

Research Document:	Vale of Glamorgan pub, 51 & 53 High Street, Cowbridge
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Source Abbreviations	
GRO	Glamorgan Record Office
BR	Burgage rents (GRO)
LTA	Land tax assessments (GRO)
	Tithe, census, directories all in GRO
CRS	Cowbridge Record Society
UBD	Universal British directory
Dunraven	Dunraven deeds in GRO or National Library of Wales
D/D	Deposits in GRO
AHR	Alehouse recs. (GRO)

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	<p>These 18th century properties have been linked for much of their history, and in 1773 were one property owned by Edward Bates. In 1784 it was the Greyhound Inn with Nathaniel Young as the licensee. The Bates family continued as owners until at least 1830 but by 1843 the owner was William Jenkins.</p> <p>The Greyhound continued here until in 1865 the name was used for an inn in Westgate; these premises subsequently became the Vale of Glamorgan Brewery owned by Lewis Jenkins. The malthouse was in what is now called the Wool Barn, with the cart shed and stables for six horses across Bear Lane. Lewis Jenkins, originally from Llantrisant, was actively involved in Cowbridge life. He was an alderman and was made a freeman of the borough in 1923. He and his family lived here for many years before moving to Graig House in Eastgate; he died in 1929 aged 94.</p> <p>In 1915 the property was leased to William Hancock, brewers of Cardiff, and sold to them in 1923. No 51 was used as the off licence and distribution centre for beers, and No 53 became a private residence. In the 1920/30s Tom David lived in No 53; he was a skilled thatcher and thatched Y Bwthyn Bach, the cottage presented to the then Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret by the people of Wales.</p> <p>By the 1960s, No 53 was the Vale of Glamorgan public house and No 51 the off-licence. The front of No 51 is now Gail Armytage's florists shop, with the rear and first floor the kitchen and hotel accommodation of the pub</p>	<p><i>Cowbridge Buildings & People</i> – CRS 1999</p>
	<p><i>Grade II listed – '19th century public house retaining much character on prominent site'.</i></p>	
1689	<p>Charles Matthew to Anne Jenkins of Cowbridge, widow - 99 year lease : all that mansion or dwelling house where Anne Jenkins lives in Cowbridge, with stable and garden between house and garden of Edward Bates on east</p>	D/D D158
1732	<p>Assignment of mortgage, Anne Came and Richard Bates to Pierce Cornish</p>	D/D Ed 18, 19
1738	<p>Richard Bates, alderman, for l burgage</p>	BR#1
1742	<p>Between Charles Edwin and Richard Bates, 99 year lease of messuage and garden on west house of Richard Bates the elder, on east house of Mary Thomas.</p>	Dunraven
1762	<p>Dr Edward Bates late Richard Bates, f/h, John Lucas, tenant, l burg.</p>	BR#138

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1773	Edward Bates, surgeon, 6/-	LTA
Ca 1780	Mr Edward Bates, 1 burgage, The Greyhound – George Evans, tenant	BR 141
1783	Edward Bates, surgeon owned; George Evans occupied, 1 burgage	BR 141
1784 & 1793	Mr Edward Bates owned; Nathaniel Young occupied, 8/-	LTA
1793	Nathaniel Young, victualler, The Greyhound	UBD
1798-1804	Edward Bates, surgeon, Mrs Young, tenant, 1 b	BR#140
1806-16	Edward Bates, surgeon, o, Nathaniel Young occ, 1 b The Greyhound	BR#140
1827	David Richards, The Greyhound	AHR
1830	Edward Bates, Esq, o, David Richards, occ, The Greyhound, 8/-	LTA
1835	John Harmer, The Greyhound	Pigot directory
1835	January: To be sold by auction at the Bear Inn, f/h property The Greyhound PH in Cowbridge with the malthouse, stable, garden and premises at the back thereof - subject to a lease for the life of a person now about 55 yrs of age, yearly rent £14. 19s (the whole except the malthouse, which is let from year to year) + land between Pentre Meyrick and St Mary Hill	<i>Cambrian</i>
	Later: to be let and entered on 10 April next, that old well established public house The Greyhound, apply to Mr N Young, Church St	<i>Cambrian</i>
1843	Wm Jenkins, o, Thos Williams, occ, The Greyhound	Tithe
1847	Wm Jenkins of Caergwaner Fach, Llantrisant, owner (Died 1/3/1850 gave to son Lewis Jenkins 'all that messuage, dwelling house, malt house garden, courts and premises called the Greyhound Public House and Malthouse with the room adjoining, in the occupation of John Webb').	Will
1850	Wm Jenkins died - left property to son, Lewis Jenkins with the adjoining room in the occupation of John Webb	Deeds
	The properties were in the 18th century run as the Greyhound public house and in 1784 Land Tax Assessments showed Nathaniel Young was licensee. David Jones (in MS 4.1221, Cardiff C Library) states: 'James Hiscock the elder began in a small way a little shop between Edward Ballard's and the Greyhound Inn, part of the premises of the latter. A large old grate had got out of order and had to be removed. On taking it out a large quantity of gold was found concealed and this was the beginning of Hiscock's fortune.'	

