

### 13 – 17 High Street (former Horse and Groom/ Horse and Jockey)

*The present Horse and Groom moved 'next door' west at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Until then, it operated on this site to its east, now occupied by nos. 13-17 High Street.*

1779 Mr Bradley at the 'Horse and Jockey' in Cowbridge  
Handbill offering services of Iolo Morganwg *NLW 21420E. no.1*

1784 Walter Williams owned; Thomas Morgan occupied, 6/- *LTA*

1784 Mr Morgan of the 'Horse and Jockey' *Llanblethian tithe*

1788 'I went to the Horse and Jockey, Billy Deere president' *John Perkins's diary*

1788 Walter Williams owned; William Richards occupied, 6/- *LTA*

1789 'Was buried a child of the Horse and Jockey from drinking hot water of the tea kettle which killed him soon' *William Thomas's diary, p.373*

1795 William Richards, victualler, Horse and Groom *Universal British directory*

1798-1804 John Maxe owned, two burgages *Burgage rents 123*

1800 Dr Bates owned; William Richards occupied, 7/- *LTA*  
'There's Richard of the Horse and Groom (remember what I tell ye)  
You'll hardly in his house find room, so monstrous is his belly'  
*'Song of the Cowbridge Toppers', attributed to Iolo Morganwg*

1806-15 John Maxe and John Simpson owned; William Richards tenanted *BR 123*

September 1808 William Richards of the Horse and Groom advertised posting at a shilling per mile. He ran 'a pair and chaise of able horses for this service' and was 'determined to keep the best wines and spirits as well as the best larder the country affords'. *'Cambrian' newspaper*

1813 Sale advert, 24<sup>th</sup> July : Horse and Groom, Cowbridge, in the occupation of William Richards, under a lease of which 2 years are unexpired, at £16  
*'Cambrian' newspaper*

1815 James Simpson owned; Cecil Richards occupied, 7/- *LTA*  
James Simpson (of the Bear Hotel) was the father of James Simpson, landlord of the Pyle Inn for 60 years, and of Eliza who married James Ballard in 1819

1823 'James Wheeler returns his most grateful thanks to the gentlemen, farmers and inhabitants of Cowbridge and its neighbourhood for the very liberal support he

- has received during his residence at the above inn, and most respectfully informs them he has laid in a large stock of spirituous liquors of the best quality, and cordials of every description which he is enabled to dispose of, wholesale and retail considerably under the usual prices...brandy 24s, rum 16s and gin 12s per gallon' *'Cambrian'*, 16<sup>th</sup> August  
(*James Wheeler was landlord of the White Hart in 1827*)
- 1824 'William Alexander respectfully informs the gentlemen and farmers of Cowbridge and its vicinity that his housewarming is fixed for 17<sup>th</sup> June; and he will feel highly obliged to those who will honour him with their company on the above day' *'Cambrian'*, 5<sup>th</sup> June
- 1825 21 year lease for £38 pa – James Simpson of Pyle gent. to William Alexander of Cowbridge victualler :  
a messuage used as a public house called the Horse and Groom, together with coach houses, stables, outhouses and gardens as were lately in the occupation of James Wheeler, now William Alexander.  
Covenant that a). if Wm Alexander keeps for hire chaises, carriages, horses, stagecoaches or other public carriages, he pays an additional £20 per year, b). he be allowed to keep and let gigs, socialets and other such open vehicles with horses for same, and riding horses, without paying additional rent,  
c). not to convert the premises into a shop or private dwelling house, or sublet to 'indigent or improper person', but may sublet to a 'respectable or substantial person'. *D/D St 1/12*
- 1830 James Simpson owned; William Alexander occupied, Horse and Groom, 7/- *LTA*
- 1833 David Richards listed amongst those licensed to keep an inn *Q/S/E 5*
- 1835 David Richards, Horse and Groom *Pigot's directory*
- 1838 Thomas Lewis of the Horse and Groom *B/Cow 9*
- 1843 Mrs Simpson owned; Thomas Lewis occupied *Tithe*
- 1844 Evans's omnibus from Swansea to Cardiff and Newport called at the Horse and Groom daily *Pigot*
- 1851 Thomas Lewis, innkeeper aged 52, born in St Athan, grocer and farmer of 19 acres employing three, plus his wife, son and stepdaughter, and 4 servants *Census 81*  
(*Thomas Lewis died 1860 – gravestone in Ramoth chapel*)
- 1858, May 15<sup>th</sup> Evan Hopkins unsuccessful in having the licence of the Horse and Groom transferred to him from Henry Abraham. *'Glamorgan Gazette'*

