

65 High Street

- 1738 Lease for life for re-building house, annual rent 10/-, William Lord Talbot to John Jones of Cowbridge, peruke maker - messuage and garden, half burgage.
D/D D 159
- 1738 Earl Talbot in tenure of John Jones, half burgage *BR 148*
- 1749 Talbot to Robert Thomas, innkeeper – half burgage as John Jones held
D/D D 161
- 1762 Earl Talbot, half burgage in tenure of Mr Cole, late John Jones *BR 148*
- 1773 Occupied by R Hodgson, 3/- *LTA*
- 1783 Earl Talbot owned; Mrs Hudson occupied *BR 148*
- 1784 and 1788 Owned by Lady Talbot; occupied by Elizabeth Hodgson, 4/- *LTA*
- 1800 Owned by Lord Talbot; occupied by John Williams, 4/- *LTA*
- 1824 House occupied by John Williams, saddler *Deeds of Sorrento*
- 1830 Owned by Lord Dynevor; occupied by J Williams, 4/- *LTA*
- 1842 Thomas Matthews married Margaret Lewis, bonnetmaker *Parish records*
- 1844 Owned by Lord Adair, but lived in by Thomas Matthews, aged 34. By trade he is a saddler from Aber, Cardigan *Deeds*
- 1845 Baptism of Judith Williams *Parish records*
- 1847 Baptisms of Isabella, Thomas and Margaret Matthews in Holy Cross church
Parish records
- 1850 Rent of £12.4s. paid to Dynevor estate by Thomas Matthews
Gwyn & Gwyn, F/3
- 1851 Thomas Matthews is a widower, with 2 small daughters, Judith and Isabella. His sister (a widow and a dressmaker) from Cardigan is looking after them, plus a servant, Ann Williams
Census 121
- 1856 Property owned by Lord Dynevor; occupied by Thomas Matthews, saddler
Deeds of Sorrento

- 1861 Thomas Matthews, saddler, his daughters, sister, plus a male boarder, an apprentice (Joseph Yorwerth, aged 18, from Kenfig) and a female servant
Census 90
- 1870 House and shop in the occupation of Matthews and Yorwerth, saddlers
Deeds of Sorrento
- 1871 Judith Matthews, 26, has married William Yorwerth, 32, a saddler of Kenfig. They have a 4 month old son, Thomas J.
Census 100
- 1875 William Yorwerth, saddler of 65 High St.
Kelly's directory
- 1879 William Yorwerth, saddler
Deeds of Sorrento
- 1881 William and Judith Yorwerth, with their 4 children, Thomas, David, William and Margaret, and a servant
Census 262
- 1884 Sale by Edward Rhys Wingfield (Castell Mynach estate)
Sale documents
- 1891 William and Judith Yorwerth, with son Thomas, a saddler aged 20
Census 257
- 1894 William Yorwerth is a councillor
Kelly's
- 1895 Thomas J Yorwerth, 24, saddler and harnessmaker of High St and Church St.
Kelly's
- 1896, 13th November Both Miss Davies, stationer of High St. and Mr T J Yorwerth, saddler of High St have on sale our paper weekly.
- 1901 T J Yorwerth a councillor and the deputy registrar of births and deaths. The Church St premises now belong to Nathaniel Llewellyn, saddler
Kelly's
- 1901 Thomas J Yorwerth, 30, saddler, with wife Margaret and daughter Judith, and his brother David, 28, a bank clerk, and sister Florence, 17, plus a domestic servant
Census 164
- 1903 Margaret Yorwerth died aged 29. (T J Yorwerth later re-married a sister of Arthur John, ironmonger, from lower down High Street)
- 1905 Isabella Yorwerth dies age 58
Parish records
- 1906 Councillor T.J. Yorwerth is still saddler and harness maker but also secretary of the Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Society.[A post held until at least 1923]
Kelly's
- 1910 TJ Yorwerth, occ, Wm Yorwerth, o
D/D PRO/VAL/1/46
- 1910 William Yorwerth age 70 lives at Glen View in West Village. (Not in 1906)
Kelly's

- 1911 T.J.Yorwerth (No 65) with Arthur John (No 43) buys 61 High Street from John Homfrey of Penlline.(Premises then tenanted by R. Morgan, Butcher)
Midland Bank records
(Thomas Yorwerth had married the sister of Arthur John -
Ann Jarvis, Llansannor)
- 1912 T.J.Yorwerth saddler and harnessmaker *Kelly's*
1914 William Yorwerth at 24 Westgate age 74 *Kelly's*
1914 T.J. Yorwerth councillor, saddler harnessmaker and auctioneer. *Kelly's*
1919 T.J. Yorwerth and Arthur John sell 61 High Street to Midland Bank for £610
Midland Bank records
- 1920 William Yorwerth age 80 is at 38 High Street *Kelly's*
1920/21 T.J. Yorwerth councillor and auctioneer *Kelly's*
1922 Judith Olive Yorwerth age 23 marries Samuel D Evans (motor mechanic, son of Fred Evans, draper). 25/4/1922 *Parish records*
1923 Yorwerth and Herbert Thomas [No.59] auctioneers at 65 High Street
Family records
- 1925 William Yorwerth dies age 86 at "Aberthyn", Alexandra Road, Gorseinon.
Parish records
- 1926/27 Yorwerth and Thomas auctioneers of 65 High Street. TJ Yorwerth still a councillor.
Kelly's
- 1940 TJ Yorwerth made Freeman of Cowbridge *Town records*
- 1947 Ernest and Tona Wheaton; Harriet and Maisie Oakley *Register of electors*
- 1970 Shop leased to John Owen, Cowbridge Antiques *John Owen*
- From Mr. Hedley Davies :*
- 1985 He has leased the property since 1985. The freeholder is the Bear Hotel. Prior to that the shop was a bike shop run by Councillor Ray Davies. Prior to that it was the office of estate agents Lucas and Madley.
- From interview given to Chris Banning re the Bear :*
The property was bought by the brother of Gwyn Williams circa 1954, apparently from Yorwerth and Thomas, auctioneers. The front part was the office and the cottage behind was Yorwerth's house.
- 1999 Hedley Davies, men's outfitters
2014 Oscar's bistro (belonging to Bear Hotel)

Sources/abbreviations :

GRO Glamorgan Record Office
PRO Public Record Office (Kew)
Directories (eg Kelly), tithe, census, electoral rolls – in GRO
D/D Deposits in GRO
BR Burgage rentals (GRO)
LTA Land tax assessments (GRO)
Gwyn & Gwyn solicitors' papers – seen in 2004 by Jeff Alden