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1851	Jenkin Morgan, Greyhound Inn, married, 35, publican, born Llanblethian Sarah Morgan, wife, 35, b. Carmarthen Thomas Morgan, son, 7, scholar, b. Llantwit Margaret Morgan, daughter, 3, scholar, b. Cowbridge Edward Morgan, son, 2, b. Cowbridge Jesse Morgan, daughter, 4 months, b. Cowbridge Joanna Williams, house servant, 13, b. Cowbridge John Joue) (?), visitor, unmarried, 20, agricultural labourer, b. Cadoxton William Davies, lodger, unm., 22, groom David John, lodger, unm., 20, carpenter, b. Pembroke	Census 115
	The Greyhound continued on this site, at least until 1861, when it was being run by Henry Richards. Between 1861 and 1865 the Greyhound public house changed premises and moved to Westgate, where it remained for many years. Lewis Jenkins began his brewing business at that time, around 1865-66, having been described as a plasterer at the birth of his daughter Adeline in 1865 but as a brewer at the birth of his next child in 1867. William Lewis Jenkins, the son of Lewis Jenkins, also ran a mineral water manufacturing business early in this century at No 49, the three properties being linked for some years.	
1858	Henry Richards, Greyhound	Slaters directory
1861	Henry Richards, Greyhound Inn married, 34, victualler & butcher, b. Cadoxton Jane Richards wife, 32, b. Merthyr Ann , daughter, 7, b. St.Mary Church Henry, son, 5, b. Cowbridge William, son, 3, b. Cowbridge Alice, daughter, 1, b. Cowbridge Gwenllian Rees, unm, 19, house servant, b. Ystradowen	Census 86
1871	Lewis Jenkins, Vale of Glamorgan Brewery mar, 36, brewer/maltster, employing 7 men, b. Llantrisant Margaret Jenkins, wife, 24, b. Cowbridge Adeline, daughter, 6, scholar, b. Cowbridge William, son, 4, scholar, b. Llanblethian Mary M, dau, 1, b. Cowbridge Mary Griffith, domestic serv., unm, 25, b. St. Clears Emily, domestic servant, 14, b. Cowbridge	Census 94

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1881	Lewis Jenkins, 46, brewer/maltster & spirit merchant Margaret Jenkins, wife, 34, b. Cowbridge William L Jenkins, son, 14, scholar, b. Cowbridge Mary M Jenkins, dau, 11, scholar, b. Cowbridge George C Jenkins, son, 1, b. Cowbridge Sarah A Royal, housemaid, 16, b. Penllyn Mary, general servant, 14, b. Middlesex	Census 256
1891	Lewis Jenkins, 56 Margaret Jenkins, wife, 44 William L Jenkins, son, unm, 24, wine & spirit merchant Mary M Jenkins, dau, unm., 21 George Jenkins, son, 11, scholar (+1 servant)	Census 251
1901	Margaret Jenkins, widow, 60, caretaker of offices, b Bridgend (4 rooms) 53 HS (absent on census night) - 51 HS	Census# 171 Census# 170
	<p>There is a large monument - an obelisk - in Cowbridge Holy Cross Churchyard. "In loving memory of Adeline eldest and dearly loved daughter of Lewis and Margaret Jenkins of this town who died 20 January 1875 aged 9 years and 9 months: 'Thy Will be Done'.</p> <p>Also Anne Gwendoline died March 17th 1878 aged 47 days - small plaque on plinth "In loving memory of the three children of Alderman and Mrs William Lewis Jenkins - John Lewis 8 September 1897 - 3 August 1968, William Edward 10 January 1901 - 11 February 1983, Margaret Elaine 5th October 1905 - 29 March 1967."</p> <p>On the south side "In memory of William Lewis Jenkins Justice of the Peace and Councillor of this Borough who died April 17th 1923 aged 56 years</p> <p>Also of George Leoline Jenkins infant son of the above who died October 2nd 1902 aged 21 days.</p> <p>Also Mary Margaret daughter of the aforesaid Lewis and Margaret Jenkins who died March 25th 1934 aged 64 years.</p> <p>On north side "In memory of Margaret the beloved wife of Alderman Lewis Jenkins of Graig House Cowbridge who died December 27th 1918 aged 72 years.</p> <p>Also Alderman Lewis Jenkins Freeman of the Borough of Cowbridge who died July 13th 1929 aged 94 years.</p>	
	<i>It can be seen from this monument that the Jenkins family were very actively involved in the life and affairs of Cowbridge.</i>	
1912	Mr William Lewis Jenkins, aerated water manufacturer	Western Mail directory

