

Oak Street



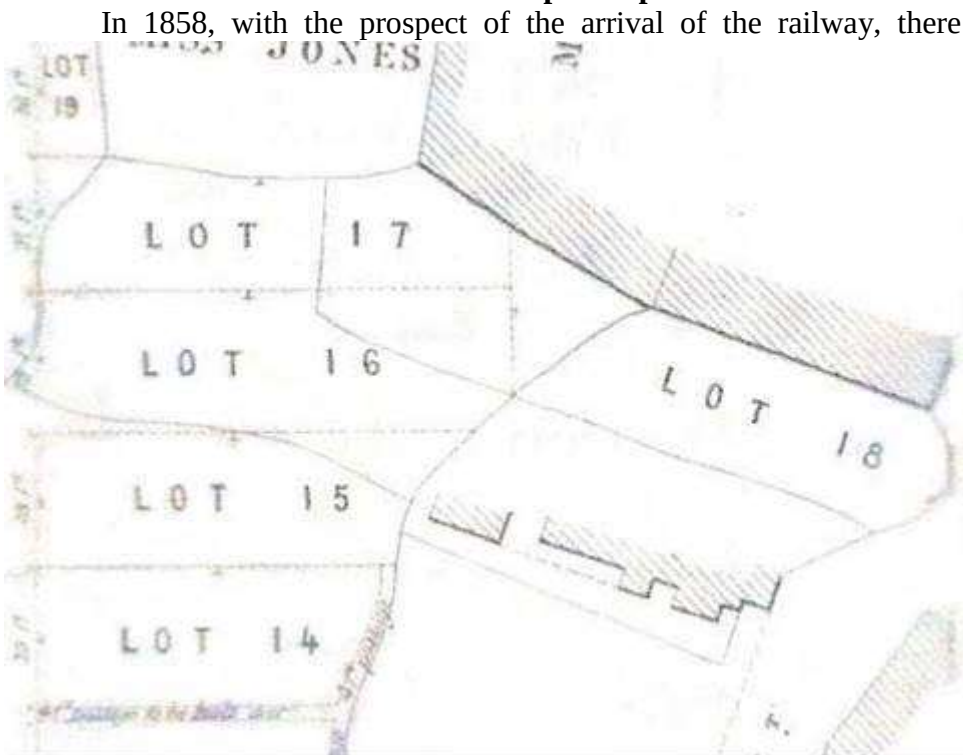
On the tithe map of Llangollen for circa 1839, the future location of Oak Street occurs where the maps for Llangollen Abbot, Llangollen Fawr and Llangollen Bache intersect.

Compilation tithe map.

270, 271 and 272 were owned by butchers arms, Bridge st

Properties 6 and 7 were described as House Yard and Buildings occupied by Ann Davies (also owner) and Edward Davies respectively. 135 was a cottage occupied by Jane Jones and 136 was a House, Yard and Slaughter House occupied by Samuel Roberts, both owned by Hon Fredrick West. In 1850 Samuel Roberts purchased 135 & 136 from Richard West, his son.

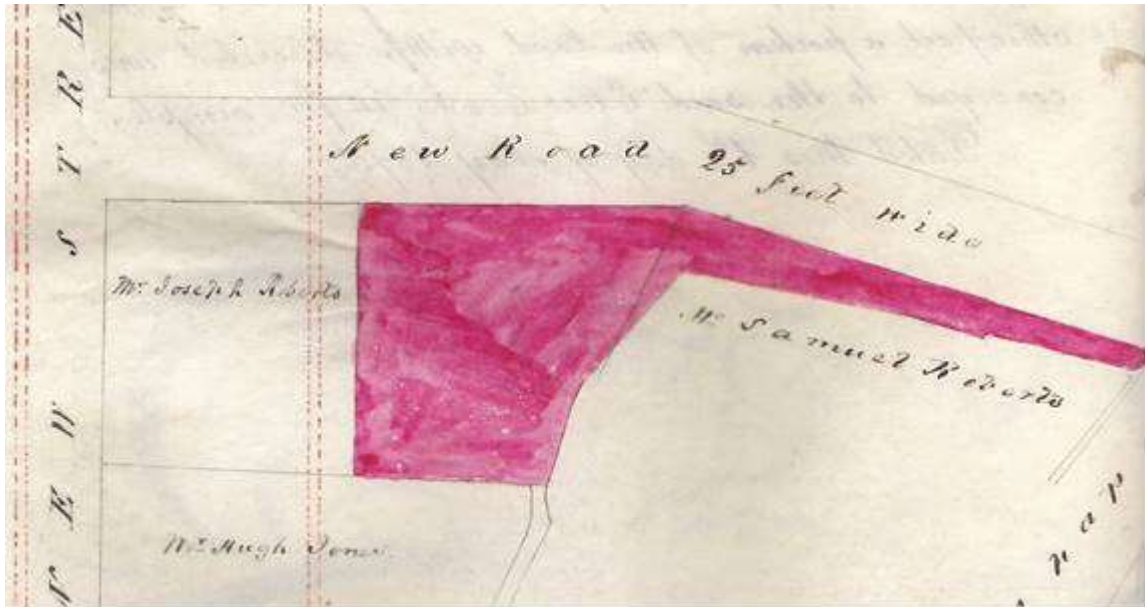
Development plan of 1858/9



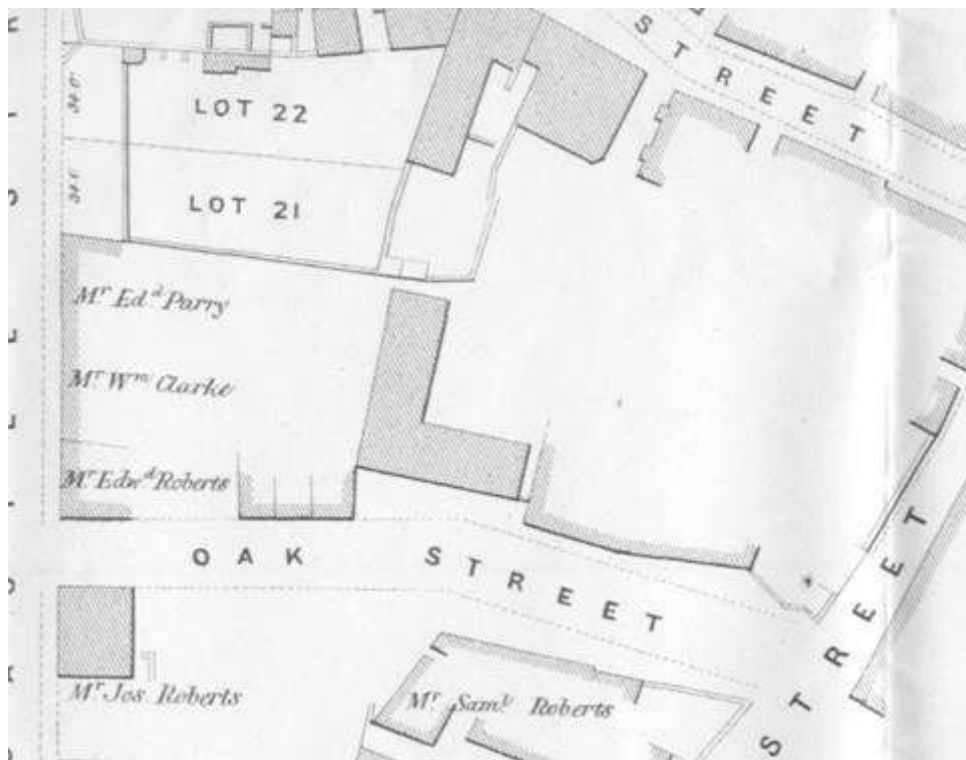
In 1858, with the prospect of the arrival of the railway, there was a sale of land in Llangollen. This land formerly the property of the late George Dickin, was alongside a proposed new road which subsequently became Castle Street. No mention was made at this point of a new road off Chapel Street, which would have occupied Lot 18 and part of Lot 17. Lot 18 was described as a garden

**Map on 1859
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adjoining to and fronting Chapel Street occupied by Mr Edward Evans, and 17 was a building site with a frontage of 37 feet along the new street, occupied by a Mr Richard Jones and other. Presumably not all the lots were sold at the auction (23rd Dec 1858) because on 31st August 1859, Samuel Roberts, the Chapel Street Butcher, bought an strip of land adjacent to his existing premises from John Dickin, this is shown on the deeds as fronting on to the new road that was to become Oak Street, since it was opposite The Royal Oak, on Chapel Street.



The July 1862 Sale



A further auction was held on 7th July of 1862, largely of property to the west of Castle Street. However, in the accompanying plans it can be seen that some development of Oak Street has already occurred, in particular the corners on to Castle Street have been built on, and those properties are now owned by Mr Joseph Roberts (as previously shown on the 1859 deed), and Mr Edward Roberts. On the north side there is now a block of three buildings to the east of property

of Mr Edward Roberts, which are new. The other buildings on the north side are likely to be those shown on the 1839 Tithe map as belonging to Ann Davies and Edward Davies. In the 1850 Directory Ann Davies is given as a Grocer and flax dealer, whilst Edward Davies was described as a Grocer, carrier and insurance agent.



The 1874 Ordnance Survey Map

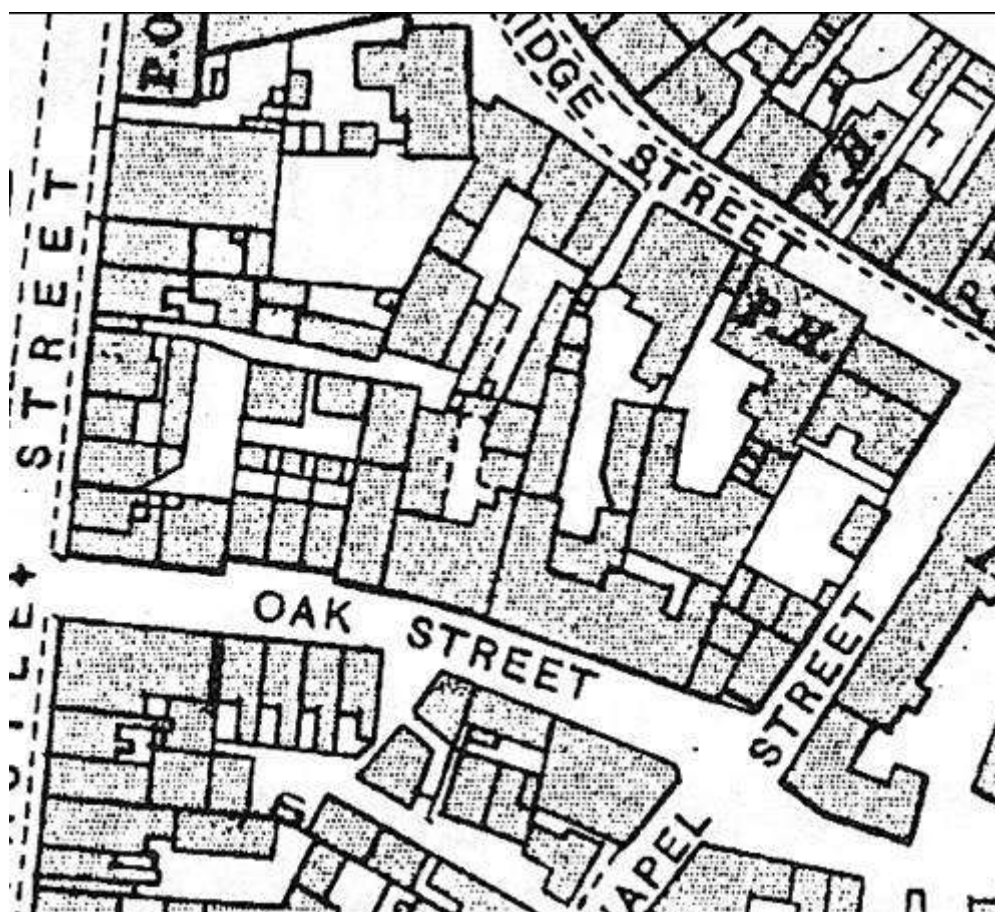
By the time of the first Ordnance Survey map of Llangollen in 1874, (The survey was in 1873 although the map was not published for several years.). The north side of the street has been filled in, but there is still undeveloped land on the south side. This is the plot of land belonging to Samuel Roberts, now deceased. The property is now in the possession of his niece, Elizabeth Parry, who has also taken over the butchery business, although the corner property has been sold to John Rowlands, grocer by 1868, as shown in a photo of the 1870's. Elizabeth Parry having moved the butcher shop to the corner of Chapel Street and Bridge Street, although the slaughter house, shippon and other property was maintained. The grocer's shop was still trading up until the



1920's, but by around 1900 part of the building had been pulled down to construct the red brick building which was the Victoria Stores for Ellis Evans, grocer



The opposite corner of the Oak Street – Chapel Street junction.
Oak Street in 1912

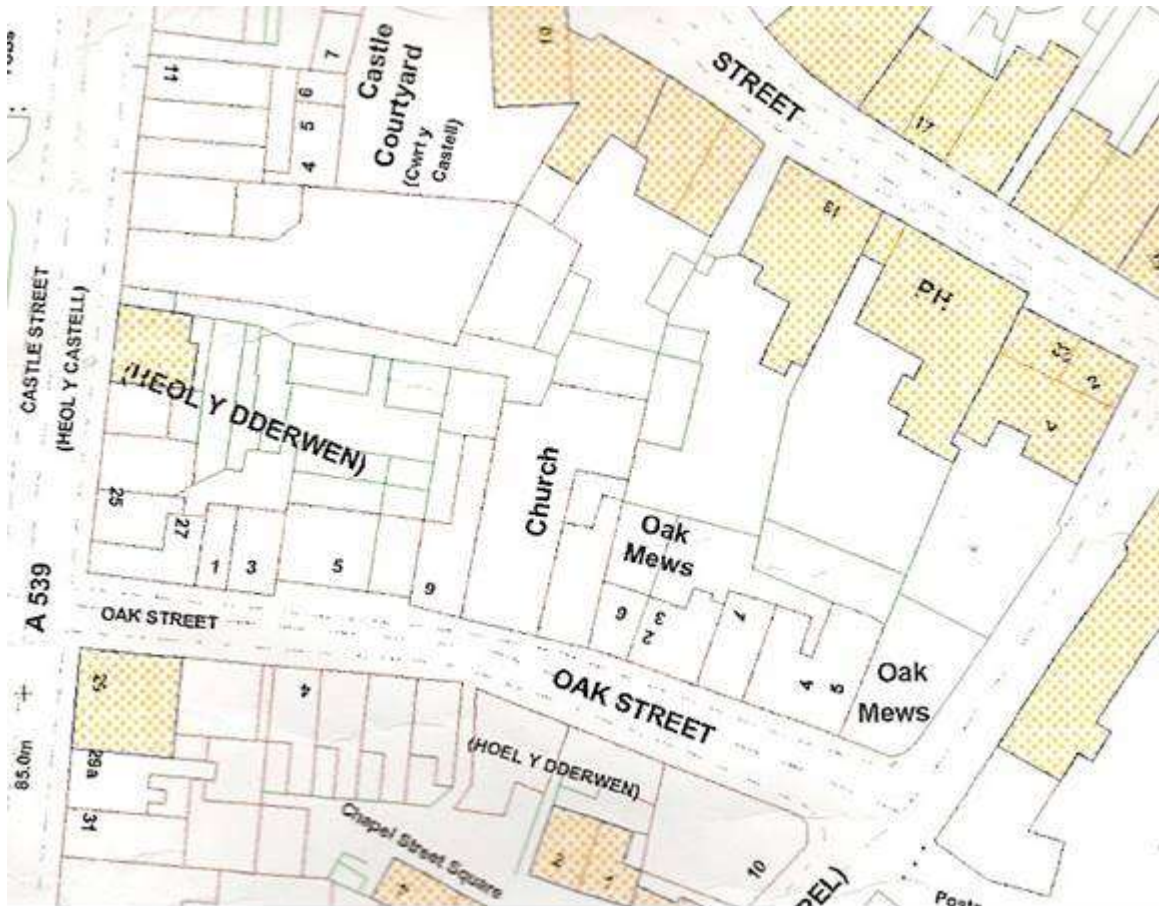


An aerial View of Oak Street pre 1950



Satellite Image Today





Map 2001

Daily Post Mar 1 2007

CHARITY BUNNY RACE OFF OVER COMPO FEARS

by Hywel Trewyn, Daily Post

A TOWN'S annual "Bunny Hop" race has been cancelled in case competitors fall and claim compensation.

Organisers have been forced to axe the popular event in Llangollen because they can't afford to pay a massive public liability insurance policy.

The race featured competitors dressed up as rabbits complete with white fluffy tails and ears, who hopped in the style of rabbits to the finish line.

This year's charity event, scheduled to be held in the town during the Easter holiday, would have been the fourth annual competition.

Traders hoped that the hop had the potential to grow even further in the years ahead with an Easter Bonnet parade and a host of other activities planned.

Chairwoman of Llangollen Enterprise Judith Dodd said: "The Llangollen Bunny Hop was created to bring something a little different to the town just before the Easter holidays and was thoroughly enjoyed by both competitors and spectators alike.

"We've really had to take this decision because of the litigious nature that has been seeping into our society from the United States of America over the past few years.

"Although Oak Street is extremely well maintained by Denbighshire County Council, a hop, skip and a stumble could simply be more trouble than it's worth."

Organisers had been able to secure funding to cover last year's event which allowed for a substantial public liability insurance policy to be taken out to cover any risks of litigation, but this has not been forthcoming this year.

Judith said: "The insurance policy was very expensive in relation to the overall costs of the Bunny Hop last year and this cost has risen sharply.

"This would take away from what we would want to do with the event but it's the potential hassle, rather than the sheer cost, which has seen us reach this unfortunate decision."

Judith added: "It looks very unlikely we will be able to replace the Bunny Hop with another event.

"We will now start looking towards to Easter 2008 for a more sustainable event, not one that's 'hare today and gone tomorrow'."

Easter bunny hop back on

Mar 14 2007 by Steve Bagnall, Daily Post

A CHARITY bunny race axed amid fears of potentially crippling compensation claims was back on track yesterday after an eleventh hour intervention.

Hope House Hospice decided to put the popular Llangollen Bunny Hop on its insurance, thus saving the popular fundraiser from oblivion.

Organisers cancelled the hop, which has raised thousands for Hope House, because they couldn't afford a huge public liability insurance policy.

A meeting between community chiefs and Hope House Hospice took place last night to thrash out a solution.

As a result competitors will once again be able to hop madly through Llangollen dressed as rabbits with fluffy tails.

The event attracts scores of men, women and children.

It has now been renamed the Llangollen Hope House Bunny Hop and gets under way on April 5. It is organised by Llangollen Enterprise

Yesterday chairman Judith Dodd thanked the hospice for its support.

She said: "The hop will now go down Parade Street which is a nice wide avenue instead of Oak Street.

"The event would have died if it was not for the intervention of Hope House Hospice and we are really grateful for their support."

Invitations will be sent out to local schools encouraging youngsters to take part.

Organisers secured funding to cover last year's event meaning they could fork out for a liability insurance policy to cover threats of legal action.

But this was not forthcoming this year.

The event was pulled just in case competitors were injured and sued.

The decision was seen as a blow to the town as the extra pre-Easter business it generated was a welcome boost after the winter months.

Now community chiefs can't wait to get the bunny hop going.

It is not the first time seemingly innocuous events have been scuppered by health and safety rules in Wales.

A Clwyd League President's Cup match between Caerwys Reserves and Rhuddlan Town was cancelled for health and safety reasons in January – because there were sheep droppings on the pitch.

Bus passengers carrying paint in South Wales were ordered off the vehicles because of health regulations.

And even Santa was made to follow strict health guidelines in Conwy, and forced to wear a bright lifejacket over his wintry outfit while touring the town by boat.

No 1 Oak Street/Voelas Temperance Hotel/The Oak Chest



The earliest occupants so far identified were Jane Evans from Cerrig y Druidion, and her daughter, also Jane. They were running a temperance hotel here in 1881. (It is probable that the mother was a laundress in Market Street in 1871, whilst her daughter was working at the Hand). It is believed that Jane (mother) died before 1883, because it was the daughter who was referred to as the occupant at that date. In March 1891 Jane married John Hughes, who had been living in Queen Street. The Temperance Hotel was called Voelas. In 1899 John and Jane Hughes moved further up Oak Street, to No 9, and No 1 was run by Thomas and Mary Morris as the Temperance Hotel. The owner was Mrs Catherine Rogers from next door, (Central Buildings, Castle Street) her husband Thomas Rogers, the butcher had died in 1900.

In 1905 there was a sensational court case when the body of a child was discovered in a trunk in the bedroom, see below.

After the death of Catherine Rogers in 1907 the lease of No 1 was advertised, John and Jane Hughes moved back, and by 1909 the house was again called "Voelas".

1881 Census

Jane Evans	Head	W	67(1814)	Attending Home Duties	Cerrig Y Druidion
Jane Evans	Dau	S	31(1850)	Domestic Servant	Llangollen
J. E. Jones	Lodg	S	26(1855)	Student	Cyffylliog
Robert Jones	Lodg	S	24(1857)	Student	Cyffylliog
W. T. Jones	Lodg	S	15(1866)	Scholar	Cyffylliog
R. H. Edwards	Lodg	S	14(1867)	Scholar	Gwyddelwern

6th April 1883

MESSRS. COTTAM & SONS,
SURGEON DENTISTS
OF THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS, DUBLIN
(Residence—Caxton House, Oswestry).
MR. COTTAM begs to give notice that on
TUESDAY, APRIL THE 17TH INSTANT,
AND EVERY OTHER TUESDAY THEREAFTER,
He will receive his Friends and Patients of Llangollen
and Vicinity at the residence of
MISS JANE EVANS, No. 1, OAK STREET,
LLANGOLLEN.
Dated April 4th, 1883.

11th July 1890

Oak Street. 1, Temperance Hotel, Miss Jane Evans.

20th March 1891

MARRIAGES.

March 14th, at the Presbyterian Chapel, Hill-street, Wrexham, by the Rev. Edward Jerman, and in the presence of Mr. T. Phennah, registrar, Mr. John Hughes, Queen-street, Llangollen, to Miss Jane Evans, Temperance Hotel, Oak-street, Llangollen.