1858, 21<sup>st</sup> August To be sold by auction on September 14<sup>th</sup> at the Horse and Groom Inn  
'all that established commercial inn and tavern called Horse and Groom, with coach  
house, stables, slaughterhouse, yard and garden etc, and also the general provision shop  
with storehouses and bakehouse adjoining .....have for a great many years had a very  
large share of the town and country business. – William John of the H & G  
'*Glamorgan Gazette*'

1859 William John *Slater's directory*

1860 Death of Thomas Lewis, formerly of Castleton, St Athan (presumably where he  
farmed in 1851) *Ramoth memorial inscriptions*

1861 John George, 28, innkeeper, with wife, son, brother, 2 servants and a visitor  
*Census 58*

1862 Edward Gwyn, owner of the Horse and Groom *B/Cow 9*

1865 John George, Horse & Groom, has taken yard near new railway station for the  
sale of house and lime coal (also JW Hall – coal, drainpipes, manure etc.)  
'*Bridgend Chronicle*', 3<sup>rd</sup> February

1869 Advert of sale by auction of the Horse and Groom, with a new dwelling house  
attached, under lease from Rev. Thomas Edmondes for 99 years from 14/8/67 :  
'At moderate expense, the property could be converted into a brewery; the  
junction of the Llantwit Major to Cowbridge railway is expected to be close to the  
house'. Apply to John Williams, Cwmsaerbren Farm, Treherbert, or David  
Williams, auctioneer, Pontypridd '*Glamorgan County Gazette*', June 1<sup>st</sup>

1871 Evan Edwards, 39, innkeeper, born Llantrisant, with wife, sister-in-law, niece  
and servant *Census 64*

1872 Edward Lloyd could not take up the licences for the Horse and Groom because he  
was heavily in debt. Mr W Lloyd and John Morris in possession; sold the Horse  
and Groom by auction, November 1<sup>st</sup> 1872, and purchased by them with William  
Lloyd for £106; let to Mr Wm Morgan, Pitcot on November 5<sup>th</sup>  
*T Rees, solicitor, journal 11.*

1872 Inventory (Evans to Lloyd) :  
bedroom no.1, dark room, no.3 bedroom, landing, no.4 bedroom, landing, no.5  
bedroom, dining room, no.6 bedroom, stairs, smoking room, back parlour, pantry,  
kitchen, bar, parlour, gin shop, cellar, back skittle alley, stable, garden, cooking  
kitchen, yard, brewhouse.  
Contents of brewhouse – boiler and cover £2.10s, mash tub 15s., three barrels  
12s., 8 kills £1.4s., one firkin 3s., one tundish 2s., one lappail 1s., bowl and  
strainer 1s., one sieve 3s., three buckets 4s.6d., one tub 2s., three shillings 10s.  
*Gwyn and Gwyn papers (seen in 2004 by J. Alden)*

