

42 Westgate, Cowbridge – Wren Cottage

This property was shown on the Burgess Roll of 1782 to be owned by Charles Edwin (Wyndham) and tenanted by Dr Bates. It consisted of one burgage plot.

Burgage rents 4

By 1806, the ownership had passed to Thomas Wyndham, with Dr Bates continuing as tenant, at 1/- per annum

The ownership then changed to the Hon. Wyndham Quin, and the tenancy to David Howell.

1819 Owner Wyndham Quin; occupier David Howell, West Gate House *LTA*

?1840 A 60 year lease was given from the *Dunraven estate* to Rees

The *1843 tithe account* shows the property as 'buildings and garden', the owner being the Earl of Dunraven, and the occupier Richard Rees.

1849 Richard Thomas, beer retailer, West Village *Hunts directory*

1851 Richard Thomas at the Nags Head, a kitchen gardener b Laleston with wife Mary, a baker b Cardigan, daughters Ann, 17, Elizabeth, 15, and son John, 12; also niece Rachel Lloyd, 16 a dressmaker *Census 20*

1861 Richard Thomas, 61, victualler and agricultural labourer, with wife Mary, 63, daughter Elizabeth Thomas, 25, no occupation, and son John, 22, cabinet maker journeyman, grandson William R Williams, 8, a scholar b Llandaff and granddaughter Ann Williams, 6 b Cowbridge; also George Jones, lodger, 28, tailor journeyman b Worcs. *Census 124*

1865 The pub had been re-named The Greyhound (formerly at 51 High Street, which became the Vale of Glamorgan Brewery).
The licensee was William Henry Thomas, who had moved from Hilldrop, Piccadilly. *Webster's directory*
He died in 1871.

1871 William Thomas, beer retailer, b Mathry, Pembs., with wife Mary and lodgers William Morgan and / Bridford Wermain - Greyhound *Census 138*

1881 Mrs Mary Thomas, widow, 66 innkeeper b Carmarthenshire, with lodger John Lewis, 71 from Haverfordwest. *Census*

1891 till 1901/2 Thomas Davies, licensed victualler/labourer *Census 5*