1891 Census

John Hughes	Head	M	35(1856)	Temperance Hotel keeper & Lab	Cerrig Y Druidion
Jane Hughes	Wife	M	39(1852)		Llangollen

9th June 1899

Notice of Removal

Mrs. J. Hughes

Temperance Oak St.

Has moved to VOELAS TEMPERENCE HOTEL

(a few doors higher up and next to Evans Cycle Depot)

In September No 1 was the Central Temperance Hotel, run by Mrs T Morris

1901 Census

Central, Oak St

Thomas Morris	Head	M	29(1872)	Slate maker	Llantysilio
Mary Morris	Wife	M	31(1870)	Temperance hotel keeper	Wrexham
Kate O Foulkes	S-i-l	S	20(1881)	Temperance hotel assistant	Corwen

11th April 1902

DEATHS. April 7th, aged 8 hours, Margaret Oliver, infant daughter of Mr. T. Morris, Central Temperance Hotel, Oak-street, Llangollen.

26th May 1905

It was decided to visit the premises No. 1, Oak-street, upon which Mr. Green Davies wrote stating he has taken a long lease, to ascertain if they contain a room suitable as a meeting place for the (Llangollen District) Board

THE LLANGOLLEN MYSTERY.

CHILD'S BODY FOUND IN A BOX IN OAK STREET.

THE INQUEST.

Wild rumours which assumed all manner of forms were flying around the town on Tuesday evening regarding a discovery made at No. 1, Oak-street, by P.S. Wyse on the previous evening. It is just as well to let the story as unfolded at the inquest tell its own tale of the occurrence. Mr. Wynn Evans, Coroner for East Denbighshire opened his Court at the County Buildings at 3.30 on Wednesday; Mr. James Clarke being chosen as foreman of the Jury. The first witness called was P.S. James Wyse who said he was called to No. 1, Oak-street, on Monday, by Mrs. Catherine Rogers who informed him that she had let the house to Mrs. Sarah Waltho, a widow, in February last.. A dispute arose between them about the rent. Mrs. Waltho never occupied the house, nor had she any furniture in it, but soon after taking it she took a tin trunk there. In consequence of the dispute as to the rent Mrs. Rogers took the house off Mrs. Waltho's hands and demanded the key. This was about three weeks ago. She re-let the house to Mr. Green Davies, of Gobowen, and retained the trunk in lieu of rent due to time the key was delivered up receiving permission from Mr. Davies to store the trunk in a closet in one of the upstairs rooms. When she had it removed there the closet was locked. Soon afterwards she found the back door of the house open and this arousing her suspicion she went to see if the box was all right. She admitted going to the closet, and found it there but a very bad smell was escaping from it. Her daughter was with her. When he was sent for he went to the house and examined the box. He asked Mrs. Rogers what there was in it and she said she did not know and she had not looked as the box was locked. He went upstairs and unlocked the closet door noticing a smell such as he would associate with a musty room. He tried the lock of the trunk and found it to be open. On the top of the trunk was a gentleman's dressing gown, neatly packed, and a clean apron.

Under these he found another smaller trunk which was also unlocked, and he subsequently found that the lock of the smaller trunk had been forced. He opened it and inside he found a mass of sheets, partly rotten, which the appearance of having been used upon a bed. He moved some on the top with his stick and came upon a hard substance, which he examined, and found that some of the rotten sheet was adhering to it. He removed some of this and found some hair. He then became suspicious and, having taken the position of the trunks, he called in Dr. R. Drinkwater to his assistance. Dr. Drinkwater, with his brother James, made an examination. He afterwards had the trunks conveyed to the County Buildings. In a corner of the small trunk he found part of a Wrexham Advertiser, of October 8th, 1904, and a Liverpool Echo, of April, 27th, 1899. He judged by the position of the contents of the trunk that someone had recently been interfering with the contents, and the bottom of the box appeared to be in the process of being eaten away by a damp fluid.—To the Coroner The Rogers's—Mrs. Catherine Rogers and Mr. John Rogers—told him the box was locked, whereas he found it open. Miss Sally Rogers also agreed with this. He had asked them “what was in the box” to elicit this answer. He was surprised to find the box unlocked and they appeared surprised also.—The Coroner Is there any possibility Mrs. Rogers and her son may have made a mistake?— P.S. Wyse: They say they took it for granted it was locked. They did not appear to have examined the box closely. He might say appearances indicated that the small box had not been in the large one for any length of time.—Mrs. Catherine Rogers, a widow, living in Oak-street Llangollen, said she was the owner of No. 1 and let it to Sarah Waltho, of Windsor-terrace, Rhosddu, Wrexham, in February. A fortnight later she brought the tin box and witness lent her a candle to take it in. It was nearly dark when the box was brought to the house by a bus driver from the station. Mrs. Waltho came with the box from Wrexham where she lived with her mother. Witness went to Wrexham and took the key of her as there was a dispute as to the rent. The trunk was left in the house and witness detained it for Arrears of rent. There was no application for the return or the trunk, which the new tenant allowed her to store in a clothes cupboard upstairs. She wrote telling Mrs Waltho to bring the box away, and Mrs. Waltho said she would bring it away on the following Wednesday as she had obtained a situation and would have money to pay what was due. The box smelt awful, and she sent for P.S. Wyse and told him to get it taken away. She never tried the box to see if it was open or not; she had not sufficient curiosity as to the contents. Mrs. Waltho was in and out of the house for some nights. She saw the trunk opened but could not say what was in it.— To the Jury:— The box was brought to the house about a fortnight after it was let.—P.S. Wyse: How came you to enter the house after letting it to Mr. Green Davies ?—Witness “I went to see that all was right. I told Mr. Birch, a clerk at Messrs. Richards, that the box smelt awful” and he advised me to send for the police if Mrs. Waltho would not take it away.—Miss Sally Rogers said that her mother found the back door of No. 1, Oak- street open about a week ago and upon opening the cupboard door there was so frightful a smell that they came downstairs again. Edw. Ellis, busman, at the “Hand” Hotel, said he remembered taking a box to No. 1, Oak-street, for Mrs. Waltho. She came with the box and had a little girl with her. He remembered the box was heavy, but he could not say if it was locked or not. He knew that it was fastened—if it had not been it would have come open.—John Rogers, draper, carrying on business in Castle-street, said he helped to carry the box upstairs. Edward Hughes, a painter, assisted him. They put it in the clothes closet. He took it for granted that the box was locked and did not try it all. He left the room on account of the stench. —Mr. Green Davies, the present tenant, said he noticed the box when going through the house with Mrs. Rogers. He told Mrs. Rogers she had better stick to it until she got her rent. He noticed that it was locked Mrs. Rogers said that it was. He tried the box.—The Coroner:— It has struck me as strange no one tried to open the box.—By a Juror:—Would it be possible for Mrs. Waltho to approach the box after you took the house?— Witness I should think so I was surprised to find the back door open—Dr. R. Drinkwater said he was called to Oak-street and saw the boxes

and examined the contents. He found the mummified remains of a child in the smaller box. He commenced to unravel the parcel and found it to be the remains of a child. The probability was that if a post-mortem were attempted the whole of the mummy would fall to dust. It was impossible for him to say if the child had breathed—it might have been in the box from two to three years. The remains were complete and whole when discovered, but afterwards fell away. The neck broke in his hand in trying to get the linen away.—A Juror:— Might the remains have been of a monkey?—The Witness:— No; they are those of a child. It is quite possible that the remains were in the box for six years.—Dr. James Drinkwater gave corroborative evidence.—The next witness called was Mrs. Sarah Waltho, who did not respond. The Coroner said it was important that Mrs. Waltho should attend and the proceedings were adjourned for half-an-hour to give her a chance of putting in an appearance. Upon the Court resuming at 4.45 Mrs. Waltho again failed to answer her name.— The Coroner I shall issue a warrant for her arrest that is all.—The Foreman of the Jury:— The telegram shows she was in Ruabon at 4 o'clock and that she missed the train since then—she might have got here if she desired.—The Coroner: Was she formally summoned?—P.S. Wyse: Yes; I served the summons upon her.—The Coroner only thing is that a child is found in a box in this house and the box was apparently put in the house by Mrs. Waltho. All we want is an explanation as to why it was in the house. Mrs. Waltho does not attend—I will issue a warrant for her arrest. The warrant was accordingly issued and the inquest adjourned until 3.30 yesterday (Thursday)—Mrs. Waltho was subsequently arrested upon arriving in the town by a later train.

YESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS,

Yesterday the commencement of the enquiry had to be delayed owing to the Coroner having missed his train and upon his arrival shortly after 4, he said he would fine himself £1 and pay it to the Llangollen Cottage Hospital because of the mistake. Mr. G. W. Ferrington (Oswestry), appeared to represent Mr. Green Davies, who has taken the house, No 1 Oak-street, and who was in possession at the time the body was found by the police.—Mrs. S. Waltho was then called. She said he had missed her train the previous day and could not attend.—The Coroner cautioned Mrs. Waltho that she was not compelled to give evidence and that she had been summoned to explain how it came to pass that she left the box at Mrs. Rogers's house. It had been shown by various witnesses that she placed the box in the empty house. She -was not compelled to give evidence that would incriminate her. Mrs. Waltho admitted that she took the large tin trunk to the house in Oak-street, which she had taken from Mrs. Rogers, on March 13th, as nearly as she could remember a week later. She brought it from Wrexham by the six o'clock train. Only her daughter was with her at the time.—The Coroner:—Was the box locked? Yes.—Do you know there was a smaller box inside? Witness I do not desire to say anything about the small box until I get someone's advice.—The Coroner pressed for an answer upon this point but witness maintained silence. At length he made the suggestion that she consult Mr. Ferrington, who was in court, and they retired for ten minutes. Upon the Court resuming Mrs. Waltho said there was a smaller box in the trunk which was not locked. The small box contained the body of a child which was born six years ago. It was her child and there was no-one present at the birth. She was not married at the time but was acting as housekeeper to the late Sergeant Instructor Waltho, who subsequently married her. The child was not alive when it was born—it was born dead. It was born about eleven o'clock in the morning and she put it in the box at; five o'clock the following day. Nobody knew of its birth and nobody came into the house at the time, Sergeant Waltho returning at 3 o'clock and; learning nothing of it as she dare not tell him of it. She kept the small box in her room and put it in the larger box, she admitted she left it at the house in Oak-street and the contents were known to her, —Dr. R. Drinkwater said he had made a further examination of the body and could not carry his evidence further than on the previous day.—The Coroner suggested to the jury in view of the extraordinary nature of the case, that they adjourn the inquest for a week to enable the police

to institute necessary enquiries to see if anything could be discovered in regard to the child's birth. Mrs. Waltho was not obliged to incriminate herself—she was, of course, liable for concealment of birth- but there was a graver matter still and, bearing this in mind, he thought there should be an adjournment.—To this the jury agreed, the inquest being adjourned until to-day (Friday) week.—Mrs Waltho was subsequently arrested on a warrant for concealment of birth.

2nd June 1905

LLANGOLLEN POLICE COURT.

Friday. —Before J. H. Davies, Esq.

THE TRUNK MYSTERY.

Mrs. Surah Waltho, Rhosdda, Wrexham was charged with having on January 10, 1899, concealed the birth of a child. Police Sergeant James Wvse said that he was in the Coroner's Court the previous day and heard the prisoner make an admission regarding the nature of the contents of a trunk which she left at No. 1, Oak-street. She admitted that on the date named she had concealed the birth of her child. The magistrate granted a remand until to-day (Friday), at ten o'clock, bail being; allowed Mrs Waltho-herself in £10 and sureties of £5 each.

10th June 1905

THE TRUNK SENSATION.

INQUEST AND VERDICT.

POLICE COURT PROCEEDINGS. MRS. WALTHO COMMITTED TO THE ASSIZES.

The inquest, twice adjourned, into the circumstances attending the concealment of the remains of a child in a box in an empty house in Oak-street, Llangollen, under circumstances already reported, was resumed and concluded on Friday last. Mr. S. Edisbury appeared to watch the proceedings on behalf of Mrs. Waltho, who was present in Court

.—In answer to a question D.C.C. Jones said that the police had no further evidence to produce beyond that tendered at the previous sittings, whereupon the Coroner proceeded to sum up to the Jury.—The question before them, he said, was limited entirely to the cause of death and if they were satisfied that Mrs. Waltho's evidence was true, that the child was born dead and that she put it into the box in which it was found dead, then it was their duty to say so. If they had any doubt upon the matter as to how the child came by its death, then of course it was possible for them to return an open verdict, not stating what the cause of death was but simply that the child was found dead. It seemed to him that that would be the safer course. On the other hand, they might find that it was put into the box by Mrs. Waltho but that there was no evidence, either on the child's body or in the evidence which was called before them, to show that the child was put to death by Mrs. Waltho or by anybody else. Of course, the child might have lived after it was born, and it might have died actually without any criminal not on the part of the mother or of anybody else. The child might have been born so weak that if left to itself—and it was born, as Mrs. Waltho had told them, whether to believe her or not he did not know- with nobody there, and, of course, it was very easy for a strong child to be suffocated under these conditions. There might be many causes for the death of the child without any criminal act on the part of the mother. It was the law at one time that if the mother did not inform at least one witness that the child was born, and if it was born dead, it was presumed against the mother that she had put it to death, so that concealment of birth used to be presumptive evidence of the murder of the child. That was the law formerly, but that had been altered. Concealment of birth was now made a separate offence for which the mother might be indicted and tried. Mrs. Waltho admitted that she concealed the birth and she might be indicted for the offence as a separate misdemeanour. They had nothing to do with this question if they were satisfied that the death of the child was not due to any criminal or intentional neglect on the mother's part. They had nothing to do but simply to find the cause of death. If they were satisfied as to the cause of death—that the child was born dead or died a natural death after being born—then, of

course, it would be their duty to find that verdict. The condition of the body- and it was over six years since it met with its death -did not show in any way whether it was born alive or dead, or whether it was put to death or whether it was suffocated by being wrapped up in clothes. There was nothing on the child's body to show this, no was there any evidence of any kind. No one appeared to be present at the death, and it appeared to him the safest course was to find that the child's body was found in the box, and that there was no evidence to satisfy them how the child came by its death or whether it was born alive or dead. In other words, the safest course would be to return an open verdict. It was a very fortunate thing- for them sitting to inquire as to the cause of death that Mrs. Waltho had admitted frankly that the child was put by her in the box and that it was her child. It relieved them of the necessity of any further inquiry on that point. Of course, whether she was telling him the truth or not it was not for him to judge. It was very easy for a woman to say, this, and, of course, she would have a strong inducement to do so as she was not married at the time.—Mr. Edisbury having elicited the fact that the child was a female child, and Mrs. Waltho having stated that it was a seven months' infant, the jury retired, and after a brief absence from Court returned and the foreman said that they had decided to return an open verdict.

BEFORE THE MAGISTRATES.

Mrs. S. Waltho, Rhosddu, Wrexham, subsequently surrendered to recognisances, and was charged before R. F. Graesser and J. H. Davies, Esqrs., with concealment of birth. —Mr. S. Edisbury appeared for Mrs. Waltho and the interior of the Court-room was crowded. The evidence given was almost completely the same as that given at the Coroner's inquest. The first witness called was P.S. J. Wyse who spoke to finding the box on Monday, May 22nd. He said that he was called to No. 1, Oak-street by Mrs. Catherine Rogers and when he went there he saw Mrs. Rogers, Sarah Rogers and John Rogers, and in consequence of what they told him he accompanied them to an upstairs room. Mrs. Rogers unlocked the door of a clothes closet. Inside he saw a large tin trunk, and in consequence of what he was told about the trunk, he examined it and found that it was unlocked. He opened it and found it neatly packed. On the top he found a gentleman's dressing gown and a clean apron; under these he found a smaller tin trunk, which was also unlocked subsequently he found that the lock had been forced. Inside it he found some partly rotten sheets. He got the boxes out into the bedroom and moved some of the sheets off the top with his stick and then found a hard substance. A portion of the sheets was sticking to the substance. He tore some of this away and found some soft hair. The sheets had the appearance of having been used at a confinement. He called in Dr. Rd. Drinkwater, and he and his brother made an examination. He took possession of both the trunks and the contents and had them conveyed to the Police Station. He had them examined again and he received a key of the large trunk from Mrs. Waltho some days after. He tried it in the lock of the large trunk. The lock refused to act, and he found marks on it as if it had been forced. He examined the sheets carefully and found that the bottom of the small box was partly rotted. There were holes through it, caused by damp from the inside. The contents of the small box appeared to have been taken out recently and replaced or they had been turned over. The appearance of the large trunk indicated that the small one had not been inside for any length of time. He received a warrant for the arrest of Mrs. Waltho, and he apprehended her on May 25th. He read the warrant charging her with concealing the birth of a child on or about January 10th, 1899, and she made no reply.—By Mr. Graesser He arrived at the date through the evidence given at the inquest. -The next witness was Coroner Wynn Evans who produced the depositions made at the inquest which include the confession of Mrs. Waltho that the child was hers and that' she placed it in the box where P.S. Wyse discovered it. She stated it was born dead.—Then Mrs. Catherine Rogers, of Oak-street, Llangollen, described the share she took in the discovery. She said that Mrs. Waltho took the house from her on February 15th.and a fortnight later came to take possession. Witness lent her a candle when she came and Edward

Ellis brought the box into the front parlour. Mrs. Waltho came at the same time with her little girl. Mrs. Waltho was in the town some time and she had the key of the house. Someone else came after the house and she went to Mrs. Waltho for the key and offered to take the house off her hands. At first Mrs. Waltho refused to let her have the key but subsequently she gave it her. Mr. Green Davies took the house on May 1st. Mr. Davies gave her leave to put the tin box, which was in the parlour, upstairs, and it was taken there. Later, she went into the house through the back door and found the box upstairs. She noticed a smell. She locked the closet door, took the key and went downstairs. P.S. Wyse was subsequently sent for.—Mr. Edisbury At the time of your visit to the house through the back door, who had possession of the key?—Witness: Mr. Green Davies, the new tenant.—Mr. Edisbury How long had he had possession of the key?—Witness some days.—Sarah Rogers, John Rogers and Edward Ellis having repeated the evidence which they gave at the inquest. Mr. E. Green-Davies, surveyor, Llangollen, said that he took the house, 1, Oak-street, on May 1st, and he noticed that the box, which was in the house and which he gave Mrs. Rogers permission to leave, was locked.—Dr. Rd. Drink water and Dr. J. J. Driokwater repeated the evidence given by them at the inquest and, in cross-examination, the former stated the child might have been anything from a seven to a nine months; child.—Mr. Edisbury Was there anything to contradict the statement that it was a seven months child?—Witness No, there was not.—Margaret Morris, Royal Hotel, Llangollen, was the only fresh witness, She stated that she had been in service with Mrs. Waltho, at 31, Castle-street, Llangollen, and identified the small tin trunk produced in Court as her property.—In answer to the charge, Mr. Edisbury entered a formal plea of “Not guilty,” and Mrs. Waltho was then committed for trial at the assizes, bail being allowed in the sum of £20—£10 and two sureties in £5 each. The sureties were Mrs. Waltho’s brother and brother-in-law, Thomas Rogers, Wrexham, and William Owen Jones a miner, of South Wales.

16th June 1905

LANGOLLEN TRUNK MYSTERY. CORONER'S METHODS CRITICISED.

The Llangollen trunk tragedy case, where Sarah Waltho, Rhosddu, Wrexham, was charged with concealing- the mummified remains of her still-born child, six years ago, came on at Ruthin Assizes, on Wednesday.

Mr. MOSS, who defended prisoner, entirely upset the prosecution's position, and the hearing terminated in a totally unexpected way.

The finding of the trunk in a Llangollen house was narrated and the Coroner (Mr. Wynne Evans) recapitulated the evidence at his inquest.

Mr. Moss severely criticised the manner in which prisoner had been examined by the coroner. She had declined to explain a dozen times, whereupon the coroner had declared that the worst deductions would be drawn unless she volunteered an explanation. He suggested her obtaining legal advice, after which she consulted Mr. Ferrington, a solicitor appearing for another party, and then made an incriminating statement to the coroner. This, however, was never signed, and was, therefore, inadmissible.

After a lengthy argument his Lordship allowed the confession to be submitted, and risked the responsibility.

Mr Evans then detailed how prisoner admitted placing her still-born child in the trunk six years and concealing it ever since,

Mr Moss contended that there was no secret disposition, as the body remained in a trunk under the prisoner's bed and the wonder was that no servant discovered it. Such methods of extracting evidence were unprecedented.

His Lordship said everybody knew of the tragedies happening through infanticide and the disposition of illegitimate children. Cruel things had been done by hanging mothers upon flimsy evidence whilst others were acquitted. The Llangollen case Presented difficulties, and,

if the Court of Criminal Appeal thought that the confession should not have been read, the law would quash any conviction the jury might bring. If he had improperly allowed the confession, the Court of Appeal would protect the prisoner. ,

The jury found prisoner guilty, and the judge retained her in custody until yesterday (Thursday) [BY TELEPHONE.]

We have received the following message, by telephone, from Ruthin:- Mrs. Sarah Waltho was liberated to-day on the charge of concealment of birth

A correspondent writes:- Mr. Justice Phillimore, who personally had given careful attention to the case during the night, called Mrs. Waltho before him at two o'clock. Before giving his decision he adversely criticised the manner in which the confession was extracted from her at the inquest without her having been fully cautioned. He pointed out that she had been cautioned not to commit herself on the charge of murder; but when she proceeded make statements implicating her in regard to the minor charge she should have again been cautioned. In liberating her he bound her over to come up for judgment when called upon.

