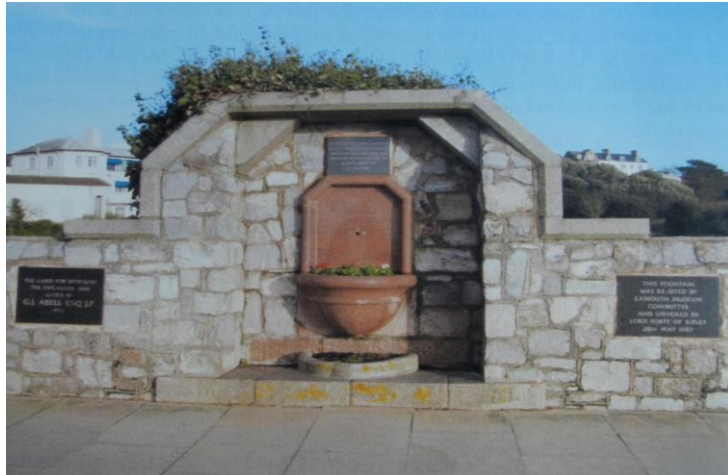


**1982-1992 (1987)**

## **Another Jubilee (or two...)**



This drinking fountain was provided with upper and lower bowls to provide refreshment for both passers-by and their canine companions, and was installed in 1887 to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria.



The original installation was in the wall at the far side of the Imperial Hotel grounds, way beyond the clock tower which, incidentally, was the town's tribute to Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. Several decades further on, this part of the wall was re-aligned because of road-widening. The fountain was taken into lengthy storage in the council yard, whence it was rescued by the stalwarts of Exmouth Museum and re-installed in its present location in its own centenary year, 1987.

The Imperial Hotel was doubtless considered to have exactly the right name to house a reminder of the Queen Empress. It opened for the first time in 1869 and has been an imposing presence ever since. Guests included Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, who stayed whilst playing cricket against the town club. Just inside the wall to the left of the hotel is the temple of Theseus, built in 1824 as part of an early pleasure garden. Its partner, the temple of the winds, has long gone. The cast-iron traffic bollards behind you date from probably the 1880s and have recently been the result of a successful campaign to retain them in situ, despite the loss of the traffic island itself.