

27 High Street

Grade II listed (for details see RCAHM) 'for surviving early structure and group value with adjacent listed buildings'. The mounting block outside nos. 25 and 27 is also Grade II listed – 'rare surviving mounting block'.

Edmond's property until 1922.

1691 Post-nuptial settlement, by feoffment – William Howard of Llysworney yeo. to Thomas Powell of Llandow gent., Robert Powell of Llysworney yeo., Christopher William of Cowbridge yeo. and Thomas William of Cowbridge tiler,
to the use of William Howard for life and then to the use of his wife Alice (daughter of Thomas Evans of Cowbridge yeo. deceased) and heirs –
capital mansion house, half a burgage, late in the tenure of Dorothy Williams of Cowbridge widow, and presently in the occupation of William Howard (in a bundle marked 'Lower White Hart')
D/D Ed 38

1697/8 Lease for 99 years, peppercorn annual rent, Alice Evans alias Knapp of Cowbridge widow and William Howard of Cowbridge yeo. to Elizabeth Evans of Nash alias Osmonds Ash, spinster –
messuage and house (half burgage) in the occupation of William Jenkin of Cowbridge weaver, adjoining on the east the house and lands of Mary Tanner widow,
west the house and lands of Pierce Deere gent.,
north the town wall,
south the highway through the town
(in a bundle labelled 'Lower White Hart')
D/D Ed 39

1697 House and lands late of Mary Tanner and Alice Evans (alias Knapp), widow, now in the occupation of William Jenkin
(Deed of 25 High St.) D/D C 43

1707 Lease and release, Elizabeth Evans of Cowbridge spinster, William Howard of Cowbridge yeo. and wife Alice, and Alice Williams (daughter of Christopher Williams) spinster, to Howell John of Cowbridge, innkeeper, and wife Ann
D/D Ed 40

1723 Mortgage, Howell John, yeo. and David John, saddler (son and heir by wife Anne deceased) to Anne Williams of Bonvilston spinster –
messuage now occupied by Howell John
D/D Ed 42-44

1728 Mortgage by David John and Morgan Williams of Bonvilston and wife Anne –
the house where Howell John lived to William David of Durvall, St Brides Major
D/D Ed 2003

1730 David John occupying
Deeds

- 1733 Mortgage, to Wm David of Durvall, St Brides Major, yeoman, by direction of David John of Cowbridge saddler to William Davies of Cowbridge gent. –
messuage called the Lower White Hart, where David John now dwells
D/D Ed 45-6
- 1735 House late of David John saddler
(Deed of 25 High St.) D/D C 48
- 1743 Assignment of mortgage, William Davies of Jesus College, scholar (executor and residual legatee of grandfather William Davies of Cowbridge) to Thomas Edmondes
D/D Ed 47
Known as 'Lower White Hart'
Deeds
- 1744 David John and William Davies to Thomas Edmondes –
messuage formerly called the Lower White Hart, now the Red Lion
D/D Ed 48,49
- 1759 Messuage called the Red Lion, occupied by William Evan victualler (purchased from William Davies)
D/D Ed 265
- 1782 Lease for 99 years, messuage called the Red Lion, occupied by Richard Lougher,
formerly William Evan
D/D Ed 147
- 1783 Occupied by Richard Jones, Red Lion
BR/129
- 1784 James Jones occupier
Land tax
- 1792 Philip Crum 5/-
LTA
- 1793 Philip Crum, victualler, Red Lion
Universal British Directory
- 1793 Rees Griffiths 5/-
LTA
- 1800 Rowland Williams
LTA
- 1806 Rees Thomas, Red Lion
BR/129
- 1815 Rees Thomas, White Hart
LTA
- 1809,1817,1819 Thos. Edmondes owned; Thos. Rees occupied, White Hart
LTA
- 1814 Lease, Thomas Edmondes to Rees Thomas, carpenter, White Hart
Ed 2003
- 1818 Creditors of the late Margaret Thomas of the White Hart, Cowbridge, to send demands to John Aubrey, auctioneer, before 20th April
Cambrian 21/3/1818
- 1820 Mortgage, Rees Thomas to John Ballard maltster, Hope and Anchor
Ed 2003
- 1822 & 1825 William Morgan, Hope and Anchor
LTA
- 1823 David Williams, Hope and Anchor
LTA
- 1826, 1830 David Williams, White Lion
LTA
- 1835 Thomas Jones – White Lion & Three Boars Head
Pigots directory