22nd November 1907

TO LET, the "Central" Temperance Hotel,
Oak Street, Llangollen. Low rent. Apply—
'Advertiser' Office. (17685)

1911 Census 181, 1, Oak Street Private House Mr. J. Hughes 6 rooms

John Hughes Head M 56(1855) General Labourer

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? Hughes Wife M 58(1853)

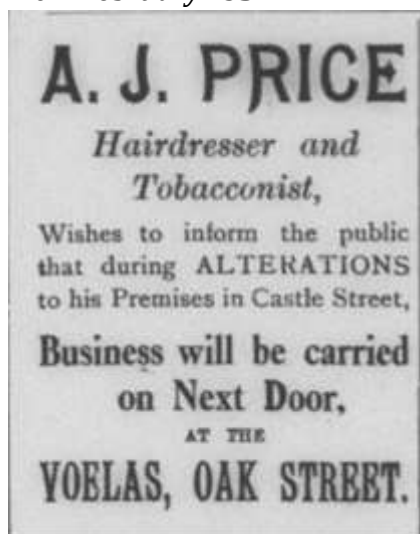
Llangollen

The property was put up for auction in 1919, but was withdrawn. John Hughes continued to live here until his death in 1927. In February 1931 Arthur James Price, hairdresser and tobacconist moved in while his business next door was being renovated, he moved back in April. He died only a few years later in 1933.

6th June 1919

5. All that old-established Temperance Hotel, known as "VOELAS" TEMPERANCE HOTEL. Oak Street, in the occupation of Mr. John Hughes, comprising 2 sitting rooms, kitchen, 2 cellars. 4 bedrooms, attic and yard, with a right of way to Castle Street.

20th February 1931



3rd April 1931

PREMISES RE-OPENED.

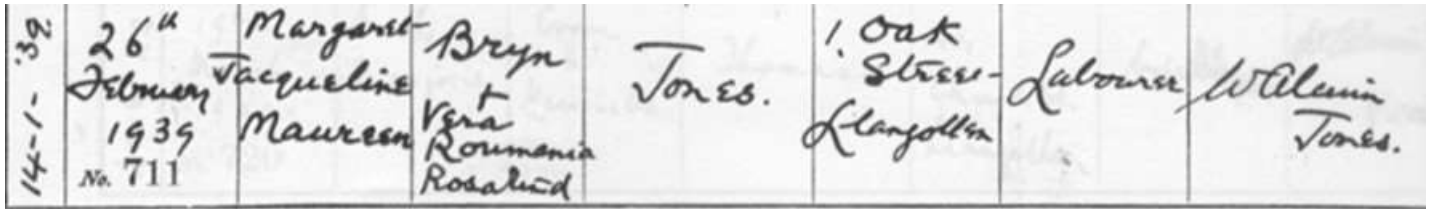
Mr. A.J. Price's fancy good shop in Castle Street and Oak Street, Llangollen, has just been completed and re-opened. The frontage has been radically transformed, and adds an attractive and picturesque touch to the premises. Both windows of the establishment are tastefully arranged, displaying an array of useful fancy goods suitable for presents, &c., and the premises have the appearance of a "City" establishment. The corner of Oak Street to Castle Street, which has been one of the most dangerous in the town, had been greatly improved by the alterations. Mr. A.J. Price is to be highly complimented on the steps he has taken, more especially at these times when the state of trade generally does not give much encouragement.

In 1939 No 1 was still operating under the name "Voelas", this time under the management of Margaret A Hughes. It is not known if she was related to the previous John Hughes.

1939 Register

Voelas

1. Margaret A Hughes b 29 May 1894, M Boarding House Keeper
2. Vera R R Jones b 09 Nov 1911, M Unpaid Domestic Duties
3. Bryn Jones b 16 Apr 1911, M Builders Labourer General



In 1976 Mr & Mrs Harold Vaughan were living here

December 1st 1976

WEDDING VAUGHANEVANS

Miss Wendy Evans, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. M. Evans, 41 Aled, Rhodymedre, Wrexham and Mr. David Vaughan, son of Mr. & Mrs. Harold Vaughan, 1 Oak Street, Llangollen were married at St. Collen's Church on Saturday 20th November by the Rev. Canon Cledwyn Owen. The organist was Mr. Lindop.



The bride wore a nylon dress with chiffon over-skirt and Guipure lace embroidered bodice. Her waist length veil was held in place by a stephanotis headdress. She carried a bouquet of red roses, mixed freesias and stephanotis. The matron of honour was Mrs. Carol Hughes-Lloyd, sister of the bride and bridesmaid, Miss Melanie Marsland, friend of the bride. Mr. R. Christopher Davies, friend of the groom was, best man.

A reception for 60 guests was held at the Ponsonby Arms. The honeymoon was spent at Anglesey. The bride is a bank clerk and the groom a postal officer at Wrexham General Post Office. They will live at the Post Office Flat, Llangollen.

Later occupants of this place were, Wendy Marsden Jewellers. In 1992 Gill Denham opened a Welsh gold and jewellery shop called Peter Allan's now transferred to Castle Street and called Solitaire, and in 1998 Kathy Williams, who had previously worked

at her parents jewellery shop in Mold opened her shop, which was called "The Oak Chest"

August 2008

THE OAK CHEST

It was ten years ago when Kathy Williams decided to open her own business at the Oak Chest in Llangollen. Having worked with her parents at their jewellery shop in Mold, Kathy felt the time was right to branch out on her own.

The Oak Chest was established as a jewellers many years ago, then it specialised in antique items, but Kathy rarely has antiques now, although she does sell second hand jewellery if it is available.

Now the shop has a comprehensive selection of modern earrings, necklaces and bracelets as the core stock. Kathy also has a large selection of clocks and watches at varying prices. Jewellery boxes and some very attractive ivory



coloured pouches are on sale to keep your gems clean and tidy. Sheaffer pens also feature.

A pair of silver earrings can cost as little as £9, but the range is large, with diamond and gold earrings on sale for £200. The shop caters for all tastes, from the very young who perhaps will purchase a pair of low priced earrings for birthday gifts, to those seeking a special item of jewellery for an anniversary.

Marcasite is becoming fashionable again and Kathy has some very attractive necklaces on display. Jade too is a popular choice at the moment often teamed with gold, exotic pieces of jewellery can be created. There were several jade pendants to choose from and a very attractive bracelet in jade and 9 carat gold.

Timex watches are sold regularly both for personal use and as a very acceptable present. There is also a good range of ladies magnetic fashion bracelets. Costume jewellery and precious stones sit side by side in this tiny shop, the choice is great, there will be something to suit almost everyone.

If you are looking for a Christening present this is a good shop to start your search, especially if the gift is for a baby girl, there are some delightful tiny silver bracelets to be found in the Oak Chest.

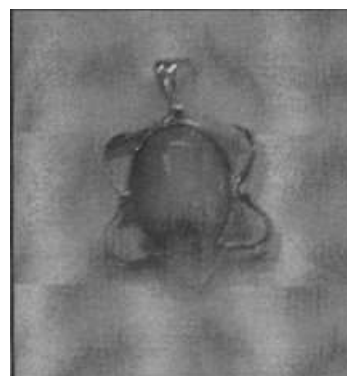
The shop carries out repairs to clocks, watches and jewellery and will restring beads that have broken. Watch straps of varying types are stocked and Kathy will fit one while you wait, she will also put a new battery into a watch. The repair service is very popular.

The Oak Chest specialises in Welsh gold jewellery made by Cymru-y-metel. A few items are in stock and customers can assess the quality of the jewellery. Customers then choose from a catalogue, selecting their ideal piece. It is then ordered direct from the work shop in North Wales. The Welsh Gold is mined in Dolgellau and is crafted into attractive pieces of jewellery in Colwyn Bay. Welsh gold jewellery is available in three colours,



rose gold, yellow gold, and white gold. Not all Welsh gold jewellery is actually made in Wales, Kathy told me, but items made by Cymru-y-metel certainly are "made in Wales".

The summer months from May to October are the busiest months for selling apparently. Visitors will be tempted by something in the window and purchase a piece as a memento of a holiday.



Although the tradition of men buying jewellery for their wives and girlfriends still exists, often ladies will buy a special piece of jewellery for themselves. This applies to both precious stones and fashion items.

I asked Kathy if Christmas was a busy time for her, and she said last minute presents are often bought by husbands for their wives.

Kathy works in the shop herself most weekdays, but as she has a young family, a son of 5 and a daughter of seven, she does have help on Saturdays, and occasionally in the week family members will help.

With a business to run and a family to look after, there is little spare time in Kathy's life, but when she does have time she loves cooking and taking her springer spaniel, Molly out for a daily walk.

The Oak Chest runs a saving scheme, which is proving popular. Customers can save for a particular piece over a period of months.

Do think about shopping locally for that special present, there is a good choice in the Oak Chest, you will be surprised.

No 3 Oak Street



2004



2009



2011



2018

The maps show that this house/shop was built by 1862, although it has not yet been possible to identify any specific occupant before 1873. It seems likely that the early occupants were tenants, and that the property was rented out. The first identified occupant was William

Owen Jones, a solicitor and secretary of the Llangollen Agricultural Society. It is possible that he may have just had an office here.

5th September 1873

The next identified occupant was Humphrey Jones, who had been living in Bridge Street in 1881. He was described as a grocer in 1881, but as a grocer's assistant in 1891.

14th November 1890

A long report of the Sanitary Committee, at which Messrs. David Parry J E. Jones attended, was read. The midden in Chapel Street Square, occupied by Mr, Isaac Griffiths, required clearing out, and also the midden in Capel-street-square, which was full, in the occupation of Mr J Rowlands. The cow-house manure, belonging to Mrs, Parry, in the same yard, also required clearing away, as also did the middens occupied by Messrs. Humphrey Jones and Edward Ellis at the back of Oak-street.

1891 Census

Humphrey Jones	Head	M	38(1853)	Grocer's assistant	Glyn Traian
Emma Jones	Wife	M	38(1853)	Dressmaker	Denbigh
David H Jones	Son	S	13(1878)	scholar	Llangollen
John E Jones	Son	S	12(1879)	scholar	Llangollen
Herbert F Jones	Son	S	10(1881)	scholar	Llangollen

Humphrey Jones subsequently moved to 4 Berwyn Street, where he died in 1899. By 1893 a Mrs R Evans was running No 3 as a refreshment rooms, but by 1897 Jane Jones had taken over. Jane's husband John had died in Llantysilio in 1879, and she had supported her family by working as a laundress in Green Lane before moving to No 3. Jane was here until at least 1907, when her daughter Mary Ellen Jones married. Other names mentioned at this time were probably boarders. After this there seemed to be a number of short term lets, with the property being vacant at the time of the 1911 census.

28th July 1893

3, Refreshment Rooms, Mrs R Evans.

1901 Census

Jane Jones	Head	W	65(1836)	Lodginghouse keeper	Corwen
Mary E Jones	Dau	S	25(1876)	Stayioner's assistant	Llantysilio
Alice Evans	Vis	W	59(1842)	Living on own means	Sarnau
William Aubry Board	M	33(1868)	Hairdresser	Shrewsbury	
Mary G Aubry	Boar	M	29(1872)		Llangollen

13th September 1901

STALL NO. 5 (FANCY STALL). Miss M. E. Jones, 3, Oak-street;

22nd September 1905

MARRIAGES. Sept. 20th, at Zion Welsh Wesleyan Chapel, Llangollen, by the Rev. John Pearce, assisted by the Rev, R. J. Williams, and in the presence of Mr. James Clarke, registrar, Mr. Christmas Jones, 3, Oak-street, to Miss Priscilla Fanny Edwards, Valley View- both of Llangollen. (This being the first marriage solemnized in the new chapel, a well-bound Bible and hymn-book, were presented to the happy pair on behalf of the church.)

16th November 1906

DEATHS.

Nov. 13th, at 3, Oak-street, Llangollen, aged 27, David William, youngest son of Mrs. Jane Jones. Funeral leaves house at 2 p.m. on Saturday, for Llantysilio Churchyard.

27th March 1908

Mr W Evans 3 Oak St, agent for Prudential

12th August 1910

TO LET, 1st November, No. 3, Oak Street Llangollen. Apply—RICHARD EDWARDS, Islwyn" (20646)

1911 Census

3 Oak Street Private House Unoccupied

22nd May 1914

TO LET, November 1st No. 3, Oak Street, now in the occupation of Mrs. S. Jones Rent £15 10s. Apply-R. EDWARDS, Islwyn. (M427)

In 1914 the occupant was Mrs Hannah Jones, the widow of Samuel Jones, great grandson of the bard Jonathan Hughes. Samuel had died in 1911, when they had been living in White Lion House on Mill Street. Hannah died here 23rd May 1915.

28th May 1915

THE LATE MRS. HANNAH JONES.

The death took place at her home, in Oak-street, on Sunday, May 23rd, of Mrs. Hannah Jones, widow of Mr. Samuel Jones, White Lion square. The deceased lady, who was very highly respected and who will be much missed, was in her sixty- second year, and had been in failing health for some time. The funeral took place on Wednesday last, the interment being, made at the Vron Cemetery. The service at the house and the grave- side was conducted by Mr. Allen Lettsome and Mr. John Parry, Tudno Villa. The funeral was largely attended, nearly all the relatives of the deceased being present, in addition to many of the general public. A large number of beautiful wreaths were placed upon the grave having been sent, amongst others, "With love," from her sorrowing children "With deep sympathy," From C. A. Roberts; "With deepest sympathy," Mrs. Edwards, Islwyn "With deepest sympathy," M. B. Wood; "In loving memory," Mary and Annie Roberts "With deepest sympathy," all at Waverley Hotel". Messrs. John Roberts & Sons, Market-street and George-street, Llangollen, were the undertakers.

4th APRIL, 1979

OBITUARY THE LATE MISS JANE ANN JONES

Very peacefully at the age of 97, Miss Jones died at the Cottage Hospital on March 26th. She was the last surviving of the five children of the late Mr.& Mrs. Samuel Jones of Ty'n y Pistill and later of 3 Oak Street and thus a direct descendant of Jonathan Hughes the Bard of Pengwern commemorated in "Wild Wales" and "The Hanwood Papers". Miss Jones, though born in Manchester, spent much of her childhood at Tyn y Pistill and loved to talk about her family history. Her brothers, Mr J.S. Jones of Berwyn, Mr. Humphrey Jones and her sister Mrs. Williams of Banbury predeceased her as did her sister Miss Sarah Jones with whom she lived in Cressendale for 30 years and then continued there alone till her removal to hospital. Miss Jones suffered much from her deafness but she had a delightful personality.

In hospital she was regularly visited by her nephew Mr.J.S.Jones of Wrexham and his family & also frequently by her niece Miss Lena Williams of Bangor. The funeral was on Thursday March 26th when Chancellor Owen conducted the service in St.John's Church with Mr.Henry Thomas at the organ.

The service was bilingual and the hymns were "Abide with Me" and "O Iesu mawr, rho d'anian bur". The family mourners were Mr.& Mrs.John Samuel Jones (nephew); Miss Lena Williams (niece); Mrs-.M. Gladden, Northop, (cousin);Messrs. Michael, Allan & Robert Jones (great-nephews); Mrs.Elsie Williams Wrexham also representing Mrs.D.M.Jones. Interment was in the family grave at the Fron Cemetery where Chancellor Owen again officiated. There were wreaths of lovely Spring flowers from the family and donations were received for the Cottage Hospital to the Medical and Nursing Staff of which the family are most grateful for the kindly care given to Miss Jones during her long stay there.

31st July 1914

TO BE LET, ISLWYN-containing 3 Reception Rooms, 9, Bedrooms, and usual domestic offices. Also, 3, OAK STREET, as Shop or Private House. Apply-EDWARDS & SON, Llangollen. (M4S9)

10th December 1915

The Great Canvass

Percy Williams, 3 Oak St

11th February 1916

TO LET, May 1st, No. 3, Oak Street, as House and Shop or Private House. Apply— EDWARDS & SON, Castle Street. [1033]

16th February 1917

Robert Williams- (27), butcher's assistant, 3, Oak Street.—To be substituted.

Robert Williams was a slaughterman., who was here from 1917 until 1917, when the property was part of an auction at the Hand.

8th February 1918

22nd February 1918

Robert Williams, 3, Oak Street, Llangollen. —Exemption until March 18 and to find work of national importance in the meantime.

30th May 1919

**VALUABLE FREEHOLD BUSINESS PREMISES. RESIDENCE AND LAND IN
LLANGOLLEN.**

To be Sold by Auction, by Messrs.

JONES & SON, FA, I.,

at the HAND HOTEL. LLANGOLLEN, on

TUESDAY. JUNE 10th. 1919,

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon, subject to conditions, the following FREEHOLD PROPERTIES, viz.:—

Lot 1. All that excellent House and Shop, known as “WESTMINSTER CAFE,” Oak Street, Llangollen, in the occupation of Mr. Herbert Clarke, comprising a spacious shop, kitchen, new bakehouse fitted with up-to-date oven, 2 cellars, large sitting room, 4 bedrooms, W.C.. etc., and yard with a right of way to Castle Street.

Lot 2. All that HOUSE and SHOP, situate and being No.7. Oak Street, Llangollen, in the occupation of Mr. Edward Ellis. fruiterer, comprising shop, kitchen, 2 cellars, 2 bedrooms and title and yard.

Lot 3. All that HOUSE and SHOP, situate and being No. 5, Oak Street, Llangollen (at present unoccupied), comprising- Shop. Kitchen, 2 Cellars. 2 Bedrooms. Attic and Yard.

Lot 4. All that HOUSE and, SHOP, situate and being No. 3. Oak Street, Llangollen, in the occupation of Mr. Robert Williams, comprising shop, kitchen, 2 cellars, 2 bedrooms, attic and yard. Note.—The large yard at the rear of lots 2 3 and 4 is for the joint use of the tenants, and has a right of way to Castle Street.

Lot 5. All that old-established Temperance Hotel, known as “VOELAS” TEMPERANCE HOTEL, Oak Street, in the occupation of Mr. John Hughes, comprising 2 sitting rooms, kitchen, 2 cellars, 4 bedrooms, attic and yard, with a right of way to Castle Street.

Lot 6. All that desirable Residence, known as “DALESFORD HOUSE.” Berwyn Street, Llangollen, comprising hall, 2 reception rooms, kitchen, pantry, scullery, cellar, washhouse, 6 bedrooms, bathroom and W.C., together with outhouse, yard and garden, in the occupation of T. J. Vaughan, Esq. Electric light and hot and cold water throughout. This property commands fine views.

Lot 7. All that valuable PIECE OF LAND, situate adjoining Lot 6. area 744 yards, with a frontage of 108 feet to Berwyn Street, very suitable as a building site, tennis ground or garden. For further particulars apply to the Auctioneers, Wrexham and Llangollen, or to Messrs. C. RICHARDS & SONS,

Solicitors.

Llangollen.

The next occupants for which we have details are Samuel William Watkin Price, and his wife Norah Annie (nee Davies). In 1911 Samuel was a bricklayer in Chapel Street. In the 1939 Register the family was living at No 3. In 1941

1939

3 Oak St	198	1	Price Samuel W. - M 8 Jan 93	M	Builder
		2	Price Norah A. - F 22 Aug 76	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties

This record is officially closed.

3 - 198

1. Samuel W W Price b 08 Jan 1873 M Builder
2. Norah A W Price b 22 Aug 1876 M Unpaid Domestic Duties
3. Closed

In Feb 1941 Mabel, Samuel's second daughter married from here.

1941. Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church of Llangollen in the Parish of Llangollen in the County of Denbigh								
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
34	15 th January 1941	Seth Hughes	32	Bachelor	Auctioneer Values	Ball View 54 Ruabon Rd Wrexham	Seth Hughes	Auctioneer Values
		Mabel Watkin Price	26	Spinster	Hospital Nurse	3 Oak Street Llangollen	Samuel William Watkin Price	Builder
Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church in Wales by or after banns by me,								
This Marriage was solemnized between us,			in the Presence of us,		Signed Samuel W. Price Signed George Harold Russell Watkin Price Signed Charlotte Smith			

The family were living here until 1963, when Samuel died, aged 90. St John's Cemetery, plot 322, section 4 row 3.

Name	Death date	Burial	Age	Birth	Address
Norah Annie Watkin Price	04/09/1956	08/09/1956	80		3 Oak Street
Samuel W Watkin Price	17/11/1963	21/11/1963	90		3 Oak Street
Samuel Philip Price	7/3/200		87	28/04/1912	



It is believed that a Mrs Owen ran a hairdressers from here, in 1958 she said
NOTICE

Mrs Owen, Hairdresser wishes to inform her clients that as from Monday March 10th, she will be open daily, and with first class assistance.

It has also been suggested that there was an office of the Halifax building society here, ran by a Mr Grainger.

In May 2005 No 3 opened as a fashion goods shop, Temptations, ran by Jenni Lloyd
August 2005

FOCUS ON BUSINESS – TEMPTATIONS

It was 'surfing' that brought Jenni Lloyd (pictured right) to Temptations in Oak Street, Llangollen. She was browsing on the internet one evening when she found a business for sale and although at that time she was not intending to run her own business she was tempted and drove to Llangollen from her home in Wallasey to find the property. The outcome was that Jenni bought Temptations, opened in May and is thoroughly enjoying her new venture in Llangollen. The shop, although small, is well stocked with gifts for all occasions., special birthday gifts, Christening and anniversary presents. Gifts for golfers. for those who collect cats, or pigs, I spotted several different types of boxes which would make very acceptable presents. The range of jewellery is extensive (see right) with pieces to suit all tastes.

My eye was drawn to a pair of highly decorated beaded shoes, (see below) they were beautiful and a limited design twelve pairs were sold in one day. There is also a small range of summer sandals, a little less exotic yet still stylish. The week I visited



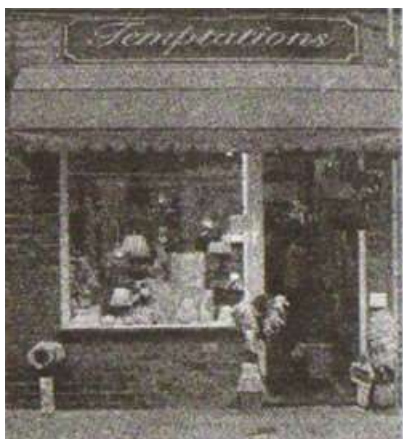
Jenni, she had a "Wedding" window display with beautiful linen, glasses and jewellery, all associated. with weddings.

The window changes each week and always has a theme.

Already a speciality of Temptations, the range of handbags is considerable, from small fashion bags to larger more practical travel bags. There are classic handbags. fashion bags and there is a small, but original selection of evening bags, mainly beaded,

lovely for a present or as a little indulgence for oneself as a treat.

