

12 High Street, Cowbridge

(now demolished, at the entrance to what is now Bird's Lane)

- 1787 Lease, Corporation to William Barton, shoemaker, for 99 years or the lives of William Barton, his wife Margaret and daughter Mary. William Barton had died in 1789; Margaret married William Prees in 1790.
Information from Brian James.
- 1793, 1800 & 1815 The Corporation owned; William Preece occupied, dwelling 1/-
LTA
- 1825 Lease, Corporation to David John of Cowbridge, shopkeeper, for 99 years, or the lives of Ann, David and Simon, his children –
the house lately occupied by Margaret Preece, widow
B/Cow 141 & Gwyn & Gwyn, Box G
- 1830 The Corporation owned; David John occupied *LTA*
- 1843 Thomas Morris owned; Thomas Jones occupied –
house and garden *Tithe*
- 1851 Thomas Cox, 26, carpenter journeyman, born St Hilary, with his wife,
3 sons and a daughter *Census 78*
- 1859 Will of Thomas David, bequeathing leasehold property called The
Temperance to his brother Edmund and Jenkin Davies (see 1881).
- 1881 Indenture, Edmund Davies of Swansea to David Thomas, farmer, Penlline,
granting a messuage and shop formerly know as The Temperance, formerly
occupied by Mrs Miles, now by David James (bounded on the east by the road
from high Street to Waun y Gare and the garden of the Butchers Arms inn,
to the west by the ironmonger's shop belonging to Nathaniel Bird. *(See file on the
Morris, Davids etc. of Llancarfan)*
- 1901 Jeanette John, widow, 50, born Penmark, with her daughter and a boarder
Census 131
- 1910 Jennet John occupied; Corporation owned –
house and shop *D/D PRO/VAL/1/46 (87)*
- 1911 Mrs Jennet John widow, with 5 boarders ranging in age from 43 to 76, and her
grandson William Batt, aged 13 *Census*
- 1912 – 1919 W A Phillips, plumber & sanitary engineer *Invoices*

1947 William (Billy) Batt and Mary; Denys and Gladys Clinton *Electoral register*

'Billy Batt's shop' *Local knowledge*

By 1966 Empty and condemned, and later allowed to be demolished *Ralph Bird*

Demolished ca 1980s when Martins the newsagents took over Bird's shop which adjoined these premises.

Sources/abbreviations :

GRO Glamorgan Record Office

PRO Public Record Office

LTA Land tax assessments (GRO)

BR Burgage rentals (GRO)

D/D Deposits in GRO

Gwyn & Gwyn, solicitors – deeds seen by Jeff Alden in 2004

Tithe, census, directories, electoral registers etc. – in GRO