- 1872 William Morgan has taken the Horse and Groom *'Glam County Gazette'*
- 1875/6 William Morgan, Horse and Jockey *Butcher's directory*
- 1878 Lewis Jenkins, Horse and Groom, postal and commercial house *Owens directory*
- 1881 Lewis Jenkins, 30, brewer and innkeeper, born Cowbridge, with his wife, a visitor and three servants (including an ostler and groom) *Census 228*
- (1890s Lewis Jenkins opened Cowbridge brewery at 3 High St *Deeds*)
- 1891 Lewis Jenkins, with wife, father-in-law, niece and nephew *Census 224*
- 1895 William Hayter, Horse and Groom *Kelly's directory*
- 1896 High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, Rees v Griffiths –  
Sale of double-licensed freehold public house, known by the sign of 'The Horse and Groom Inn', with gardens, stables, brewhouse and other outbuildings, let on a yearly tenancy to Mr William Hayter at an annual rent of £41. Together with freehold dwelling house and confectioner's shop, with garden, bakehouse and other offices thereto, adjoining the inn, let on a yearly tenancy to Mr Hopkin Watts at £25 pa. *Sale documents*
- 1897 Lewis Jenkins died *Deeds*
- 1900 'Auction of Horse and Groom Hotel, with gardens, stables, brewhouse and other buildings, with a freehold dwelling house and shop with garden, bakehouse and other offices. Hotel in the occupation of the vendors, vacant possession on completion. House and shop in the occupation of Mr Henry Goulden on an annual tenancy of £25' – see plan, and also Stephenson and Alexander folder *D/D SA 12/692/2*
- 1902 Henry Goulden, 36, confectioner shopkeeper, born Llanwern, Herefordshire, with his wife, 5 sons and 2 daughters, and a servant *Census 191*
- 1901 Horse and Groom Inn – no-one there census night
- 1904 WW Nill Ltd. to WG Watkins – agreement re sale of old Horse and Groom site *D/D SA 12/692/2*
- Change of use of this site from public house :*
- 1910 No.13 (Tregolwyn House) RE Watkins owned and occupied  
No.15 RE Watkins owned; C Davies occupied

- No.17 RE Watkins owned; H Goulden occupied – old stone/slate property. Shop, kitchen, scullery, 4 bedrooms *PRO IR58/18461/275-7*
- 1912 No.13 Richard Watkins, resident  
No. 15 Charles Davies, hairdresser and tobacconist  
No.15 William Stoddart, LDS, RCS, dental surgeon  
No.17 Henry Goulden, shop *Western Mail street directory*
- 1926 No.15 Charles Davies, hairdressers  
(Charles Davies's links with William Randolph Hurst – see '*Hurst's Other Castle*'  
*Mr Charlie Davies, tobacconist & hairdresser for both ladies and gentlemen, was a first class humorous performer at our noted concerts* *Notes from 1970s parish magazine*
- No.17 Stephen Fitzgerald, confectioner, Ivor House *Kelly's*
- 1942 Mr and Mrs Old from Tonyrefail came daily to their lock-up shop. Bakery at the back. WJ Blick lived upstairs *Information from Viv Blick*
- 1947 No.13 Mary and Roma Watkins at Tregolwyn House,  
Wyndham Thomas  
No.15 Clifford and Eileen Stone  
No.17 William and Dorothy Blick *Register of electors*
- 1965 No.17 Ann Talbot's clothes shop *Electoral register*  
Ann Talbot (an orthopaedic nurse at Rhydlafer Hospital near Cardiff) ran her packed shop generously, allowing customers to take garments home on trial, without really noting who they were.
- 1974 No.15 Meirion Lewis, estate agents  
No.17 Mervyn Hollwar, menswear, school uniforms etc. *Cowbridge Week programme*
- 1999 No.13 'Patterns', material and wools  
No. 15 Domus Interiors  
No. 17 Hollwar (run by Mervyn Warfield and wife Marianne, nee Holland)

***Sources/abbreviations :***

*GRO* Glamorgan Record Office – deposits D/D  
*PRO* Public Record Office (Kew)  
*NLW* = National Library of Wales  
*Tithe, census, directories, electoral registers, B/Cow borough deeds all in GRO*