Surprisingly sunglasses are a best seller, there is quite a good selection of fashionable glasses at very reasonable prices.



Jenni knows Llangollen well, she has a cottage in Froncysyllte and although she lives in Wallasey, she loves the Llangollen area and hopes to settle here once her youngest son has completed his education. Her eldest son has already left school and is in the RAF.

Jenni is a qualified drama teacher and still does some teaching she is also an actress and has been an extra in several television programmes including Coronation Street. Whilst her two boys were growing up Jenni found working as an actress was quite difficult and when a friend asked for her help at his shop she discovered she loved working in the shop, meeting customers and selling to them. She worked in several

retail establishments until serendipity brought her to Temptations and her own business.

Running a business is very time consuming and Jenni has little opportunity to go out and buy for the shop, so she does a great deal of her buying on the internet and through her contact in Thailand. She is constantly up dating her stock and shortly will be selling an exclusive selection of fashionable separates.

Although most of her time is devoted to the shop and to her family Jenni does find time for the occasional meal out and she goes to the theatre regularly.

Jenni hopes her shop will appeal to local people, she would like them to look first in Temptations before travelling to Chester or further afield to buy their gifts.

If you cannot decide upon just the right thing for that special present, Temptations does Gift Vouchers and they also run a Christmas Club. Jenni offers a free gift wrapping service. If you mention this article you will receive a discount on your shopping and it can be gift wrapped completely free of charge.

In 2009 the shop became Silk and Honey, a Lingerie shop, and in 2011 a tattoo studio. In 2019 it became Mystic Dragon,

We stock alternative gifts, clothes and witch/pagan items.

We are also a fully compliant & registered Piercing studio.

We are situated on Oak street in the picturesque town of Llangollen, North Wales

September 2009 At Your Service

If you can remember the TV Series 'Are You Being Served' you can relate to the 'humours' and 'funny side' of buying lingerie from such fantastic actresses as Molly Sugden and Wendy Richard.

Well I have found a little gem of a Lingerie Shop with the same level of expertise and humour - Silk and Honey in Oak Street. On entering the shop all you could hear was the sound of laughter.

Two lovely shop assistants were on duty, both ladies having experienced breast cancer, I knew I was in the right place. The service and experience was wonderful. Nothing was too much trouble and after trying on several lovely bra's and making my purchase, I felt my confidence was blooming again.

Thank you ladies for helping me regain my confidence and YES there is LIFE after breast cancer.

I write this letter to help encourage other ladies in my position to visit this little gem in Llangollen

Beryl Jones

Gainsforth Gardens, Oswestry

03/2011/0902 1 Oak Street, Llangollen

Change of use of shop to tattoo studio, and sale of jewellery and clothing.

Members raised no objections to these applications

No 5 Oak Street



The earliest occupant of No 5 was Richard Williams, according to the 1881 census. Richard had been a coal carrier, was now a coal dealer and by 1891 having lost his wife had moved to Church Street, John Clarke, tin plate worker had moved to Chapel Street.

1881 Census

<i>Richard Williams</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>69(1812)</i>	<i>Coal Dealer</i>	<i>Llansantffraid, Merioneth</i>
<i>Jane Williams</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>68(1813)</i>		<i>Bettws G G., Merioneth</i>
<i>John Clarke</i>	<i>Lodg</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>47(1834)</i>	<i>Tinplate Worker</i>	<i>Llangollen</i>
<i>Joseph William Clarke</i>	<i>Lodg</i>	<i>U</i>	<i>15(1866)</i>	<i>Scholar</i>	<i>Llangollen</i>
<i>Elizabeth Clarke</i>	<i>Lodg</i>	<i>U</i>	<i>11(1870)</i>	<i>Scholar</i>	<i>Llangollen</i>
<i>James Clarke</i>	<i>Lodg</i>	<i>U</i>	<i>9(1872)</i>	<i>Scholar</i>	<i>Llangollen</i>

The next occupant was David Hughes, from Corwen. He had been a wool weaver, but by 1885 he had become a rural postman living in Princess Street. He was living here by 1891, and by 1898 was also working as a hairdresser. A fire in the garret in 1898 caused some minor damage.

1891 Census

<i>David Hughes</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>34(1857)</i>	<i>Rural Policeman</i>	<i>Llansantffraid Merion</i>
<i>Emily Hughes</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>33(1858)</i>		<i>Llangollen</i>
<i>William H Hughes</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>10(1881)</i>	<i>scholar</i>	<i>Llangollen</i>
<i>Gladys Hughes</i>	<i>Dau</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>6(1885)</i>	<i>scholar</i>	<i>Llangollen</i>
<i>Emily Hughes</i>	<i>Dau</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>3(1888)</i>		<i>Llangollen</i>
<i>William H Anderson</i>	<i>Board</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>20(1871)</i>	<i>Hairdresser</i>	<i>Liverpool</i>

12th August 1898

Shortly after 10 o'clock on Saturday morning fire was noticed to have, broken out in the garret of the premises occupied by Mr, David Hughes, hairdresser, &c., Oak-street. Miss Williams, sister .Mrs. Hughes thought she heard a crackling noise and going upstairs discovered she was not wrong in the conjecture. She ran downstairs and informed the assistant, Davies, who got to the staircase but could not enter the room owing to density of smoke, the skylight being

D. HUGHES & FAMILY,
5, OAK STREET, LLANGOLLEN,
WISH to express their heartfelt thanks to
all those who so gallantly helped to extinguish
the fire at their house on the 6th inst.
August 10th, 1898. (6050)

closed. However, ladders were planted against the wall and on the roof, and a number of men volunteering assistance, buckets of water were carried up and by through the skylight. The fire, fortunately, by this means was got under, but not before part of the flooring, bannister, furniture in the room, and a quantity of

children's clothing had been destroyed. Both furniture and property are insured.

1901 Census

David Hughes	Head	M	45(1856)	Rural postman	Corwen
Emily Hughes	Wife	M	44(1857)		Llangollen
William H Hughes	Son	S	20(1881)	Hairdresser	Llangollen
Gladys Hughes	Dau	S	16(1885)		Llangollen
James Ryan	Serv	S	28(1873)	Hairdresser	Liverpool

William Henry Hughes followed his father by becoming a hairdresser, but in 1910 he moved to the Royal Oak as hairdresser and Umbrella Maker. Thomas James a plumber was coming here. The 1911 census shows him here, but his business was at 21 Brook St.

1st October 1909

BIRTHS. Sept. 25th, the wife of Mr. W. H. Hughes, hairdresser, 5. Oak-street, Llangollen, of a son. Sept.

1st July 1910



W. H. HUGHES,
HAIRDRESSER . .
AND
UMBRELLA MAKER,
ROYAL OAK (Late Oak St.),
LLANGOLLEN,
BEGS to inform the Inhabitants of Llangollen and District that he has OPENED A SALOON at the above address where, he hopes, by strict attention to business, to merit a share of the public patronage. (20523)

1911 Census

180 Oak Street	5	Shop	Mr. T. James	5 rooms	
Thomas James	Head	M	33(1878)	Plumber & Electrician	Gobowen
Arana James	Wife	M	26(1885)		Broseley
Thomas Cyrel James	Son	S	3m(1911)		Llangollen
Sarah Smallwood	SinL	S	28(1883)	Certificated Teacher	Broseley

1st October 1909

BIRTHS. Sept. 25th, the wife of Mr. W. H. Hughes, hairdresser, 5. Oak-street, Llangollen, of a son. Sept.

13th May 1910

PRETTY LOCAL WEDDING,
JAMES-SMALLWOOD.

The wedding of Mr. T. James. Llangollen, to Miss Arana Small wood, second daughter of Mr. Joseph Smallwood, The Rock, Broseley, was celebrated at St. Collen's Parish Church, Llangollen, on April 20th. The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. L. D. Jenkins, the Choir attending as a mark of respect to Mr. James, one of the most popular members, who is a valued Church worker. The bride, who was gowned in a mauve costume, trimmed with cream insertion and lace to match, was given away by her father, and was attended as bridesmaid by her sister, Miss Alice Smallwood. Mr. Tom Davies, Llangollen, attended the bridegroom as best man. At that termination of the ceremony, and as the party were leaving the Church, Mr. Morton Bailey, the organist, played the "Wedding march." The wedding party were afterwards entertained by Mr. and Mrs. C. Everitt, at The Tower, and afterwards left for Blackpool, where the honeymoon was spent. The presents were numerous and costly. Mr. T. James is, we understand, opening in business as a plumber, etc., in central premises at 5, Oak-street, and we are sure that all his numerous friends and well-wishers hope that he may have unbounded success in his new enterprise.

By 1914 the occupant was named as a Mr Pritchard, although it was said to unoccupied. Later it was occupied by another hairdresser, William Broughton Pitt, from Wrexham. He later moved to Wallasey, where he died in 1939.

18th September 1914

TO LET, ISLWYN-containing 3 Reception Rooms, 9, Bedrooms, and usual domestic offices. Also, 3, OAK STREET, as Shop or Private House, and 5, OAK STREET (now in the occupation of Mr. Pritchard, and vacant Nov. 1st. Apply-EDWARDS & SON, Llangollen. (M489)

30th May 1919

Lot 3. All that HOUSE and SHOP, situate and being No. 5, Oak Street, Llangollen (at present unoccupied), comprising- Shop. Kitchen, 2 Cellars. 2 Bedrooms. Attic and Yard.

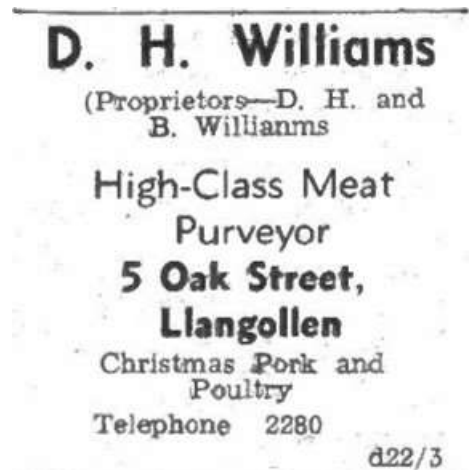
By 1939 Robert Maurice Williams, a Pork and Family Butcher had a shop here. Robert lived, and had another shop at 36 Berwyn Street, the home of his father-in-law William Watkin. His son David Howell Williams was helping him in the business by 1939.

January 1939



By the time of Robert's death in 1950 David Howell Williams had taken over the business., together with his wife Betty. Howell's sister Adelaide (Addie) was living above the

December 15th 1964



shop. Howell and Betty later moved to Craigievar on Abbey Road, and Adelaide to Minffordd. In the 1980's the business closed, and the premises were acquired by Mr S R Drinnan, and became an optician's.

No 7 Oak Street



1897



2000



2007



2015



2019

The earliest recorded occupant of No 7 was Thomas Jervis, a woolweaver, originally from Yscefiog in Flintshire. He is shown to be here in the 1871 and 1881 census, whilst that for 1891 shows him to have moved around the corner to Chapel Street, (despite the fact that he was mentioned in the newspapers papers as still living in Oak Street), where he died in 1892.

1871 Census

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Thomas Jervis	Head	M	53(1818)	Woolweaver	Ysceifiog
Ann Jervis	Wife	M	55(1816)		Llangollen
Roger Jervis	Son	S	20(1851)	Linsey weaver	Llanfair Talhaïam
Ann Jervis	Dau	S	16(1855)	Dome serv	Llanfair Talhaïam
Edward Jervis	Son	S	9(1862)	Scholar	Llanfair Talhaïam
Sarah Anna Jervis	Gdau	S	3(1868)		Llangollen

1881 Census

7 Oak St

Thomas Jervis	Head	M	63	Wool Weaver	Caerwys, Flint
Ann Jarvis	Wife	M	63	Weaver's Wife	Llangollen
Edward Jones	Lodger	U	57	Wool Weaver	Llangollen
Robert Lloyd	Lodger	U	23	Fell Monger	Corwen

Edward Ellis, had started work as a pageboy in the Hand, boots, porter and finally becoming an omnibus driver (horsedrawn). The 1881 census has the family living at 19 Oak Street, the 1881 census is unreliable for street numbers. The family would be at No 7 for the best part of 100 years – his daughter Sarah Catherine (Katie Ellis) died here in 1978. While Edward continued to act as a driver until his retirement in 1902, his wife Sarah established the business as fruitier and poultry dealer. Sarah died in 1926, and Edward in 1936. Their daughter Sarah Catherine had married Sven Folke Sjostrom, a Swedish treefeller, in December 1918. Following the death of her parents 'Katie' over the business until her death in March 1978.

10th February 1888

DEATHS.

Feb. 7th, at 7, Oak-street, Llangollen, aged 3 years and 4 months, Caroline Maud, the daughter of Mr. Edward Ellis, fruiterer, &c. The funeral takes place at 3 p.m., to-day (Friday).

1891 Census

Edward Ellis	Head	M	38(1853)	Omnibus driver	Llangollen
Sarah Ellis	Wife	M	35(1856)	Poultry Dealer	Llangollen
Evan E Ellis	Son	S	14(1877)	scholar	Llangollen
Louisa A Ellis	Dau	S	9(1882)	scholar	Llangollen
James H Ellis	Son	S	4(1887)		Llangollen
Sarah C Ellis	Dau	S	3(1888)		Llangollen
Archibald E Ellis	Son	S	1(1890)		Llangollen

1901 Census

Edward Ellis	Head	M	47(1854)	Omnibus Driver	Llangollen
Sarah Ellis	Wife	M	46(1855)	Shopkeeper, fruitier, + poultry dealer	Pentredwr
Louisa A Ellis	Dau	S	18(1883)		Llangollen
James H Ellis	Son	S	14(1887)		Llangollen
Sarah C Ellis	Dau	S	13(1888)		Llangollen
Archibald E Ellis	Son	S	10(1891)		Llangollen
John Trevor Ellis	Son	S	7(1894)		Llangollen

June 1901

Baptisms

May 17.-Jamcs Herbert, son of Edw. and Sarah Ellis, 7, Oak Street.

May 17.-Sarah Catherine, daughter of Edward and Sarah Ellis, 7, Oak Street.

May 17.-Archibald Enoch, son of Edward and Sarah Ellis, 7, Oak Street.

May 17.-John Trevor, son. of Edward Sarah Ellis, 7, Oak Street.

9th May 1902

An effort is on foot to raise a testimonial to Mr. Edward Ellis, of Oak-street, who, after delivering parcels in the town and district for a period of twenty-seven years, is about to cease the performance of these useful public duties. It is scarcely necessary to write a word in commendation of so excellent a project. Mr. Ellis is so well known to tradesmen and other residents in the town, his services have so readily and promptly been placed at their disposal, and he has, for over a quarter-of- a-century, done such excellent work for the community generally that, we feel sure, the appeal has z, only to be made to meet with a ready response. Messrs. R. S. Richards & Sons are treasurers and Mr. A. H. Edwards, Commerce House, hem. sec. of the movement which was formally inaugurated by a meeting of tradesmen at the Eivion Hotel, on Friday night.

1911 Census

179	7Oak Street	Shop	Mr. E. Ellis	six rooms	
	Edward Ellis	Head	M 56(1855)	Busman	Llangollen
	Sarah Ellis	Wife	M 54(1857)	Greengrocer & Poulterer	Llangollen
	Louie Ellis	Dau	S 29(1882)	Working At Home	Llangollen
	Bertie Ellis	Son	S 24(1887)	Plumber Assistant	Llangollen
	Katie Ellis	Dau	S 23(1888)	Working At Home	Llangollen
	Archie Ellis	Son	S 20(1891)	Gardener	Llangollen
	Trevor Ellis	Son	S 18(1893)	Solicitors Clerk	Llangollen

28th August 1914

Mr. Edward Ellis 7, Oak Street..£0 5s 0d promised contribution p/week prevention and relief of distress.

6th June 1919

Lot 2. All that HOUSE and SHOP, situate and being No. 7, Oak Street. Llangollen, in the occupation of Mr. Edward Ellis, fruiterer, comprising shop, kitchen, 2 cellars, 2 bedrooms and attic and yard.

September 1926

Burials

July 10th -Sarah Ellis, 7, Oak Street. aged 70 years.

1939 Register

Sarah Catherine Sjostrom b 19 Dec 1888 M Green Grocer Business

29th March 1978

On the same day, (28th March) the funeral took place of Mrs. KATIE SJOSTROM, who died at her home, 7 Oak Street, at the age of 89. She was the last surviving child of the late Mr.& Mrs. Edward Ellis & is survived by her only daughter, Mrs. Vivian Mannion & by nephews & nieces. The funeral service was at the Parish Church on Tuesday & was followed by cremation.

Katie Ellis, as we loca1s still called her, was a well-loved resident of the town and an avid reader of the Broadsheet. I would often meet her, standing on her doorstep, as I delivered the papers and have a chat about local happenings, often culmination with a gift of fruit for my son and daughter. So ends a friendship of many years – as a schoolboy, I used to deliver her green-grocery orders as a Saturday job. Llangollen will miss her and her and her unique little shop: I certainly will. M.D.

5th April 1978

OBITUARY THE LATE MRS. KATIE SJOSTROM

Mrs. Sjostrom had spent all her 89 years at 7 Oak Street, from the far-off days when her father drove the Hand Hotel station bus and her mother feathered the Christmas geese in the back room. Mrs. Sjostrom continued the greengrocery business after their death. She met her husband during the 1914-18 War, when there was a Swedish contingent of forestry workers in the district. Her warmth of temperament endeared her to her neighbours, as did her keen interest in all that pertained to Llangollen. Although she lived alone, her daughter was a daily

visitor and her neighbours showed her much kindness. She had been under medical care for the last ten days and died peacefully in her sleep on March 22nd.

The funeral took place on March 28th. The Rev. M.R. Williams conducted the service in the Parish Church and the organist was Mr. Lindop. The family mourners were Mrs. Vivian Mannion (daughter); Mr. Robert Mannion and Mr. & Mrs. A. Dunstan (grandchildren); Mr. Cecil Ellis, Mrs. Alun Edwards, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Ellis, Mrs. Dorothy Roberts, Rhyl, accompanied by Miss Doris Davies (nieces & nephews); Mr. Cledwyn Ellis (great-nephew); Mrs. Trevor Ellis (sister-in-law); Mrs. Karl Jones, Shotton and the Rev. & Mrs. Wyn Williams, Caerwys (cousins). There were many neighbours and friends present. Cremation was at Pentrebychan where the Rev. M.R. Williams again officiated. One lovely heart-shaped wreath and a posy, from her daughter and grandchildren, were laid on the coffin. Donations were received in lieu of flowers for the funds of the Parish Church.

In the 1990's the property was acquired by Stephen Joynson and his partners of Jonkers in Chapel Street, and became Jonkers East. In 2000 the shop was sold, and Jonkers East relocated to Gwalia Terrace. The property was acquired by Poole's radio

March 2000

Jonkers East, Oak Street, Llangollen, Price £55,000

Llangollen News March 2007

FOCUS ON BUSINESS – POOLE'S RADIO

It was 1960 when Poole's Radio was registered as a business. Set up by radio enthusiast "Billy" Poole, a shop was opened at numbers 7&9 Berwyn Street specialising in radios, but also selling other electrical goods.

Premises on the opposite side of Berwyn Street at number 6 were vacated by Bryn Melyn Motors and this more spacious shop was taken over by 'Poole's Radio'. At number 6, the Poole family were able to stock various items, including washing machines, fridges and bicycles as well as televisions and radios. You could even buy a guitar from 'Poole's' during the 1960's.

Billy's son George, joined the firm and they began to specialise in television. They brought the first cable television to Llangollen. Together with another firm a mast was set up to serve the residents of Pengwern with cable television which gave a superior picture compared to an aerial on the roof. Many of us can remember the dedication of father and son as they manhandled a large and unwieldy metal aerial on the roof, struggling to obtain the best possible picture in some of the very remote areas of the valley, where television reception was very elusive.

Mrs Mair Poole started working in the shop, part time at first, until her family grew up and has been a familiar figure behind the counter for the last forty two years.

George's son, Graham, started working in the family business some thirty years ago, and continues with the tradition of supplying televisions and aerials to many in Llangollen and the surrounding area.

The nature of the business has changed with digital and satellite television, and Graham now has to regularly attend courses to keep up to date with the latest technology.

Poole's Radio has moved again in recent years, they now have a smaller shop in Oak Street. Graham spends most of his time erecting aerials and since 1999 erecting satellite dishes. Graham is always willing to put in the time to ensure the best possible television reception. He travels many miles in the course of a day, erecting aerials and satellite dishes, Cerrigydrudion, Bala, the Ceiriog Valley, Bryneglwys, and Chirk. He has even been to Manchester, having been recommended by a Llangollen resident. His knowledge, his practical approach and his desire to help his customers are evident in the number of recommendations he receives.

The shop is well stocked with small electrical items and provide a service for residents, if your iron fuses, your Hoover needs a new bag or your torch another battery, these can be obtained from 'Poole's'.

Among other things there are kettles, toasters, radios, irons and clocks. They have a wide range of batteries, even down to the very tiny batteries for watches which Graham will fit for you whilst you wait. The shop has a selection of light bulbs and a small stock of tools.

Although the majority of their customers are residents of Llangollen, local people who are very appreciative of the service they provide, Mrs Poole and her son also cater for visitors, especially those in caravans. Graham has fitted several aerials for holiday makers staying in caravans locally and many call each year just to say "Hello", even if they do not wish to buy. Graham has four daughters and four grandsons. His daughters are not interested in joining the family business, perhaps one of his grandsons may carry on the tradition of 'Poole's Radio' in Llangollen.

After over forty years, Mrs Poole is still behind the counter in the shop most days, although she does take time out now and again to visit her grandchildren and her great grandchildren, one of whom is in Gibraltar.

Although the technology has changed the courteous and knowledgeable service offered by 'Poole's Radio' is much as it was when Billy Poole opened his first shop in January 1960.

Llangollen is very fortunate in having such a facility.

December 2012

END OF AN ERA AS POOLE'S RADIO SHOP CLOSES ON OAK STREET



After 52 years trading in Llangollen, Poole's Radio has closed its doors. It was Billy Poole who first provided a service to Llangollen residents, specialising in radio. He was joined by his son, the late George Poole and eventually they were joined by Graham.

