

Bill Lewis 15 Cae Stumpie

Started as a part-timer at Cowbridge Fire Station, ended up as Divisional commander, B division of South Glamorgan.

1938 - National Fire service established (full timers); Auxiliary FS was part-timers.

NFS in Lesser Hall; AFS in Arthur Jones' garage (Chamberlains) - had several appliances

AFS finished after the war. Building went back to A Jones's garage, then Edwards (Belinda's dad)

1959-60 Fire Service moved to new Fire Station

WW2 – Homeguard on horseback. At the head was Mr Williams the chemist; his wife was the Commandant of the Red Cross.

At the beginning of the war, the 5th Welsh Regiment was stationed in Cowbridge. Some were in the ballroom of the Bear. Used to meet a detachment marching along. The officers were possibly housed in the Duke, and men were billeted in the Pavilion ballroom. This ballroom had a sprung floor – the best in Wales.

High Street - No 54 subdivided; east - Edwards cake shop, Molly Palmer's later
west - Flo Hinton's newspapers
No 56 - Arthur Jones
No 58 - Dr Meller
No 60 - Ollie Jones garage

The mother at Llwyn Celyn, High St died by gas.

Milk was delivered by Dolly Powell, Lake Hill farm. You had your jug ready and she poured it from the churn into her measure.

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Threshers: Griffiths (went across road to no. 45)

Daddy Reynolds (Bill Lewis's grandfather) - tuck shop for CGS - grocers/sweets. Moved there from Franklen House
Howells
House
Campbells

Kumalo - Lewises (grandfather on Lewis side) - grocers. Horse and cart taking groceries over the countryside. When Reynolds moved to Threshers, Lewises moved to No 32. Kept chickens at the back. Iris Lewis (Iris Morgan) born there

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