

The Dolphin, Dolphin Street

It is thought that this was built as a private house in the early 1700s. However, records show that it was run as a public house, the Dolphin Inn, by Mrs Elizabeth Stribley. It is from this that the street gets its name. The story goes that fishermen would meet in the upstairs room and hold business meetings. Then at the end of the night a portion of brandy was bought and taken home.

The Sun Fire Office Insurance star is on its outer wall and this signified that the owners had paid their dues and were entitled to the services of the fire brigade.

Over the years this Grade II listed building has had many extensions.

Anna Keat once lived here She made barley sugar and rock.

Joan Murray recalls: "Captain & Gran Keat and their son Sammy lived here."

In the 1930s: "Gran Keat lived in The Dolphin that was once a local pub. She always took in visitors and was helped by a local girl, Amanda. She lost her only son, Samuel, in the war."

Yvonne Cleave