Starting in a shop on Berwyn Street (above left) they then moved across the road to larger premises (centre picture) and their last shop was on Oak Street (above right). The photograph on the right of Graham and his Mother was taken on their last day of trading. An institution in Llangollen, many of us can remember George on the chimney with Billy down below shouting directions as to the right way to point the aerial they were erecting. Later it was Graham on the roof with his father giving directions.

Mrs Poole is looking forward to a well earned rest and spending more time with her 6 grandchildren and 11 great grand children.

Thankfully Graham will still be working in and around Llangollen, helping set up televisions, and dealing with our aerials and dishes. He can be contacted on –

GRAHAM'S Contact details

01978 860212



07805679345

Email - poolesradio@gmail.com

Subsequent occupants of No 7 have been Lottie's Clothes Shop and Oak Street Coffee.

No 9 Oak Street/Westminster Café/Cullimores/Belles Fleurs



1908



1961



2015

Although this building was one of the earliest ones in Oak Street it has been difficult to identify with any certainty any occupant before 1899, when John Hughes moved here from No 1. However he later moved back to No 1 around 1910, where he died in 1927. At the time of the 1911 census the property was unoccupied. The landlord was R Edwards of Islwyn.

19th June 1899

Notice of Removal

Mrs. J. Hughes

Temperance Oak St.

Has moved to VOELAS TEMPERENCE HOTEL

(a few doors higher up and next to Evans Cycle Depot)

1901 Census

Temperence House

John Hughes	Head	M	45(1856)	Gen Lab	Llangollen
Jane Hughes	Wife	M	49(1852)	Temperence House Keeper	Cerrig Y Druidion
Catherine Jones	Serv	S	15(1886)	Gen servant	Chirk

1911 Census

9, Oak Street Private House U 59b

After this the new tenant was a master baker, Herbert Llewelyn Clarke, who had formerly been at the Eivion Café. He appealed against call up in 1916 on the grounds that he was a one business. However, he signed up on 2nd April 1917, and served with the 11th field bakery in France. He was discharged in July 1919, and returned to No 9, now called "Westminster Café"

14th April 1916

YOUTH Wanted, fit once, with some experience, to assist with Bread and Smalls.—H. Clarke. 9, Oak Street, Llangollen.

15th December 1916

Herbert Ll. Clarke, baker and confectioner, 9, Oak Street, appealed for further exemption on the ground that he is a master-baker, and that baking is a trade on the list of certified occupations. Furthermore his was a one.-man business.-The appeal was not granted.

30th March 1917

Herbert Clarke 9, Oak Street, Llangollen, refused;

30th May 1919

Lot 1. All that excellent House and Shop, known as "WESTMINSTER CAFE," Oak Street, Llangollen, in the occupation of Mr. Herbert Clarke, comprising a spacious shop, kitchen, new bakehouse fitted with up-to-date oven, 2 cellars, large sitting room, 4 bedrooms, W.C.. etc., and yard with a right of way to Castle Street.

13th June 1919

LLANGOLLEN PROPERTY SALE. Messrs. Jones and Sons conducted a sale at the Hand Hotel on Tuesday afternoon of property situate in Oak Street and Berwyn Street, Llangollen- Seven lots were offered but the first six lots as follows, were all withdrawn; (1) Westminster Cafe, Oak St., (2) No. 7, Oak Street, (3) No. 5, Oak Street, (4) No. 3, Oak Street, (5) "Voelas" Temperance Hotel, Oak Street, and, (6) Dalesford House, Berwyn Street. Lot 7 was a piece of land adjoining lot 6, and covering an area of 741 yards, with a frontage of 108 feet to Berwyn Street. Bidding started at £250 and was eventually knocked down to Mr. J. O. Jones, ironmonger, Oak Street, Llangollen, for £300. Messrs. C. Richards and Sons, Llangollen, were the vendors' solicitors.

The Westminster Café was put up for auction in 1925. Herbert Llewelyn Clarke moved to St Helens, where he died in 1946. By 1939 No 9 was a hairdressers, run by Edward Ethelbert Ambrose Cullimore.

1939 Register 196

9 Oak St	196	1	Cullimore, Edward E.A.	M 23 Aug 91	M Master Hairdresser
		2	Cullimore, Mary I.	b 04 Aug 03	M Unpaid Domestic Duties

1. Edward E A Cullimore b 23 Aug 1891 M Master Hairdresser

2 Mary I Cullimore b 04 Aug 1903 M Unpaid Domestic Duties

CULLIMORE, Edward Ethelbert Ambrose of 9 Oak St Llangollen;
Clwyd died 17 January 1980 Probate Llandaff 3 March
£4188 801801125W

Following the death of Edward Cullimore No 9 was Denbur (cooked meats), but in 1991 No 9 became Belles Fleurs. In the 1990's the Citizens Advice Bureau was upstairs, later A J Computers. In 2019 Belles Fleurs closed, and the business was continued online.

The Courier April 2001

BELLES FLEURS

Belles Fleurs, Oak Street, Llangollen are celebrating their 10th year of successful trading in Llangollen. They would like to thank all their customers new and old for their support. They pride themselves in being able to meet customers requirements. They have the latest styles and designs, using fresh unusual flowers and also more traditional arrangements. Their flower supplies are delivered daily to guarantee fresh stock. They specialize in Wedding and Funeral work, home visits are available with Funeral work. They have produced work for the famous including international stars. They are an Interflora member so you can keep in touch with your love ones abroad. A delivery service is available to all local areas. For a friendly and

personal service visit the shop or you can place your orders over the phone as they accept most major cards. Tel: 01978 861 100

July 9, 1997



November 1998

CITIZENS ADVICE

BUREAU

Opening Times:

Llangollen:

Monday, Wednesday and

Friday 10.00 - 2.00

9 Oak Street, Llangollen,

Denbighshire. LL208NR

Tel: 01978 860983

Belles Fleurs Florist

24 April ·

We're closing!

No more bricks and mortar shop for Belles Fleurs Florist...We're going mobile and online!

Woohoo!

Last day Monday, 29 April 2019. We'll be open every day until then. Please don't expect any cut flowers though as only able to fill funeral orders this week.

We'd like to sell off as much existing stock as we can this week so it doesn't need to be packed and moved so please come in for a great deal or maybe even a job lot. Some photos to follow of things you might like for your home or shop.



In November 2019 the shop reopened as "Shop Around The Corner"

No 11 Oak Street/Ironmongers/Catholic Church



1930's



2010

1881

21 Oak Street

Robert Evans	Head	M 31(1850)	Master Carpenter	Llandegla
Elizabeth Evans	Wife	M 27(1854)	Carpenters Wife	Bryn Eglwys
William Thomas Evans	Son	S 5(1876)	Scholar	Connecticut,
John David Evans	Son	S 3(1878)	Scholar	Oswestry

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

ROBERT EVANS,
Wheelwright, &c.,
OAK STREET, LLANGOLLEN,

BEGS to return his sincere thanks to the Gentry, Farmers, Tradesmen, and the public at large, for the kind support they have given him since he has commenced business in this town, and to announce that he has secured more commodious Premises, and

HAS OPENED A BLACKSMITH'S SHOP.

Having secured the services of a competent and practical Smith, he is prepared to undertake all work in wood or iron entrusted to him, especially

PLOUGHS AND OTHER AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.

CARRIAGE MAKING AND REPAIRING.

By strict attention to business, R. E. hopes to merit a share of their support.

All orders done on the most reasonable terms.
Llangollen, May 27th. (1851)

17th July 1885

Robert Evans, a master carpenter, originally from Llandegla, is first recorded in Llangollen on the 1881 census. He was described as a master carpenter, living in Oak Street. In 1885 he branched out and opened a blacksmith's shop here. The business expanded and in 1886 he employed an assistant.

WANTED, a Strong Lad as an Apprentice to the SMITH TRADE; one used to the trade preferred. Apply—R. Evans, Oak Street, Llangollen. (2031)

By 1891 he had moved to Springfield on Castle Street, but maintained the business in Oak Street.

A LONG-FELT WANT SUPPLIED.

A NEW IRONMONGER'S SHOP

HAS BE OPENED BY

ROBERT EVANS & SON

IN

OAK STREET, LLANGOLLEN,

LAMPS! LAMPS!! LAMPS!!!

FINEST SHOW OF LAMPS EVER SEEN, AT GIVING-AWAY PRICES.

A Large Variety of ENAMELLED WARE, of A 1 Quality,
at Popular Prices.

BRUSHES! BRUSHES!!

BEST QUALITY MADE, FOR ALL KINDS OF WORK, AT PRICES
THAT WILL MAKE YOU WONDER HOW WE SELL AT SO LOW
A FIGURE.

OILS. Best Royal Daylight Lamp Oil, 8d. per gallon.
TURPENTINE & PAINT OILS.

READY-MIXED PAINTS in all Colours.

BUILDERS will be well catered for with a good selection of Ranges, &c.,
Down Spouts, Gutters, Nails, and everything else required for
Building and Repairing purposes.

CUTLERY, for Table and Pocket, by
the Best Sheffield Makers—all Warranted.

TIN WARE for every purpose.

10th December 1897

explosion which was heard fully half a mile away, causing crowds of people to flock into the town. The Llangollen Fire Brigade under the command of Capt. W P Williams and Lieut. T Davies was on the scene of the out-break within ten minutes of the alarm being given and rendered splendid service. By their efforts the fire was confined to the premises in Oak-street which are adjacent to other stores in which inflammable substances are stored and shortly before 3 o'clock the Brigade had the out-break in hand. Messrs Evans premises however were completely gutted, much valuable stock being destroyed. It is not, as yet, possible to estimate what the extent of the damage will be, but there is little doubt that it will approach £800. A remarkable feature of the fire is that, although a couple of large tanks of petroleum stood on the premises and were lapped by the flames they did not become ignited. Had they taken fire the consequences must have been more disastrous and it would have been all but impossible to save adjacent premises. The greatest praise is due to the Fire Brigade, experts stating that no metropolitan Fire Brigade could have done better or more effective service.

In 1897 the Oak Street premises became an ironmonger's shop, and the sons were shown as part of the business. However the family continued to live in Castle Street. As can be seen from the adjoining article there was an extensive range of goods available.

In March 1908 the shop was destroyed by fire.

March 6th 1908

Big Blaze at Llangollen Ironmonger's Store Guttet Special Descriptions A Visitor's Impression

Shortly after 2 o'clock Sunday morning an alarm of fire was given in Llangollen. The out-break occurred on the premises of Messrs R Evans & Sons, in Oak-street; a building lightly constructed with a corrugated iron roof, behind which is a hardware store reaching towards Bridge-street. The fire burned with great fury for upwards of an hour, and some half-hour after it was discovered there was a violent explosion of a quantity of inflammable matter stored on the premises. This consisted of cartridges, and the escaping gas also contributed to the force of the

Interview with Capt. W P Williams

Interviewed at Plas Hafod by our representative soon after the extinction of the fire Mr WP Williams, captain of the Llangollen Fire brigade, said that immediately the alarm was



raised the men under his command turned out with remarkable promptitude, in fact within ten minutes of the out-break being discovered they were on the scene and doing battle with the flames. Lieut. T Davies, who invariably plies the labouring oar on these occasions was particularly active and nothing could

possibly have exceeded the effectiveness of the arrangements which he made to arrest the progress of the fire. The out-break, however, was not an ordinary one, and he at once realized the necessity of containing it to the premises upon which it originated, it being apparent from the outset that at any rate the front portion of the lightly constructed building abutting upon Oak-street was doomed. The stiff breeze that blew at the time of the out-break, but gradually dropped, swept the flames in a threatening manner towards the houses on the opposite side of the street, the inmates of some of which hurriedly evacuated then for the time being. There was a plentiful supply of water and the proximity of the Fire Brigade Station to Oak-street enabled the men to get to work very rapidly; and by 3:50 they had the fire well under control, although members of the Brigade remained on the scene all Sunday and during the week have been in charge of the building for "the Royal" Insurance Company, with which the premises were insured. The

Company's agents have been busily engaged with the assistance of Messrs Evans in setting the remains in order with a view of arriving at a correct estimate of the extent of the damage. Of course, said Mr Williams, it is as yet impossible even to roughly estimate what this will amount



to, nor can I advance even a conjecture as to the probable cause of the out-break.

Mr Evans's Story

Interviewed by our representative Mr JD Evans of the firm of Messrs Evans & Sons said that the premises in Oak-street were closed as usual at 9 o'clock on Saturday night, when

everything appeared in regular order. Shortly after two o'clock his mother, with whom he and his brother Bertie reside at 'Springfield' in Castle-street aroused them and they hastily dressed and proceeded to ascertain the locality of the out-break of which the fire-bell, ringing loudly in the vicinity of their residence, warned them. Upon enquiring at the Fire Office they were astonished to hear that it was in Oak-street, and that Mrs Hughes, of the Voelas Temperance Hotel, situated next door to their stores, hearing crackling in the building had given the alarm, her husband at once rushing to ring the bell. They hurried to the scene, and at once rushed to the stables at the rear where a pony is housed and this they rescued, Mr Bertie Evans receiving injuries to his foot in the process. By this time the Brigade – of which Mr WT Evans, a third brother, is a leading member – arrived on the scene and commenced operations. Mr Evans giving the greatest assistance, and doing yeoman's service. Questioned as to the quantities of explosives kept in the store and reports of a mass of gunpowder exploding, Mr Evans said they only kept the quantity in stock that it was necessary for ironmongers to store for the convenience of their customers, although it was true that it was confined in an iron safe, this might account for the loudness of the explosion. They considered, however, that gas was chiefly responsible for the report and he stated, a rather remarkable fact was that the gas meter could nowhere be discovered, suggesting that it had been blown away somewhere. Another fact to which he alluded is that, although they had a good many cartridges on the premises some of which had exploded, parcels remained that had been unaffected in any way. A tank of inflammable oil had not become ignited, although the flames lapped all round it and it was a mercy that it had escaped. As to the existence of stores of inflammable materials all round the Oak-street stores he thought this was a great mistake – the nearest storage at Ty Coch would be forty yards away and the others were even further off. Of course the disaster was a very serious one for them; but in this connection the family desire most sincerely to thank the many kind friends who have made enquiries and proffered assistance to them in their difficulty. Mr Evans showed our representative the safe, manufactured by Messrs Walker and Worsey of Birmingham, in which the books of the firm were kept and although it reached a white heat in the flames the books inside of it are practically uninjured.

A Spectator's Description

A visitor to the town, who was also present at the fire writes: I was awakened early on Sunday morning by a loud explosion which shook the window of my bedroom about half a mile out of the town, and not far from the Vicarage. Hurriedly dressing myself I rushed out and found the sky brilliantly illuminated over the centre of the town. Hurrying down Grapes Hill, I met a group of females in dishabille and barefoot evidently in a state of panic. They informed me the whole town was on fire and that the inhabitants were flying to the hills. There appeared something San Franciscoesque about this, although corroborative details were given to their story by live cinders which were falling in showers over Aberadda Fields. In Oak-street I found the Fire Brigade playing upon the flames, which appeared to have got a good hold upon an ironmongers stores in which I was told that a quantity of powder and oil were stored. One of the firemen – an exceptionally tall and powerful man with a black beard – whose name I do not know, was working like a Trojan, and I may say that, although I have been present at the tackling of many London fires, I never saw a brigade working better. They deserve a big reward from someone for, unquestionably they saved the greater part of the town from being "wiped out".

A Tragic Sequel

Shortly after three o'clock there was a tragic sequel to the sensation caused by the out-break of the fire. Mr WP Evans of the firm of Messrs Evans & Edwards, Berwyn Stores, Llangollen who, when the alarm was given, had hastily dressed and hurried to the scene of the out-break, collapsed upon returning home and expired within a few minutes, the cause of death being heart disease. Mr Evans had taken a leading part in connection with the musical

arrangements for this year's National Eisteddfod at Llangollen, being secretary of the Committee, and was widely known as an organiser in connection with musical events in the district, being one of the leading movers to secure the al fresco concerts for Llangollen that were such a pronounced success last season. It appears that Mr Evans collapsed in the passage immediately after entering his residence, and his daughter who was upstairs with her mother who had been confined to her room for some weeks owing to illness heard sounds below but some little time elapsed before an alarm was given. Medical aid was summoned but death appears to have taken place within a few minutes. The sad event cast a deep gloom over the locality, and on Sunday evening a hastily summoned meeting of the Eisteddfod Choir was held at which a vote of deep sympathy with the relatives of the deceased was passed and it was decided to forward a wreath to be laid upon the grave at the public funeral.

3rd April 1908

PLANS APPROVED. Plans of shops proposed to be erected by Messrs. Evans and Sons, in Oak-street were submitted and disapproved inasmuch as they do not comply with the By-laws,

The shop was rebuilt by Mr J. O. Davies, Builder, Abbey Road in 1908. He presumed plans were submitted to the Council, as it was the usual practice, but there was later a dispute regarding the height of the blinds. A house was also built adjacent to the shop, called Oakdene, and the family moved here from Castle Street. Robert Evans died in 1919, but the business continued under his son, John David, and William Thomas moved to Liverpool, and Robert Henry (Bert) moved to Bolton..



Robert Evans Grave Fron Cemetery

1911 Census

Oak Street	Ironmongers showrooms	Unoccupied
178 Oak Street	Oakdene	Private House Mr. R. Evans 4 rooms
Robert Evans	Head M 61(1850)	Cycle Agent Llandegla
Elizabeth Evans	Wife M 58(1853)	Assistant in Business Bryneglwys
John David Evans	Son S 33(1878)	Ironmonger Oswestry
Robert Henry Evans	Son S 27(1884)	Auctioneer Assistant Llangollen

24th October 1919

The Late Mr. Robert Evans, Llangollen.

On Wednesday afternoon, Mr. Robert Evans, Oakdene, Llangollen, died at his residence in Oak-street, at the age of 68. Mr. Evans, who had been in failing health for several years, was a native of Llandegla, but spent a considerable portion of his younger days in the United States. Upon returning to England, he resided for some time at Oswestry, where members of his family were born, and was employed on the building extension work at the Grammar School. From Oswestry he removed to Llangollen upwards of twenty years ago, and established himself in business as a joiner and wheelwright, his enterprise subsequently

developing into the well-known Hardware stores in Oak-street. Mr Evans was a prominent member of the local Conservative party and Rehoboth CM Chapel. To his widow and three sons who survive him widespread sympathy is extended. His sons are Mr. W.T. Evans (Liverpool), Mr. J.D.Evans (Llangollen), and Mr. Bert Evans (Bolton).

10th February 1939

The Late Mr J D Evans

Llangollen Trader's Collapse after Operation on old Volunteer.

It is with profound regret that we record the death of Mr John David Evans of the firm of Messrs R Evans and son, Ironmongers, Oak Street, Llangollen. He died on Sunday within a few hours of returning from Chester Infirmary where he had been successfully operated upon a few days before. Born at Oswestry Mr Evans, who was 60 years of age came to reside in the town at an early age, and following a term of apprenticeship with the late Mr John Davies he was employed for a time at Bangor and Manchester. Mr Evans was at one time a Colour Sergeant in the old Volunteers and an originator of the May Day Festivities, a fact of which he was very proud. He also served for many years as a member of the local Fire Brigade.

Six months later Martha, John David Evans' widow had moved to Birch Hill, and David Roberts, the manager had moved into Oakdene.

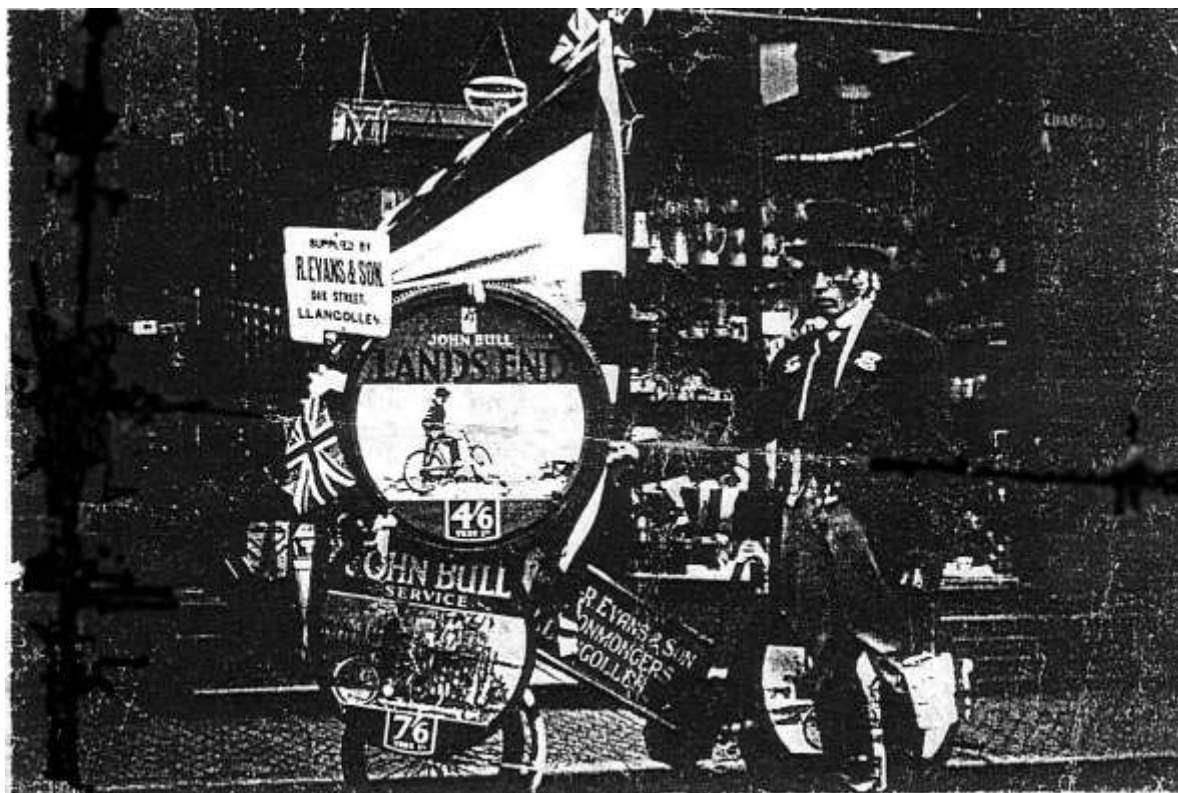
1939 Register

Oakdene 195

- 1, David Roberts b Aug 1898 M Manager Of Iron Mongers Heavy Worker
2. Annie G Roberts b 14 Apr 1891 M Unpaid Domestic Duties
3. Enid M Palmer b 14 May 1895 M Unpaid Domestic Duties
4. Isabella J M Palmer(Smith) b 01 Dec 1927 S At School

In 1948 Idwal Jones the manager at R Evans & Son, the business was later named Zan's Ironmongers, before closing in the late 1950's. The vacant property was bought by the Catholic Ecclesiastical Authorities, and being converted to a church.

