

**Miss Fanny Margaret Thomas  
1868 - 1952**

Fannie died in Porthcawl but lived for many years in Cowbridge. Her grandfather then her mother ran the 'Ancient Druid' at 44 Eastgate.

1874 John Thomas , occupier  
Joseph May, owner  
John Thomas was Joseph May's son-in-law

1882 Census shows at the 'Ancient Druid'  
- Joseph May, 70, licensed victualler, with daughter Annie Thomas (widow 37)  
- Edith Thomas, 16, apprentice dressmaker  
- Fanny Thomas, 13, scholar  
- Gwladys Thomas  
(all granddaughters)  
plus  
- Percy Thomas, 11, scholar  
- Charles Thomas, 7, scholar  
- Robert Thomas, 9, scholar

1891 Census shows Annie Thomas, owned 41 Eastgate, the 'New Druid'

Joseph May (g.g.g.grandfather of Samuel Thomas) was ostler at the Bear Hotel before buying 'The Druids', which is 'Ancient Druid' today, now a private house.

Joseph May died in 1885 and 'The Druids' closed in 1886,

One of his daughters Annie Bridget Thomas (formerly May) lived at No. 41 on the corner next to the then Railway Station. No. 41 was then called the 'Ancient Druid' but re-named the 'New Druid'.

When 'The Druids' closed, Annie moved the licence and ran No. 41 as an hotel and was the landlady until 1921. As 'New Druids' it closed in 1928.

Annie established the inn as a clubhouse for Cowbridge rugby, in the early 1900s.

Fanny Thomas became a prominent suffragette; a pupil teacher at Bontfaen Primary School and then taught in the Garw Valley, at Pontycymmer. She is reputed to have ridden a motor-bike to work.

44 Eastgate, 'The ancient Druid' is one of the oldest private houses. It was once the inn where it is thought that pilgrims stopped to rest on their way to St. Davids.