1843	David Lloyd, White Lion public house	<i>Tithe 61</i>
1848	Whichello Williams, White Lion	<i>Hunts directory</i>
1851	John Watkins, publican, White Lion	<i>Census 97</i>
1858	Thomas Lewis, White Lion	<i>Slaters directory</i>
1861	David Evans	<i>Census 68</i>
1871	Thomas Evans, publican & labourer, White Lion	<i>Census 75</i>
1880	Thomas Evans, White Lion	<i>Kellys</i>
1881	William Mordecai	<i>Census 239</i>
1891	William Mordecai	<i>Census 235</i>
1895	William Mordecai, White Lion	<i>Kellys</i>
1901	William Mordecai, publican, 47, b Penllyne + wife + boarder	<i>Census 184</i>
1906	Daniel Mordecai, White Lion	<i>Kellys</i>
1909	James Dudson	<i>Licence</i>
1910	M Jenkins; Hancocks owned. Old stone/slatted property. Ground floor : tap room, parlour, scullery; first floor : 2 bedrooms, Long Room. 3-stall stable.	<i>PRO/IR 58/18461/286</i>
1910	Mary Jenkins	<i>Licence</i>
1912	M Jenkins, White Lion	<i>Western Mail directory</i>
1913	Thomas Somerville James	<i>Licence</i>
1914	Edwin Villis	<i>Licence</i>
1920	Edwin Villis, White Lion	<i>Kellys</i>
1922	Conveyance from Charles Thomas Edmondes to Edwin Villis – indenture made 14 th December 1922 between CT Edmondes of Old Hall, Cowbridge and Edwin Villis of The White Lion Inn, High Street, Cowbridge, licensed victualler, £300 for – all that messuage or public house, with the outbuildings, stables, yard, garden and premises belonging thereto, known by the sign of the ‘White Lion Inn’, situate in High Street in the town of Cowbridge.....and now in the occupation of the purchaser	<i>Deeds</i>

1923 & 1926 Edwin Villis, White Lion

Kellys

Mr Thomas, called 'Gelli', baker

Notes in 1970s parish magazine

1965 Robert & Catherine Rustell, greengrocer

Reg of Electors

1960s Lovells cake shop

Local knowledge

1979 Lois dress shop

Cowbridge Week programme

2012 Lois Boutique, run by Suzanne Marshall.
Still has a thatched roof under its tiles.

Information from Suzanne's mother, Margaret Jones

Extract from Glamorgan - Gwent Archaeological Trust Report

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The excavation of an area measuring 9 x 3.5m was undertaken prior to the construction of an extension to the rear of the premises. The top of a small area of medieval masonry had been revealed during the demolition of a nineteenth century outbuilding. Clearance of the remainder of the demolition rubble exposed the full extent of the masonry. This consisted of the foundation walls of the northern end of a medieval building. These were of clay-bonded limestone, rubble cored and faced on the outside. The north wall had been removed to a large extent by the insertion of a post-medieval stone- and timber-lined well, whilst the west wall was below the boundary with 29 High Street and only the inner face lay within the excavation. The east wall which was 1.6m wide survived to a height of three courses on the northeast corner, but most of the inner face was missing. The internal width of the room represented by these remains was only 1.75m. To the north of the building was a spread of rubble which was the destruction debris of the building, but no trace of any associated occupation deposits had survived, and all these contexts overlay natural clay and bedrock.

The existing premises are clearly partly of medieval date themselves. The west wall of the excavated remains was a continuation of the west wall of the standing building, but the north wall of the existing building had been constructed over the east wall of the original structure, indicating that the premises had been widened during the

medieval period. However the apparently narrow extent of the original building may well only reflect the width of the rear of the premises.

Sources/abbreviations :

GRO *Glamorgan Record Office*

LTA *Land tax assessments (GRO)*

BR *Burgage rentals (GRO)*

D/D *Deposits in GRO*

PRO *Public Record Office (Kew)*

Tithe, census, electoral registers, directories – all in GRO

Occupants

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1744 Deeds	now known as the Red Lyon	
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1793 UBD	Philip Crum, victualler, Red Lion	
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1826 Land Tax	David Williams - White Lion	
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1833 B/Cow 8	Wm Llewellyn	
1835 Pigots	Thomas Jones - White Lion & 3 Boars Head	
1835 B/Cow 8	David Jones	
1843 Tithe# 61	David Lloyd White Lion P.H.	
1848 Hunts	William Whichello - White Lion	
1850 Slaters	John Whichello	
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1912 W. Mail Street Directory	M. Jenkins - White Lion	
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1914 Lic.	Edwin Villis	
1920 Kellys	E. Villis - White Lion	

1923 Kellys E. Villis - White Lion

1926-9 Elect Reg E. Villis - White Lion

1928 Closure of White Lion, £480 compensation

Glamorgan Gazette, 20/7/28

'Farmers and their wives used to ride in on their carhorses, the wife sitting behind the husband on a pad and carrying a large basket of butter, cheese and poultry on her lap...Many of the public inns had

extensive stabling accommodation, and in front of their houses were stone steps called mounts at which the wife mounted and dismounted from the carhorse.

'Gatherings of the male members of the particular classes meet at their favoured inns with regularity for evening gossip and entertainment. At some of these gatherings, the men at some of the inns... and

members of the company would, to the tune of either a tin whistle, Jews harp or concertina (which were in common use) take their turn in jigging in the centre of the circle and keeping time with the music. Some excelled at this art, and it is surprising that men who had been employed at manual labour all day could move their feet with such alacrity. They would have intervals of folk songs and generally spent a merry evening until stop tap.'

Reminiscences of EW Miles D/DX dg

1947 Kathleen & Robert Rustell, with son George

Civilian Register

Around the 1960s Bert & Kathleen Rustell had a fruit and veg shop (as well as a fish & chip shop at 70 Eastgate in the evenings)

Info from local resident