An assistant at R Evans & sons in the 1930's was Joseph Wynn Hughes. One of his duties was to deliver Paraffin by bicycle. Inevitably he acquired the epithet "Joe Paraffin".



Before the war there were not sufficient Catholics in Llangollen to justify a local Church, so they used to go to Ruabon and after 1929, Chirk. Mass was sometimes celebrated at a number of venues, such as the Grapes Hotel, the Armoury, the Royal hotel etc. The requirement was a room large enough to seat at least 30-40 people, and most hotels could easily meet that requirement. In those days, as regards the licensing laws, Wales was still dry so there was no danger of alcohol being bought or consumed on premises on a Sunday in these hotels



There was an increase in numbers after the war, with some who had been evacuated here returning as a temporary measure a wooden church was built on the field adjacent to the footpath by Ysgol Dinas Bran

Work started in 1958 with Father Schwartz overseeing the conversion from shop to place of worship. Many worked on the

project, coming from Liverpool and the Wirral as well as



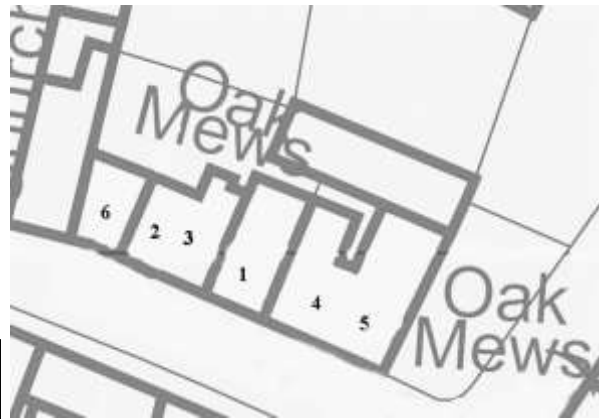
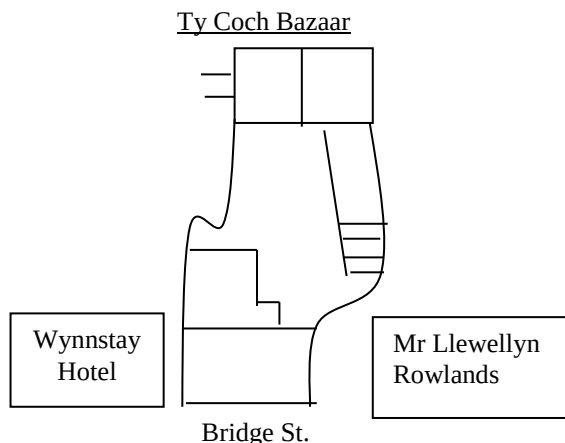
Llangollen, Over thirty men were involved over a period of three years and the



names of many of them are inscribed on the pulpit On 10th August 1961, Bishop Petit consecrated the church of the Holy Cross, named after Valle Crucis.

Oak Mews

1900 Plan



Present Numbering

There were buildings on this site from around 1774. They were originally out buildings for the Lion Inn on Bridge St, Now Gale's Wine Bar. By 1840 Ann Davies was running the property as a grocery provision shop. On her death in 1849 her younger brother Edward took over until his death in 1851, leaving his widow Jane and their three sons. In 1879 the building was sold to John Davies, who set up the Ironmonger's business, known as Ty coch.

The buildings on Oak Street were known as Ty Coch Bazaar, and numbered 15-22 at that time. The present numbering is as shown. They first recorded as such in the 1886 directory, they operated until about 1909, (John Davies died in 1897 but his will stipulated that the business continue until 1910, when his son Thomas Charles Davies sold the business.). In 1922 the Bridge Street premises was badly damaged by fire. During the restoration of those parts of the business the damaged stock was sold in the Oak St Bazaar.



Photo taken 1909

30th December 1910



12th May 1922

Fire at Llangollen

About two o'clock on Sunday morning it was found that the Ty Coch Ironmongery department was on fire. Immediate alarm was given, and the fire brigade with commendable rapidity were on the spot, and were in full working order in about five minutes. The fire had a firm hold, but it was soon got under. Considerable damage was done to the stock, but the spread to the paraffin and other oils was prevented. It appears that the fire was caused by the fusing of the electric light. It is estimated that the damage will run into four figures. As the street is very narrow,



the scene was very exciting. At the outset, several of the families residing near were in a state of great alarm. Possibly a similar scene never created such a sensation in the district. Some of the older inhabitants had such shocks, that they felt the result for days. The inhabitants had all retired and in sound sleep when the crash of the glass windows roused them in a fright.

After Thomas Charles had sold the Ty Coch business Oak Mews was vacant for a time, the part adjacent to Oakdene housed a clubroom for the unemployed in the 1930's.

6th June 1972

THE DUKE OF WINDSOR

As elsewhere throughout the land flags were flown at half-mast during the period of mourning for the Duke, who had been warmly welcomed on his Welsh tours when he was Prince of Wales. He came to Llangollen in May 1934 having stayed the previous night at Bodnant with Lord Aberconway, and was received at the A5 side of the Riverside Gardens by the late Mr R Llewelyn Hughes then Chairman of the Urban Council, who found him a lively conversationalist interested in every detail about the town. The Prince then visited the Clubroom for the Unemployed which was housed in the Ty Coch premises in Oak st (now Oak Mews) and also the other part of the Club in the old Congregational Chapel in Church St (now demolished) before proceeding to Rhosllannerchrugog to inspect other social projects. When he arrived at Riverside Gardens the then Head-boy of Llangollen County School, Ronald Morris, presented him with one of the more spectacular replies to the Children of Wales Goodwill message. It was from Yugoslavia.



George Horatio Crouch

George Horatio Crouch, a chef from Lancashire moved to Llangollen in the 1920's, and established the King's Café.

Horatio, who had been a chief chef with the RAF during WWI later moved to Southport in Lancashire. While the family were in Llangollen his daughter Ivy Violet Crouch married Edgar Victor Horspool in 1928, the reception was held in the King's Café

Interior of King's Café





Exterior of King's Café



By 1932 George Horatio Crouch had moved and Thomas Wycherley Chubb, of Castle Street had opened a confectionary shop here. His daughter, Priscilla Chubb opened the St Collen School of Dancing upstairs.



Priscilla Chubb

In 1937 the Post Office was temporally located here while the Berwyn Street premises were upgraded to hold a new telephone exchange. In 1938 the Post Office moved out, and Cefn & District Cooperative Society acquired the site, and on 12th December that year the shop opened.

Llangollen Chronicle Friday October 14th 1938

COOPERATIVE ENTERPRISE

New Premises to be opened out in Llangollen

Ready before Christmas

We are able to make the exclusive announcement that the Cefn & District Cooperative Society are to open new premises in the near future in Llangollen.

In a telephonic conversation this afternoon with Mr H Richardson the managing secretary we were informed that the society had purchased premises in Oak Street which were occupied recently by the Post Office during alterations to the Berwyn Street Offices.

It is the intention of the Cefn Cooperative Society to open departments of all their allied interests which will include drapery, footwear, furniture etc. Mr Richardson stated that work of alterations would be put in hand within a few days and that the new premises would be open to the public before Christmas.

The building was originally part of premises known as Ty Coch which were occupied by the late Mr John Davies, who carried on business as ironmonger and general dealer. He was survived by his two sons who continued in occupation for some time. When Mr TC Davies closed down the ironmongery business the premises remained vacant for a period before being opened as the King's Café by Mr Crouch. This venture terminated and the building was next occupied by Mr TW Chubb who conducted a confectionary business on the ground floor, whilst the upper rooms were occupied by Miss Chubb as a dancing academy. The Cefn Society was established in 1901 and today has branches at Penycae, Rhos, Trevor, Acrefair, Newbridge, Ponciau, Llangollen, Corwen and Cyngorfan.

In early 1970's the buildings were rebuilt as residential houses, called Oak Mews.

9th May 1972

WEDDING HOLT – PHILLIPS

On Saturday afternoon May 6th in the Parish Church, the marriage took place of Mr Alan Douglas Holt, son of Mrs G P Edwards and step-son of Mr.G.P Edwards of Johnstown, and Miss Patricia Anne Phillips, only daughter of Mr R.H B Phillips and the late Mrs. Hilda Phillips of Fronwen, Llangollen. .

The Vicar the Rev. J I Bees officiated and the organist was Mr Dilwyn Roberts.

The bride, given away by her father, wore a gown of white panne velvet trimmed with seed pearls and carried a bouquet of pink roses and lily of the valley. Her bridesmaids, Miss Sandra Davies and Miss Mair Benjamin wore gowns of African violet crepe trimmed with pale pink velvet and carried bouquets of pink daisies.

The groom's brother, Mr George Holt, was best man and the ushers were Mr. Robert G. Phillips, the bride's brother and Mr. Berwyn Edwards, cousin to the groom.

Ninety-six guests were entertained at the Reception at the Chain Bridge Hotel after which Mr & Mrs Holt left by car for a honeymoon tour. On their return they will reside at the newly-built Oak Mews, in Oak Street. Mr Halt is on the staff of Cuthberts' Seeds and his bride is an Occupational Therapist employed by the Denbighshire County Council.



6 Oak Mews/Llangollen Assembly Constituency Office



2009

In 1999 the Welsh Assembly was established, the local constituency was Clwyd South. The first AM was Karen Sinclair, elected on 3rd May 1999. On 16th June 2000 the labour party established Labour Llangollen Assembly Constituency Office here and applied for change of use from dwelling to office accommodation. When she stepped down in 2011 she was replaced by Ken Skates. The office was moved to the Malt house on Regent Street, and the building reverted to residential. In 2012 This building was converted from residential to office accommodation in February 2013 there was a retrospective application for change of use from office to residential.



2016

2/3 Oak Mews/Clwyd South Conservative Association/Gradient Foods/ Oak Street Books



2009



2015



2018



This property, formerly residential had beoame the Clwyd South Conservative Association Office, before 20019, but by 2015 it was converted to Gradient Foods, a café. In 2018 it became Oak Street Books, which later transferred to Castle Street.



In November James Roberts, Barbers opened a Llangollen branch here.

1 Oak Street Mews/Llangollen Print & Design/Heart of Oak/Vintage Rose

Like other buildings of Oak Mews was once a residential property by 1997 no 1 Oak Mews had become Llangollen Print & Design, however by 2003 it was Heart of Oak.

Llangollen News December 2003

Heart of Oak

Nestling in the centre of Oak Street this shop holds a large and varied stock. Run by Roslynnne Lumsden Heart of Oak specialises in Dolls Houses and miniature furniture and fittings for Dolls House. Also available are small people to ensure that each room inside these miniature homes is complete. The attention to detail is evident, items on sale include birthday cakes, tiny pots and pans and even a pile of ironing, all faithfully re-produced in one twelfth scale. A Collectors dream shop.



2009

There are a large number of other items in the shop, including traditional wooden toys, Russian Dolls, Disney Characters, jewellery boxes and rocking horses.

Together with her parents and brother, Roslynnne helps run the family business at the Ponderossa Café, gift shop and Restaurant on the Horseshoe Pass. She



2015

has been in business for nineteen years and lives in Llangollen.



In 2006 Mike's Market, a consultancy was upstairs here. In 2013 the shop had moved to 34 Castle Street, to be replaced by Vintage Rose a café, moved here from across the road.

Interior of Vintage Rose



4/5 Oak Mews

After the refurbishment the earliest occupant identified was Gwendoline Underwood in 1979. She had moved here sometime after the death of her husband, John William Underwood in 1974. He had lived in Llangollen since WWII, when he had moved here with Davies Brothers, later Deeside Broadhurst. Gwendoline became a councillor in 1979, by which time she was living at 5 Oak Mews. In 2008 another councillor, Adrian Mach gave his address as 4 Oak Mews.

9th May 1979 Council Election

Gwendoline M. Underwood 5, Oak Mews, Oak Street,

Mrs. Underwood has one married son & her late husband John William (7/5/17 – 10/7/74) was a Director of Deeside Broadhurst. She has lived in the town for over 30 years. A Past President of the Inner Wheel Club, Secretary Llango1len. Flower Arr. Soc.; Committee Member of Llan. Hosp. League of Friends Member of Eisteddfod Floral Comm.; Operatic Soc.; Church Fellowship & Llantysilio W.I.

June 2008

Adrian Mach, 4 Oak Mews, Oak Street, Llangollen, LL20 8NR 01978

In 2000 there was a café and art gallery here, known as Oriel



In December 2000 Pete's Bargains opened here, but the article implied that Oriel had moved across the road.

Christmas 2000

THE CHANGING FACE OF LLANGOLLEN

Oak Street, Llangollen has recently seen quite a few changes in its residents. A few months ago it was a side street off the main shopping thoroughfare, with not many attractions to appeal to visitors in Llangollen. All that is changing as businesses are beginning to see the benefit of being so close to Castle Street, and are setting up their shops in preparation for some well deserved custom. The first of the changes is the new face of Jades Hair & Beauty - rebuilt, reequipped and enlarged – it now boasts two storeys, with many more services available to clients than before.

New faces on the street were also welcomed as Pete's Bargain shop has taken the plunge and set up shop in Oak Mews after spending a few too many days out in the wind and rain on the local market.

Also Pooles electrical repairers have decided that Oak Street would suit them better, leaving Watkin & Williams to expand their shop into the available space left by Pooles. Jonkers East

have crossed the road and are now next door to Jacobs, Gallery) has also been introduced. This interesting new development in Llangollen should entice people to explore more of Llangollen than just Castle Street - Good luck to all in your businesses!

December 2005

PETE'S



2009

Pete's in Oak Street, is not just a shop, it is a meeting place. Customers visit the shop to buy some of the goods for sale, but also stop for a chat, about the weather, the season, the car parking situation or the state of the country.

Pete presides behind his counter, greeting everyone with a smile, clearly enjoys the social aspect of retailing as much as the selling.

The shop is full of bargains, from food items (Chocolates are a speciality at the moment with large bags at bargain prices) to Christmas cards. He sell cleaning materials, toiletries, stationery, pet foods, CDs, DVDs and even aspirin. There is an extensive variety of goods on the shelves.

The goods are sourced from warehouses in Nottingham, Manchester, Pete travels each week to buy, seeking good value branded items to sell in his shop. He buys ends of lines at

reasonable prices and passes on the savings to his customers. If a customer asks for a certain item Pete will get it if at all possible. "I buy what people ask for" he said, "and it seems to work".

Pete was a commercial manager and when he was made redundant he started his own business as a market trader, visiting markets throughout North Wales, including Llangollen. Being familiar with this area and because of his love of the countryside and walking, Pete decided to settle in Llangollen and took the shop in Oak Street when it became vacant and gave up travelling. He has gradually expanded, taking on the premises next door which has enabled him to stock even more items.

At present the shop looks very festive with many different types of Christmas decorations on offer, from a tiny battery operated fibre optic tree, to the fashionable illuminated twigs which will compliment a minimalist setting beautifully. He seems to have every type of artificial Christmas tree and there are boxes and boxes of lights, tree lights, outdoor lights, flashing lights, coloured lights and white lights, the range is very comprehensive. Christmas cards are very reasonable and there are several varieties, something to suit everyone at bargain prices.

A special service offered in the shop is dry cleaning, Pete is an agent for Star Cleaners.

In his spare time Pete enjoys photography, music and walking. Last year he was a director of the Fringe and still retains an interest in the festival. He supports local charities and is also keen to promote the Air Ambulance and the National Children's Home.

Although he lives in the Whitchurch are, Pete's business, friends and social life are in Llangollen. He loves Llangollen and spends most of his time in the town.

In 2018 Pete's Bargains closed down, to be replaced by Cellar Door



2016



Cellar Door Exterior



Interior

Winifred Price
Leonard Price

d 01/06/1970 bu 04/06/1970 age 62
d 11/04/1992 bu 15/04/1992 age 83

late Bull Hotel
7 The Mews, Oak St

Victoria House, (also 10 Chapel St)



On 1st May 1895 Elizabeth Parry sold the property on the corner of Chapel Street and Oak Street to Ellis Evans, Grocer, (formerly a Grocer at 12 Regent Street), he built the present structure in Ruabon red brick that subsequently became Victoria Stores and moved here 22nd March 1901. Ellis Evans retired about 1920, and moved to George Street..



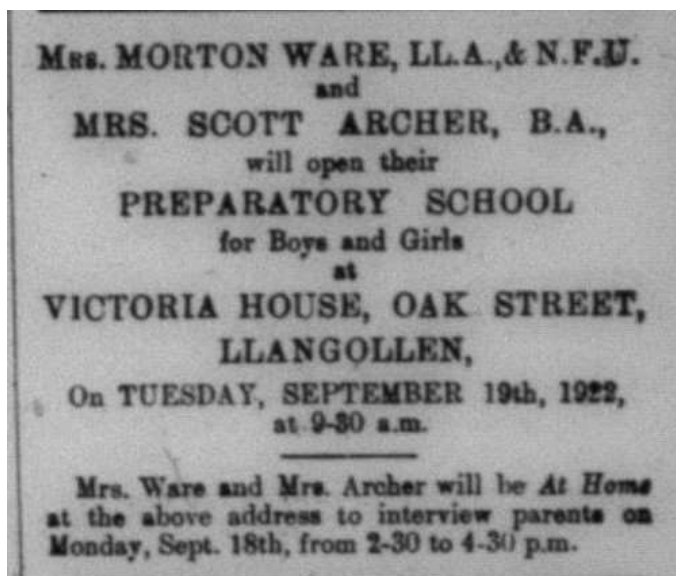
1911 Census Victoria Stores 10 rooms

Ellis Evans	Head	M 57(1854)	Grocer	Llangollen
Anne Evans	Wife	M 40(1871)	m9y, 5c, 5a	Penygroes, Caern
John Arthur Evans	Son	S 25(1886)	Groom	Llangollen
Edith Ann Jones	Dau	S 23(1888)	At Home	Llangollen
Lynda Caroline Evans	Sdau	S 16(1895)	Milliner Apprentice	Coedpoeth
Florence Emma Evans	Dau	S 8(1903)	School	Llangollen
Myfanwy Evans	Dau	S 6(1905)	School	Llangollen
Thomas Evans	Son	S 4(1907)	School	Llangollen
Gwilim Henry Evans	Son	S 3(1908)	School	Llangollen
Harold Wynn Evans	Son	S 11m(1910)		Llangollen
Sarah Lilly Davies	Serv	S 15(1896)	General Servant (domestic)	Cefn

22nd March 1901

The smaller, third window on Oak street formed part of Victoria House. Later occupied by Mr & Mrs Jones and their two daughters, Gwyneth and Mair.

In 1922 Mrs Ware & Mrs Scott Archer opened a preparatory school was established here .



In 23rd March 1929 it became a branch of Cefn Coop



29th March 1929

**CEFN & DISTRICT
CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.
Branch Shop Formally Opened at
Llangollen.**

Saturday last was a "red-letter" day in the history of Llangollen, the occasion being the opening of a branch shop of the Cefn and District Co-Operative Society at Victoria Stores, Oak Street. Long before the advertised time (3 o'clock) Chapel and Oak Street were thronged with people eager to witness the opening ceremony. The chair was taken by Mr. Davies, Penycae, president of the Cefn & District Co-Operative Society. In his opening speech he stated that they as members of the Cefn & District Society were proud of that day, as the ceremony that was about to be performed then was only the fulfilment of a pledge given at Llangollen at a public meeting some few years ago that a Co-



operative stores should be opened at Llangollen. Since that meeting the movement had been gradually growing, and today the promise made had been fulfilled. He was very pleased to

inform them that between £60 and £70 worth of goods were delivered in the town from the Trevor Branch. The Chirk & District Co-operative Society were also delivering. He could safely say that, between the two, close on £100 worth of goods were delivered weekly in the town. He hoped that the people of Llangollen would become members of that Society. He was very pleased to announce that they had amongst them that day one of the chief Directors of the C.W.S., Mr. A. Pickup, and he was sure the people of Llangollen would accord him a real Welsh reception.

Mr. A. Pickup, in a lengthy speech, gave details of the movement in connection with the C.W.S. in Lancashire, and alluded to the benefits derived from being a member of a Co-operative Society. Mr. Pickup also fully explained the benefits that all members received from the Insurance section connected with the C.W.S. In conclusion, he urged upon all present to become members, as the more members they got the greater were the benefits obtained.

Mr. Parrish, president of the Chirk Branch, in his address, stated that arrangements had been made that all members of the Chirk Branch would be transferred to the Cefn Branch at the end of April.

After further remarks had been made by the chairman, Mr. E. Williams, of Acrefair, spoke, and finally declared the Llangollen Branch of the Cefn & District Co-Operative Society opened. The door was then opened, and the interior was soon packed. The special parcels offered were soon cleared, and a good trade was done up to closing time, 6 p.m.

The Co-Op moved across the road in 1938, and the premises were put up for sale

7th April 1939

FOR SALE.—A Shop with vacant possession in good position in Oak Street, Llangollen, known as Victoria Stores. No reasonable offer refused. A house adjoins the shop which could be included in the sale.—Apply CEFN & DISTRICT CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY, Limited, High Street, Rhosymedre, Wrexham (Tel. Ruabon 111). If goodwill counts for anything, here it is.