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1912	John Sanders, 53 High Street	W. M directory
1913	Conveyance – Earl of Dunraven to William Lewis Jenkins, after auction at the Bear	Deeds of no. 49
1914	Lewis Jenkins, brewer, 51 High Street	Kelly's directory
1915	Lewis Jenkins - 42 years lease to William Hancock & Co	Deeds
1/10/1915	Lewis Jenkins devised premises to Messrs. Wm Hancock and Co. Ltd. For 42 years 'all that freehold messuage or dwelling house wine or spirit vaults brewery malthouse yard, 51-53 High Street, bounded by 49 High Street on the east, on the west by the dwelling house and premises known as Cambrian House'.	
1921	Walter J and Elizabeth Escott, No 51 Mary E Tutton, No 53	Electoral roll
1923	William Lewis Jenkins died intestate Sale to William Hancock & Co for £2750	Deeds
17/6/1923	Lewis Jenkins and Margaret Kate Jenkins conveyed to Hancocks.	Deeds of no. 49
1924	Sale by William Hancock & Co to Arthur John of malthouse and shed (malthouse later used as woolbarn)	Deeds
	In No 53 - Mr Tom David and his widowed sister Mrs Jenkin followed after Miss Mary Tutton. After them came Mrs David's son-in-law Mr Stan Treharne and his wife Nesta.	Reminiscences of Mrs Tonkin, nee Sanders
	No 53 was a private residence until it became The Vale of Glamorgan Hotel No 51 was the off-licence and distribution centre for the Brewery	Local knowledge
	“The Vale of Glamorgan Brewery was owned by Mr (Alderman) Lewis Jenkins, who lived at Graig House, whose son Mr W.L. Jenkins managed the Brewery and making of "pop". The Off Licence was managed by Mr Joe Staien, the house being a private one, until lately being changed to the Vale of Glamorgan Hotel. I can remember Miss Mary Tutton living in the house and after her Mr Tom David, who came from a renowned thatching family and his widowed sister, Mrs. Jenkins. He it was who thatched the little cottage given to our dear Queen, when a little girl, and her sister Princess Margaret by the people of Wales. The thatch caught fire either on the way or when the cottage arrived in London and Tom went up to re-thatch it. He was proud to tell me that the Princesses went to see him at work every morning and when he left presented him with a photograph each.”	Miss Freda Evans' memoirs "A Few More Memories of Cowbridge" in the Parish magazine of 1977

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1940s	<p>'My grandfather Reginald Wager and his sister Pat were evacuated from the Medway area in Kent to Cowbridge. They were 8 and 5 years old and because they wanted to stay together were the last two to find a home. A widower called Mrs Jenkins agreed to take them both and they stayed with her for four years. Mrs Jenkins had a brother called Tom who was a thatcher and lodged with them. My grandfather recalls that he thatched a play cottage that belonged to Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret. My grandfather said he learned to swim in the river behind the Town Hall. He also used to go to church three times on a Sunday and sing in the choir. He recalls reading a 'Beano' comic whilst pumping the church organ! He remembers the school being at the top of a hill and the headmaster was called Mr Roberts. He has a memory of the cinema burning down. He thinks the house he stayed in was opposite a shop and that Mrs Jenkins had daughters named Blanche and Nesta, who married a serviceman in the RAF.'</p>	Info from Jade Tucker, Isle of Skye 2010
1961	William Hancock & Co Public House and off-licence	Vale of Glam show guide
1980s	Arcade development	
1999	<p>No 51 - Gail Armytage, florist No 53 – Vale of Glamorgan hotel Rear of No 53 - NFU offices Woolbarn - craft outlets Courtyard - Oxfam shop</p>	
	<i>Bates family</i>	
	<i>Edward Bates, alderman of Cowbridge, died 1711, married Elizabeth, d. 1713</i>	
	<i>Son Thomas Bates, alderman of Cowbridge, died 1741</i>	
	<i>Son Richard Bates, alderman of Cowbridge, died ? 1749. His first wife was Maudlin (d. 1731), and by her had children Elizabeth Bates and Richard Bates. His second marriage was to Jennet (d. 1777) and they had a son, Edward Bates.</i>	
	<i>Elizabeth Bates married John Tydder, and they had children : John Tudor of Cowbridge, gent., Richard Tudor of Bristol, brazier, and Elizabeth who married Dr Bowen of Swansea, clockmaker.</i>	
	<i>Richard Bates, MD (1696 – 1750), doctor to Cowbridge Grammar School, married Catherine Hoare, and they had 4 children – Catherine, Elizabeth, Mary and Morgan</i>	D/D Ed 27 - 29