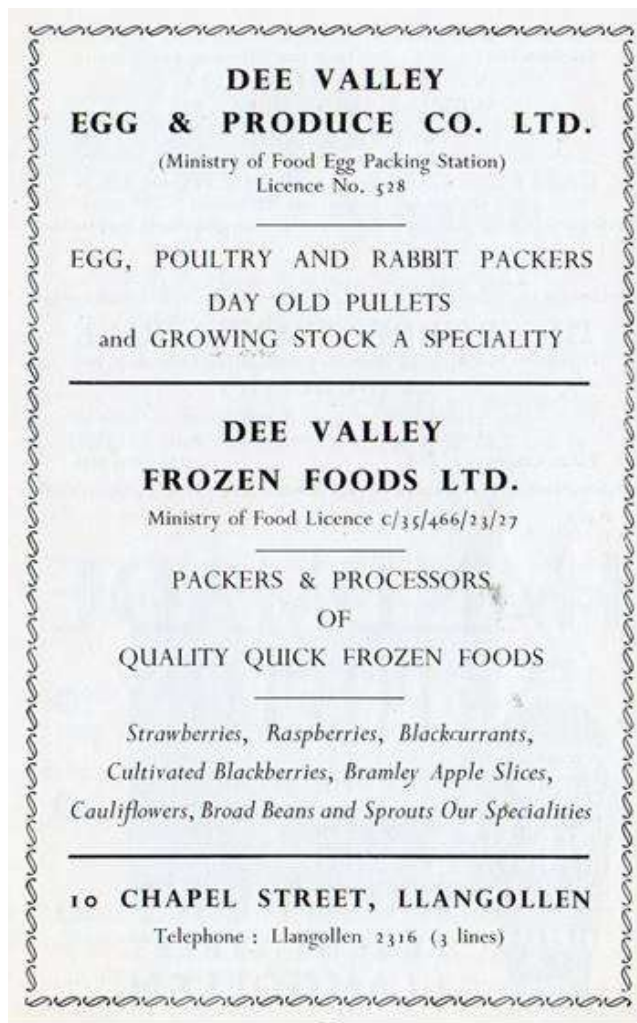
1939 Register

356 Victoria House

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| 1 Edith Jones | b 12 Dec 1890 M | Unpaid Domestic Duties |
| 2 John R Jones | b 15 Jan 1888 M | General Labourer |
| 3 Eluned Jones | b 19 Apr 1922 S | Shop Asst Drapery |
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After the war the premises became the home of Dee Valley Egg & Produce Co Ltd and Dee Valley Frozen Foods Ltd. Managed by Harold Bailey. They had developed a trade in frozen foods and the labour force rose to at least 70 men and women.

In the 1960's the Dee Valley Egg & Produce Co moved from Victoria Stores, to expand their business, and the business was sold to North Western Farmers in 1961, though Harold Bailey continued in management till 1967.



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variety of antiques in her shop. She stocks good quality furniture and has many delightful ceramic figures. Passers Buy specialises in antiques with a local interest. You will find many old prints of local scenes and often china printed with pictures of the Ladies of Llangollen or local buildings.

January 14th 1958

Plans were submitted by the Dee Valley Egg and Produce Co. Ltd. In respect of alterations to their Chapel Street premises. These were approved under Building Bye-Laws and referred to the Planning Authority. (At the G. P. Committee, Mr F. C. Ellis voted against and Messrs J. C. Roberts and J. R. Hayes abstained).

Dee Valley Frozen Foods were followed by Wales Gas Board, who moved here from Regent Street.

Since 1978 it has been Passers Bye Antiques



PASSERS BUY ANTIQUES

This shop is certainly an asset to the town. Selling good quality antiques, Passers Buy attracts customers from far and wide.

Before Marie Evans took over Passers Buy some twenty six years ago, she was already an antiques dealer and with her friend, travelled to Antique fairs throughout the country. They attended mainly three Day Fairs transporting their goods on a trailer. In those days Marie specialised in ceramics.

A very knowledgeable lady, Marie has a large



Marie is helped in the shop by Lisa Chennells who has been with her for twenty years. Lisa also has a very good knowledge of antiques.

Marie is a member of the Hanes-Llangollen-History, Llangollen Chamber of Trade and other local societies.

A popular figure in the antiques world, Marie regularly attends the larger Fairs to buy for her shop and to keep up to date with the latest interests.

Marie has lived in the Wrexham area all her life and knows Llangollen well. She has travelled many thousands of times over the Horseshoe Pass to open the shop and has had to turn back on several occasions when snow has blocked her way. Marie is married to Evan, and has two children and two grand children. Olivia, her granddaughter has started early as a collector, she already has several small boxes and collects small ceramic figures. Olivia also accompanies her grandmother to Viewing Days of forthcoming auctions. A teacher before she bought Passers Buy Marie has a passion for antiques and has no intention of retiring.

Llangollen News July 2005 The Toy Cupboard Re-Opens

Marie died in 2016, but the shop carries on.

12 - 14 Crown Reliance Saddlery/Castle Collectables

Awarded 9 First Prizes in Open Competition for Harness.



First Prize, Liverpool Exhibition, 1902, for High-Class Harness.

EDWARD HUGHES,
Saddlery, Harness, & Fancy Leather Goods Manufactory,
THE CROWN SADDLERY WORKS, LLANGOLLEN.

TESTIMONIAL FROM A LEADING NOTTINGHAM SADDLER.
"E. Hughes is the Best Practical Master Saddler I ever met—no better in England or Wales. Not one shop in a thousand, town or Country, turns out the quality of work."
(Signed) SAMPSON WHITE.

FROM A LEADING WHOLESALE HOUSE.
"Mr. Hughes, Llangollen. Dear Sir,—We thank you very much for copy of *Llangollen Advertiser* you have been good enough to send. Please accept our most sincere congratulations upon your attainment of so high an award at the Liverpool Exhibition. We had no idea that at the present day there was a Provincial Saddler who could undertake the making of an entire Set of Harness. Now we know there is. You will give us credit for being acquainted with perhaps as many Saddlers as any other house can be, but we do not know of one Saddler, except yourself, who is in the unique position of being entire master of the Harness making art. Again we congratulate you upon it and upon your well merited reward."

Good Old English Oak Bark Tanned
LEATHER only used.



Edward Hughes was a saddler, originally from Western Rhyn in Shropshire. He came to Llangollen in the early 1890s and set up shop in Bridge Street. In 1902, after his success at an exhibition in Liverpool, Edward Hughes moved to larger premises in Oak Street, known as the Crown Saddlery. He had an assistant Robert Owen, and his son Thomas also joined the business.

17th December 1915

Llangollen to-day is in the curious position of being without a saddler. At any rate, this is what I gather from the official returns, which show that Mr. Edward Hughes, of Oak-street, with his, son Tom and his assistant, Mr.

Bob Owen, have all joined the colours, with which Mr. Henry Evans, of Berwyn-street, and his assistant were already serving. That's how to do it No talk about being indispensable amongst Llangollen; saddlers. Leather and loyalty are, with them, synonymous terms. If farmers require anything in the line alluded to they must saddle their own mounts, for local talent is otherwise employed.

31st December 1915

We are pleased to hear that Mr. Edward Hughes, who has left his own "Mount," at Llangollen, to attend to other people's Mounts en route to the front has been appointed chief staff saddler at Woolwich. Mr. Hughes ranks as a commissioned officer, wears a distinctive khaki uniform, his duties being supervisional. From all accounts he is doing splendid service for King and County in his present position, and anticipates being shortly moved to another sphere of operations. Mr. Bob Owen (his assistant) and Mr. Tom Hughes (his son) having preceded him to the Continent.

E. HUGHES,
Late J. Gurn and Sons, Liverpool; Mackintosh & Law, Birmingham;
Farlow & Co., Ludlow (Manager); T. Hughes, Western Rhyn
(Manager); Royal A.S.C.; Saddlery Instructor, Woolwich.
Master Saddlers' Association Federation Representative for Central and North Wales.

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**SEAL, HELVETIA and BUCKSKIN HEDGING MITTENS
MANUFACTURER.**
HIGHEST PRICE PAID FOR GOOD HORSEHAIR AND MOLESKINS.

18th February 1916

Letters have been received from Inspector Edward. Hughes, controlling a saddlery department, in connection with the Government supply stores, at Seaforth Barracks, enclosing a photo, of the proprietor of the Crown Saddlery Works, Llangollen, in full regimentals. When the Germans are on the run towards Berlin, and our cavalry are in pursuit, then the good work Mr. Hughes is doing will be 6n evidence.

By 1917 Edward Hughes must have returned home, because:-

30th March 1917

Skates by the Hour **COMEDY OF THE COLD SNAP.**

Before his Honour Judge Moss, at the Llangollen County Court, on Tuesday, Edward Hughes, Crown Saddlery Stores, Oak-street, Llangollen, claimed 16s. from Greville Ruskin Clarke, Beechcroft. Llangollen, for the hire of a pair of skates,—Plaintiff said defendant called at his place of business and said that he desired to purchase a pair of skates, and he handed him half-a-dozen pairs and invited him to make a selection. He picked out a 4s. 6d. pair, but said he did not care to buy them outright. He would prefer to hire them. He asked how much he was prepared to pay per hour for them, and defendant replied I will give you 9d. and witness considered it “a deal.” Defendant then purchased four straps, two at 1s. and two at 1s. 4d. He did not return the skates, which he had on a Thursday, until the following Monday morning at 11-30. He then put them on the counter and threw down a shilling to pay for them, saying “I: take your 9d. out.” He declined to accept it; but since then he had written to defendant Stating that he would be pleased to withdraw the case if defendant would pay for the skates and costs. He could not possibly afford to pay rent and maintain a family and do business in this way.—Defendant said he could not understand how he owed the amount. He arranged to have the skates from plaintiff by the hour. He wore them for half- an-hour, but they were such disgusting skates he could do nothing with them. He paid 3s for them, and did not think they were worth half. He hired them .on Thursday with the intention of keeping them for another hour., but he kept them until Monday morning though he did not use them. It was an imposition that he should ask 1.6s. for them and td add on the straps he had already paid for. His Honour: If you hire anything for an hour you cannot expect to keep them a few days.— Plaintiff: I did not take the shilling; if he threw it on the counter it is there yet.—His Honour said he thought- if he gave judgment for 3s. 6d. he would do right. -Judgment accordingly.

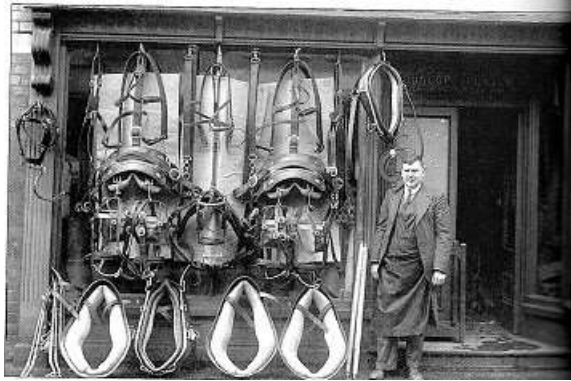
18th May 1917

SERVING IN FRANCE.—Sergt. T. Hughes, son of Mr. Edward Hughes, the Mount, sends home cheery letters from the front to his relatives at Llangollen. He is serving with the Machine Gun Section; and finds abundant opportunities as a saddler to render good service to King and country, being- one of those in charge of the harness and accoutrements of the company to which he is attached. In the early days of the war Mr. Edward Hughes was in charge of the saddlery department, and all that the term implies, in connection with the cavalry stationed on the South Coast; and was highly complimented by the officers of the troops which he served upon his distinguished service.

9th November 1917

IN HOSPITAL. News has just been received by Sergeant Saddler Ed. Hughes, Oak-street that his son, Saddler Tom Hughes, machine gun section, has been admitted to the Myrtle Street Hospital, Liverpool, suffering from trench fever, but we are informed is making steady progress.

After the war Edward and his son Tom Hughes carried on the business in Oak Street. Thomas died 8th December 1963, aged 65.



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Saddler Works

Thomas Hughes	b 27 Mar 1898M	Saddler House Cotton Maker Heavy Worker
Isabella Hughes	b 30 Oct 1893 M	Unpaid Domestic Duties
Audrey Mavis Lee	b 11 Feb 1933 S	At School

Between 1944 and 1978 it was a materials shop run by Mrs. Eileen Gaunt. In 1964, following the death of Thomas Hughes the property was advertised

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Telephone Llangollen 3275.
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Charles Richards & Sons,
Old Bank Buildings,

3rd March 1964

In 1978 it became a Bookshop then part of Jades, the hairdresser next door, until 2001. In 2002 it became Blossoms until 18/08/2004, when it sold for £115,000,

July 2004

BLOSSOM'S

By the time most of you read the July Issue of the Llangollen News, "Blossom's" of Oak Street will have closed. I feel sad at closing "Blossom's" but I am having to do it for personal/health reasons.

During the time I have been in Llangollen, I hope I have been able to provide a friendly and helpful service to both residents and visitors alike.

The "Star Dry Cleaning" Agency which I ran, has been taken on by "Pete's", Oak Street.

A very sincere "Thank you" to all my customers – many of whom have become good friends – who have supported me these past 18 months, particularly earlier this year when the A5 was closed. I would also like to thank everyone who has helped me in the shop. In particular, I would like to thank Mr Pete. Longlands for the advice and encouragement he gave me which enabled me to develop "Blossom's" into more than a dress agency.

To all businesses in the town, I wish you all a very successful summer season – with many more to follow.

"Blossom's" and I will miss you all.

Lynne Painter

On 25th November it opened as Four Seasons

January 2005

Four Seasons Tanning



Preparing for your holiday or just wanting to maintain the tan you came with, Four Seasons Tanning has just what you are looking for. This new Salon which has opened in Oak Street, Llangollen is already proving popular with local ladies and gentlemen.

The salon is equipped with the latest technology to help you maintain your tan. There is a choice of vertical cubicle, or tanning bed where you can lie and relax.

Each tanning bed or cubicle is in a private room, you control the machine and I am assured that providing you listen to the advice given by the staff tanning at Four Seasons is perfectly safe.

You will be asked to complete a questionnaire which will enable the staff to advise you on the length of time you should stay on the tanning bed or in the cubicle. Four Seasons Tanning is a member of the Sunbed Association which promotes safe tanning.

There are three part time members of staff employed at the salon. I spoke to Barbara and she told me that the facility is used mainly by local people, office staff needing a "top up" in their lunch hour, people jetting off to warmer climes on holiday and also those in need of a little boost during the dreary winter months. And at £3 for three minutes, it is a reasonable price to pay for a "pick me up".

The salon is owned by Alison and Nick Carmody. Alison works at Four Seasons during the weekends, during the week she works with children. Alison and her staff take great care to ensure that all clients are advised on the correct exposure time. The sunbeds are designed to provide a gradual tanning programme without burning., short periods are recommended. There are certain skin types which should not use a sun bed, and if you are on certain drugs you should not use the facility, but expert advice is given to all clients at Four Seasons Tanning.

The salon stocked "Dead Sea Spa Magik" products which are reasonably priced and very nice to use. Alison is having a special Demonstration Day on 8th January 2005, 10am – 6pm when a qualified beautician will advise on the right product for you.

Two years late in 2006 Slate which was part of Ochre, opened
November 2006.

NEW SHOP FOR OAK STREET

Following the success of their first shop, Ochre, which specialises in items for the home, Steve Fowles and Richard Warriner have opened Slate. A newly painted shop front, and a glimpse of a stylish interior attracts customers to this small shop in Oak Street.

Slate specialises in smart casual wear for the discerning customer. The range of clothing for men includes designers such as Diesel, DANIEL CHRISTIAN, Quicksilver and Armani. There is a comprehensive selection of jeans and Tee shirts complimented by jackets and more formal shirts. Ladies jeans and tee shirts are also on sale. Slate offers quality products at competitive prices.

Steve and Richard also stock toiletries in their new shop for both ladies and gentlemen. There is a large choice in the H2gO range, a British Company, which is proving very popular, especially attractive are the gift sets.

This was followed in 2008 by an antique shop, Castle Collectables. If you wander along Oak Street, a quaint offshoot of the main thoroughfare, then suddenly you will find yourself wandering into the past, a past full of Midwinter crockery, Beatles singles, Thunderbird toys (the original, not the money-grabbing revivals!) and Jackie mags. Much as we all love antiques shops, it's objects that we remember seeing or using that sometimes mean



the most, and this shop is bursting with them. Castle Collectables is a small shop with a big nostalgia kick, just the place to discover that extra special gift for the person who has everything. Not a shop to leave quickly!

Castle Collectables

Since then there have been a variety of occupants, Vintage Rose, a café which crossed over to the other side of Oak Street around 2013



2015



2018



2019

Several of these incarnations have been antique shop, the present one is an art gallery.

Monday, June 24, 2019

New Oak Street gallery has successful opening

The official opening of the new Oak Street Gallery in Llangollen on Saturday evening went very well, according to its owner.

Karl Young said: "It was a beautiful summer's evening, which helped because the crowd who came to the opening was able to extend out into the street.

"I want to thank everyone who came and made it a memorable evening."

The opening exhibition, which will run from Wednesday to Sunday until July 27, features a number of pictures by Karl who is an artist himself.



The Shippon/Jades

This property was part of the land bought by Samuel Roberts in 1858, and a shippon and stable with hay loft was erected. Later the site was used as a garage used by a fish, poultry and vegetable dealer, Mr Hayward, of Chapel Street.

17th May 1944 the shippon and stable with hay loft in Chapel Street Square were sold to Robert William Evans. 1st October 1947 Slaughter house sold to Dr Sybil Owen Edwards. The building was later converted, around 1980, to a hairdresser, Jades, and was rebuilt with a second storey in 2000.

A recollection by Trevor Roberts:-

As a pupil at Ysgol Dinas Brân, then the County School, my part time job after school was at Dodd & Co. 3, Chapel Street – now converted back to a private house. In those days it sold fish, poultry, fish and vegetables and the business was run by a Mr. & Mrs. Hayward, who had come from Oswestry to run the business in 1908. I had to take out orders each day after school and all day on Saturday, and during the holidays. My pay was 2 shillings per week.

Before the Second World War Mr Hayward had a “Clyno” car. This was an open 4 seater which had a canvas top, which could be pulled over for bad weather. I have been told that the makers of the “Clyno” car went bankrupt, as they were using too good a metal, which probably lasted too long, so were not selling many cars.

By the time I had returned from the forces in 1947, he had upgraded to a small “Singer” van for his business. My reason for mentioning these vehicles is that they were garaged on the site where the first Jades hairdressing salon was built. It was a low stone building with corrugated iron roof and a long sliding garage door facing the street. Despite a corner of the garage being bricked off, there was room for both these vehicles and two old belt driven motorbikes as well. Sometimes one could hear the sound of animals from the bricked off portion, so probably they were kept there before slaughtering next door.

June 2005

FOCUS ON BUSINESS – JADES

When Jades opened in Llangollen on 1st June 1980 Jean Evans was the owner, she started the salon in Llangollen with three stylists and one helper. The business has grown considerably over the past twenty five years and Jades now employs 18 members of staff and the premises have also expanded. Louise and Sue, took over from Jean their Mother fourteen years ago and have developed the salon from a small hairdressers to a modern, stylish, hair and beauty salon.



Louise started in the hairdressing business 23 years ago, working with her Mother in Llangollen, she also attended college and eventually became a qualified stylist. Sue joined the firm 19 years ago and followed a similar path. The girls work well together, “we did not get on very well when we were younger, but now our ideas are the same and we have a very good relationship” said Sue.



Several members of the staff at Jades have been there for many years. Julie has been there for 21 years and Paula has been with the salon for 16 years. Both are now managers. Their staff are loyal and the atmosphere is friendly and warm. At present they have a student from Spain gaining experience of working in Wales, this arrangement was organised by ETARC.

Jades will be celebrating throughout the month of June, with champagne cakes and nibbles for their customers. There are several special offers on colour, tanning, manicures pedicures, leg waxing and facials. The girls insist upon a high standard of customer care and value for money.

The salon employs two qualified beauticians, it is a swiftly growing part of the business. "Clients now come for half a day for top to toe grooming, including pedicures, facials, waxing and tanning" said Louise.

When I first started hairdressing our clients often came in just for a cut, possibly with a blow dry, now they have the "whole works". At present there are two trainees at Jades. They will have a two year training period in the salon which includes days at college. Once qualified, it takes a further two years experience before they can be classed as stylists.

Louise and Sue work together very well and of course have many family gatherings together, their interests however are different. Sue told me it was her ambition to be on "Hells Kitchen" she loves entertaining and cooking for family and friends. Louise is a self-confessed "shopaholic" and she enjoys eating out. Both girls enjoy nights out with their friends and families are very important to them. Louise has two boys, Ross and Jack and Sue has a boy Daniel and a daughter Hanna.

Both owners and staff attend courses to keep up to date with the latest trends. Louise feels it is very important to offer a good and efficient service, it is also vital to keep informed of the



latest advances in hairstyling and beauty treatments. Our clients are very important to us she stated. Many clients have been going to Jades for twenty five years, they come from a wider area with some coming from Chester and many from the Oswestry area.

Photographs

Above top - four of the girls in Reception

Centre - Sue with a client

Left - Louise (second from the left) with three members of staff.

You may wonder where the name came from- this is the answer – Jean And Dave Evans.
Congratulations to Jades on their Silver Jubilee!



August 2015

BUSINESS CELEBRATES 35 YEARS IN LLANGOLLEN

"We are celebrating 35 years of business in Llangollen. it has been a great pleasure taking care of you over the years

The growth we've experienced is because of customers like you, who faithfully support our business. We appreciate you and we'll do our best to continue to give you the kind of service you deserve. Thank you"

This is the message sent to their customers by Louise and Sue the proprietors of Jades Hair and Beauty on their 35th anniversary. Although the story starts before then. When Jean(their Mother) first came to Wales she started her hairdressing business in FroncysyUte, but soon moved to premises in Oak Street, Llangollen, starting with 3 stylists and Dot, who helped with everything, calling her business Jades Hair Fashions(JADES being an acronym of Jean And Dave Evans). Joined by her daughters, Louise in 1982 and Sue in 1986, the salon flourished and several years later a beauty department was set up - Jades Hair and Beauty. Now with 23 members of staff, Louise and Sue offer a comprehensive service. They don't rest on their laurels, both are constantly updating their skills by attending courses and regularly have specialist stylists at the salon to carry out in house staff training. Erik Lander, British Hairdresser the Year has visited recently to head a, workshop.

Jades is constantly updating both their products and their skills in hairstyling and beauty treatments. They specialise in weddings and proms, and Louise can claim Leslie Garrett as one of her clients - she styled her hair before singing at the Eisteddfod.

Jades is also a training salon, in conjunction with Dinas Bran school they have offered qualifications to NVQ level. They have also had students from ECTARC. Three members of



staff are currently qualified to train and assess.

Many of their staff have been with them for a number of years, Julie Davies, their longest serving member with 31 years at Jades and Chris for 27.

Louise and Sue are both community minded and like to support different charities by holding special events, such as Hair Shows and organising a "Pink Week", when several clients had their



hair dyed pink, they even organised a charity "bead shaving" event! Recently their staff, family and friends invited several pensioners to a meal and bingo at the Community Centre, Pengwern. Louise and Sue's interest in charity was fostered by their Mother's example, Jean has for many years been an active member of the Twenty Club and the Operatic Society and helps with the hair in most productions.

Congratulations on attaining this special milestone.

Pictured are Sue and Louise with their Mother Jean (in the centre)

Daily Post 1st May 2017

A salon plunged into chaos after a car ploughed into it just two weeks after refurbishment has fully re-opened its doors.

Finishing touches had just been put to the ground floor of Jade's Hair on Oak Street in Llangollen ahead of the busy Christmas period last year, when the disaster struck causing major structural damage.

Owners and sisters, Louise Wilson and Sue Davies managed

to run the salon with builders on site, but had to go back to the drawing board and restart another refurbishment programme. Their shop had to be underpinned and covered in hoarding while repairs were made.

The salon after the car ploughed into the building



Making the best of a bad situation, the siblings decided to bring the second phase of their plans forward and revamp the first floor beauty rooms with nail bars and make-up stations at the same time as the structural repairs, all the while continuing to accept customers.

Four months on and work at the well-established hair salon has been completed.



Louise said: "Our dedicated staff were relying on us to keep our nerve and make the best out of the situation.

"It was certainly far from ideal but we are not quitters and we were heading towards one of our busiest trading periods in the run up to Christmas.

Gwalia Terrace



These houses were built about 1895/6 for Elizabeth Parry who owned the land. It is possible that it was with money that came from sale of corner plot to Ellis Evans.

14th June 1895

I have to present plans of proposed cottages to be erected in Oak-street for Mrs. Parry. The plans show the attics deficient in head room, but, having a dormer window and a window at the back, I think a thorough ventilation is secured, and therefore this might in this case be allowed. The drains shown will not serve the basement, but if any ground water occurs, the drainage may easily be carried into the Castle-street sewer, otherwise the drainage shown will amply suffice for the requirements.

NEW COTTAGES IN OAK STREET. The plans of four houses to be erected by Mrs. Parry in Oak-street were examined and finally approved of.

1 Gwalia Terrace



1901 Census

1 Gwalia Terrace

Samuel Roberts Parry	Head	M	31(1870)	Sorting Clerk & Telephonist	Llangollen
Annie Parry	Wife	M	31(1870)		Llangadfan. Mont
Gwladys M R Parry	Dau	S	2(1899)		Llangollen

1911 Census

185 Oak Street 1 Gwalia Terrace Private House Mr. S. Parry 5rooms

Samuel Roberts Parry	Head	M	41(1870)	Sorting Clerk & Telegraphist	Llangollen
Annie Parry	Wife	M	41(1870)	Nil	Llangadfan, Mont
Gwladys May Roberts Parry	Dau	S	12(1899)	School	Llangollen
Elizabeth Jane Parry	Dau	S	7(1904)	School	Llangollen
Maldwyn Lewis Parry	Son	S	5(1906)	School	Llangollen

1939 Register

1 Gwalia Terrace

1. Annie Parryb, 03 Jul 1869, W Housewife Domestic Service
2. Elizabeth J Parry b, 14 Jul 1903, S Certificated Mistress
3. Gwladys V Jones b, 03 Nov 1898, M Housewife Domestic Service

The property was first mentioned in 1897, when it was occupied by the Tomkins Family

3rdcSeptember 1897

CHIMNEY FIRING. Grace Tomkins, Gwalia-terrace, Oak-street, R. Lloyd, Greenfield-terrace, and W. Jones, were charged with firing their chimneys during the day- time.—Mr. Foulkes-Jones informed the bench that it was a dangerous practice. It was very annoying to the inhabitants to have to inhale the smoke, and see the dust and soot perch on them.—The bench fined the two former defendants 9s. 6d. each including costs, and the latter 8s. 6d. including costs.

Samuel Roberts Parry had moved in by 1901, and SR Roberts' daughter Gwladys was born there. In 1902 Samuel Roberts, was a post office clerk and telephonist, he received 1 & 2 Gwalia Terrace in his mother, Elizabeth Parry's will, (he was living in No 1 at this time). He died 17th March 1932, survived by his wife and daughters. On 4th February 1976 Gwladys May Parry, daughter of Samuel Roberts Parry, died (intestate) leaving her share in the properties, 1 Gwalia to her husband Walter Vaughan Jones. On his death in 1978 the property passed to

Elizabeth Jane Parry, sister of Gwladys. Elizabeth Jane died on 29th August 1992 in 1 Gwalia Terrace.

Jeff & Sylvia Jacobs established their Electrical business here having moved from from Plas Isaf Bryn Howell in mid 1990's. In 2000 became Poole's Radio, who had moved here from Berwyn Street by April 2005 Poole's had moved across the road and the shop had become Ochre which sold china, ceramics etc. had moved in. It later became a whole Food Cooperative, then Fizziwiggs a traditional sweet shop, then Gwalia Ceramics.

Llangollen News November 2005

FOCUS ON BUSINESS OCHRE



It was a day out to visit the Horseshoe Pass that brought Stephen Fowles and Richard Warringer to Llangollen.

Stephen had lived in Llangollen some twenty years ago and was showing the area to Richard



when they saw an empty shop on Oak Street and decided there and then to open Ochre and settle in Llangollen.

They had been running a sandwich bar in Manchester, but wanted a change and slower pace of life. Llangollen suits them well, both Richard and Stephen love to walk in their spare time and are enjoying the beauty of the area. They have found Llangollen to be a very friendly town.



The focus for their shop is the earth and all things natural, they stock many items in wood, slate, glass and ceramic. They have beautiful carved birds which are Fair Trade items. The environment and natural products are important to Richard and Stephen, each item in the shop must fit in.



The range of goods in this small shop is vast, they have furniture, mirrors, fireplaces and surrounds, lanterns, candle holders, sconces and a large selection of ceramics. Ochre stocks a selection of kitchen ware from the Ovation range which is proving popular with local people. Many people come in each week or month and buy one piece to build up their collection.

Ochre offers several services, including a Wedding List service with a complimentary voucher for the Bride and Groom. They recently attended a Bridal Fayre at Bryn Howel Hotel.



They also sell gifts for weddings such as special cuff links for the best man and ushers. Ochre will also source items for customers, they are building up a large network of specialist suppliers and have access to a comprehensive range of goods, just ask, they will be only too pleased to help you find just what you are



looking for. Looking for that special gift or wedding present you will probably find just what you want at Ochre. Their price range from £3 for a small "thank you" gift to hundreds of pounds for a suite of furniture.

At the moment with the build up to Christmas becoming evident in shops, Ochre has a selection of Christmas ornaments, all very different (I especially liked the "fallen" angel).

You may find just the card you are looking for at Ochre, their card selection is very different.

Sourcing stock for the shop does not leave the owners of Ochre much time to pursue their interests in Steam Trains and Canal Boats, but they do make occasional visits to the Theatre and cinema.

Richard and Stephen obviously love their shop and like their customers, do look in when you are passing.

Llangollen News May 2007

SHOP TO CLOSE IN OAK STREET

Although Ochre the shop on Oak Street will be closing shortly Richard and Steve will be carrying on with their "Ochre Llangollen@ Home and Work".

Ochre Llangollen will be operating a mobile gift and clothes service in people's own homes and workplaces. The host of each party receives a free gift for hosting the event. They are looking at expanding further out of Llangollen to the whole of Denbighshire. Richard and Steve will be moving back into house renovations, following 3 years of doing this together in Manchester. They will be offering decorating, odd jobs and gardening service for people 7 days a week. Steve has already been working since January doing this and enquiries can be made on their usual number. Their details will continue to appear in the Llangollen News.

They will continue to live in Llangollen and have not made the decision lightly to close the shop. Richard said that "Over the past 28 months we have made some lovely friends and will miss everyone who had supported us- we say a big thank you! We will continue to operate our website, attend local and national events such as home and garden shows and will still see people around. We will now hopefully find time to explore Denbighshire and the rest of Wales – and do our bit in promoting Llangollen.

They also express concern over the increase in business rates, loss of rural rate relief and the major issue of residents and visitor parking in Llangollen – "we feel the time is now right for the whole of the business community and residents to make their concerns known to Town Councillors and Denbighshire County Council in the next elections".

We are sorry to see Ochre close and offer best wishes to Richard and Steve for the future.

Llangollen News August 2007

NEW VENTURE IN OAK STREET



A group of people have joined together to open a shop in Oak Street selling "an ethically sourced mixture of wholefoods (including organic), Fairtrade goods, locally produced (where possible) and to provide a community based service." In addition to selling food items there will be a community notice board where items can be advertised for "freecycling". The Llangollen

**Wholefood
Cyflawnfwyd**

**Co-operative/
Cydweithredol.**

Llangollen. Will open its doors on Tuesday 7th August. The group already have much of the shelving, fridges and cold cabinets installed and will be stocking the shelves shortly.

There are eleven members of the Co-operative with several additional investors. They hope it will be a truly community based venture and would welcome other like minded people who would like to become involved. Pop in the shop if you are interested.

Although in their infancy the group are very professional, they have decided on their aims and objectives and are looking carefully into the business and legal side of running a Co-operative.

The people of Llangollen will I am sure welcome this facility as an expansion to retail in the town and with the growing interest in food and healthy eating, a shop selling wholefoods, organic items and locally sourced foods will be a great asset.

We wish the group every success in their new venture.

2014 A beautiful and unique traditional sweet shop. Hundreds of varieties of weigh sweets, sugar free, retro favourites and American goodies all at very reasonable prices and service with a smile from the owners Gareth and Nicky.

October 2007

GOING LOCO OR THE PLIGHT OF THE HONEYBEE

It all started with a customer request for local honey. Being gently chided for not having any



local honey - after said customer had scanned the Fairtrade honeys currently in stock - we buzzed into action. Quite right, we agreed - and explained we hoped to stock from a local supplier tout sweet (sic) -fingers crossed .

Said customer and said shop assistant (me) hadn't fully appreciated the fact that our honeybees have been fairly starved this past "summer" and - to put it simply - the pot is one tenth full - according to John Tayler, the Secretary of the Welsh Beekeepers Association, whom we immediately consulted.

He was off down the garden tending the hives and his wife explained "Our Welsh honeys are considered connoisseur" - with a hint of intrigue – "and are highly sought after. The bees

feed on our wonderful flora and the Welsh Keepers don't top up with rapeseed like some."

So the hunt was on - first making a bee-line to our own Gill the Herb and Glyn the Honey but not much honey yet – "We've lost our Queen" intoned Gill gravely when we called to seek advice at the Country Market "and the bees go all funny when they have their routine disrupted. Probably later on in the month".

On to Corwen where we heard whispers of wonderful heather & herb honey from the pampered bees of Beryl Reynolds the South Clwyd Beekeepers Secretary. She has put in a request in their Society Newsletter for any Keeper with honey to please contact Llangollen Wholefood Cooperative. Meanwhile we procure one precious jar of her honey which has promptly flown off the shelf.

On to a secret location where discussions are ongoing with a Keeper there (shhhhhh) On to the Conway Honey Festival (700 years old would you believe?) sold out, sold out, sold out - 'tis a cunning ruse, we muse, perhaps they simply don't have any and have come to enjoy a day out flaunting surreal knitted honeybees on surreal yellow hats, sitting in the sunshine amid tables a-flutter with cartoon honeybee patterned cloths, mellifluously droning "oh how wonderful to be{e} "

On to Marford where a friend has beautiful honey from his bees at the old Mill but " 't's been a complete disaster this year - I've none but I know a man who has" wouldn't you just know his name turns out to be Hannaby – "Honey Bee !" exclaims one of us incredulously - thinking it a quite delightful happenstance.

So we have runny and set, one pound and half pound jars from the dirigible Marford honeybees who have somehow found nectar this "summer".

Any more requests anyone? Bring them on!

Meanwhile - for a lovely customer who asks re fresh fish - not yet, but we have scrumptious Cornish sardines in beautiful heritage tins – and wonderful award-winning omega 3 oils from Anglesey - pop in and see.

Currently sourcing: Irish soda bread, Aloe Vera Drinks, Lady Grey Tea, Natural Hair dye, Lavender Chocolate, Peasemeal, (pease porridge hot, pease porridge cold) etc. etc. etc .

What a lovely mix of people live in Llangollen! Your Llangollen Wholefood Cooperative

November 2013

WHOLEFOOD SHOP

At the end of October Llangollen Whole food Co-operative will be closing its doors. The shop opened in 2007 when a group of local people came together to put in money and time to start the business. However, despite some really loyal customers. Trading through the recession has become increasingly difficult.

For the last four years the shop has been run on a part voluntary basis, but the marketplace has also changed considerably to the point where the shop is no longer viable.

We've had some great local produce including Elwyn's wonderful eggs, Temptations cakes and honey from our local beekeepers Mr Hannaby and Mr Edwards. Sadly Elwyn's eggs will no longer be available, as he has taken the decision to scale back with our closure and sell most of his hens. We are hoping Porter's will take on our honey and also the much loved local Pimhill oats.

Frances and Catherine and all the other members of the co-op would like to thank all our customers. I will miss the contact that a small shop brings with all sorts of people.

I have enjoyed many interesting conversations over the counter; from tales of nursing in the war, to UFOs, stonies about teaching in rural primary schools in an era pre national curriculum and memories of exhibiting at the Royal Academy. We even had one customer who rang up to report on his wife's contractions before realising he had dialled the wrong number! What we need to do now, however, is to sell off as much stock as possible. Many of our lines are dried goods. Like herbs and spices, nuts and dried fruits. One last show or support to help us clear our shelves would be much appreciated!

The shelves and all other fittings will also be sold, so if you want to organise your workshop or garage, we could have just what you need. Finally many thanks to Andrew who arrived as a customer and has put many hours into the shop.

Catherine Veasey

As a footnote: if there is anyone reading this who is interested in starting a similar venture at some point in the future, I would of course be happy to share our experiences.

I can be contacted on skygull@mypostoffice.co.uk



Fizziwiigs, a traditional sweetshop was here for several years, before moving to Castle Street

GWALIA CONTEMPORARY STUDIO CERAMICS

We sell beautiful contemporary ceramics, that have been handmade here in the UK

Interior Gwalia Ceramics.

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2 Gwalia Terrace (Arran House)

In 1902 Samuel Roberts Parry inherited 1 & 2 Gwalia Terrace (he was living in No 1 at this time) from Elizabeth Parry's will. He died 17th March 1932, and was survived by his wife and daughters. On 4th February 1976 Gwladys May Parry, daughter of Samuel Roberts Parry, died (intestate) leaving her share in the properties, 1 Gwalia to her husband Walter Vaughan Jones. On his death in 1978 the property passed to Elizabeth Jane Parry, sister of Gwladys. Arran House (2 Gwalia Terrace) was sold to Betty Winston Jones on 15th May 1986, who died in 1997. Arran house was on the market April 1998 for £55,000 and £44,950 in September.

Occupants from 1897 to 1901 William Williams, a solicitors clerk, and his family, but by 1906 Arthur Horspool and his family were in occupation, they were still there in 1908. In 1912 the property was occupied by a William Evans who was still there in 1930. By 1939 James Dixon Pycoft an auxiliary postman, formerly from Lancashire was living here died here aged 64 in 1949 (Buried St John's 21st Feb) and his wife Mary Elizabeth died in 1956. – there is no gravestone.

1901 Census

2 Gwalia Terrace

William Williams	Head	M	37(1864)	Solicitor's Clerk	Dolgelly
Elizabeth Williams	Wife	M	31(1870)		Dolgelly
Idris Ll Williams	Son	S	6(1895)		Llangollen
Blodwen M Williams	Dau	S	3(1898)		Llangollen
John Thomas Griffiths	Board	S	26(1875)	Solicitor's Clerk	Llangurig Mont

1911 Census

184 Oak Street	2 Gwalia Terrace	Private House	Mr. W. Evans	5 rooms
William Evans	Head	M	37(1874)	Assurance Agent Dolgellau
Mary Ellen Evans	Wife	M	37(1874)	Housewife Ruabon

1939 Register

2 Arran House

James D Pycroft	b 04 Feb 1885	M	Auxiliary Postman
Mary E Pycroft	b 25 Jan 1886	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties
Sarah A Jones	b 16 May 1914,	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties
James F R McDougall	b 13 Apr 1938		Under School Age

2, Gwalia Terrace, Llangollen, Denbighshire LL20 8NS

Terraced house, Freehold, 3 Beds, 1 Bath, 2 Recepts

£115,000	Terraced, Freehold, Residential	30 Sep 2005
£75,000	Terraced, Freehold, Residential	21 May 2003
£37,000	Terraced, Freehold, Residential	28 Apr 1999

3 Gwalia Terrace

3 Gwalia Terrace (Grafton House)

Bequeathed to Francis Parry in 1902 and later Connie Parry. On 9th August 1957 Grafton House (3 Gwalia Terrace) was sold to Geraint Carey Roberts. Occupants include 1897 Enoch R Edwards, a rural postman but by 1908 a Mrs David Jones was there. By 1930 Idwel Jones had moved. On 17th February 1944 John Ernest Davies died there aged 62. He had been a long time employee of the Post Office, and was awarded a certificate of merit in September 1941 to mark 47 years service, having started in June 1894. The house was later bought from Geraint Carey Roberts for staff accommodation by Barclays Bank. When around 1960 it was no longer required it was acquired by Mrs Lillian Jones, who had recently retired from running a successful Bed and Breakfast at Riversdale, Abbey Road. She, and her daughter Mair Jones, lived there until her death in 1993. A subsequent owner advertised it for sale at £73, 000 April 2002.

1901 Census

3 Gwalia Terrace

Thomas Evans	Head	M	26(1875)	Traveller in Scotch & draper	Glyntrawin
Sarah J Evans	Wife	M	24(1877)		Froncysyllte
Mary J Williams	Vis	S	21(1880)		Flint

Gwalia Terrace

Enoch R Edwards	Head	67/abt 1834	Rural Postman	Minera
Ann Edwards	Wife	70/abt 1831		Festiniog
Phebe Pugh	Niece	18/abt 1883		Caerwys
Henry Williams	Boarder	22/abt 1879	Insurance agent	Llanshaidd

1911 Census

183 Oak Street	3 Gwalia Terrace	Private House Mr. D.D. Jones 5 rooms
David D Jones	Head M 38(1873)	Insurance Agent (Refuge) Penmachno, Caern
Elizabeth Jane Jones	Wife M 36(1875)	House Duties Llanwdyn, Mont
William Ernest Jones	Son S 11(1900)	School Penmachno
Nesta Nellie Jones	Dau S 5(1906)	School Blaenau Ffestiniog
Dora Jones	Dau S 1(1910)	Llangollen
Hugh Jones	Board S 21(1890)	Bank Clerk Maentwrog, Merio

1939 Register

203 -3 Grafton House

John E Davies	b 10 Jun 1881 M	Postman
Elizabeth Davies	b 05 Mar 1881 M	Unpaid Domestic Duties
Mary B Davies(Pritchard)	b 29 Aug 1914	S Elementary School Teacher
Arthur L Davies	b 12 Aug 1923 Male	Plumbers Apprentice Single 203 4
Gwladys Evans (Thomas)	b 26 Jul 1920 Female	Shop Assistant Sweep Story Single 203 5

3, Gwalia Terrace, Llangollen, Denbighshire LL20 8NS

£70,000 Terraced, Freehold, Residential 24 Oct 2002

Property features

Three storey inter terraced house
 Entrance hall, lounge, dining room
 Kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom
 Gas central heating
 Unfurnished

Property description

A three storey Inter Terraced House which comprises an Entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms and a bathroom. Has gas central heating throughout and is unfurnished.

Llangollen Chronicle 25th February 1944

The Late Mr J E Davies

The Funeral of Mr J Ernest Davies (62) of Grafton House, Oak Street Llangollen.

The late Mr Davies before his retirement about three years ago was in the employ of the General Post Office at Llangollen where he had given long and faithful service, and was held in high esteem by the staff. He was awarded the long service medal in May 1937 and was also the recipient of His Majesty the King's Coronation Medal. He was also a member of the Town Band and the Riverside Bowling Club. Much sympathy is expressed with his family in their sorrow.

April 19, 1966

THE LATE MRS M. E. WILLIAMS, Vivod

The death occurred peacefully, early on Tuesday morning, March 29, at Grafton House, the home of her daughter, Mrs L. Jones, of Mrs Mary Elizabeth Williams, of Vivod Lodge.

A native of Groeslon, Caernarvon, she came to reside at Froncysyllte when her father, the Rev. T. Morris was inducted minister of Carmel, Froncysyllte and Noddfa, Garth churches. Here she married Mr John Alun Williams of Rose Cottage, and amongst her many other activities was a founder member of Froncysyllte W.I. ;After the death of her husband, she made her home with her younger daughter and her son-in-law, Mr and Mrs Idris Jones at Vivod Lodge.

Though reserved by nature, her stirring character won her many friends in the locality, and she was a valued member of Castle St.. Baptist Church.

The funeral took place on Friday , -April 1st at Frortcysyllte, where the service in the English Methodist Chapel was conducted by the Rev;-Boax Williams, assisted by the Rev: Meurig Roberts and the Rev Roger Roberts, of....

4 Gwalia Terrace/Jonkers East/Dee Valley Produce



Elizabeth Parry bequeathed the property to Francis Parry in 1902, and later he bequeathed it to his daughter Connie Parry. In 1901 It was rented by Richard Evans, a milk dealer. Richard dies in 1906, but his widow was still here in 1911, but had moved to Chapel Street by 1915.

1901 Census

4 Gwalia Terrace

Richard Evans	Head	M	42(1859)	Milk Dealer	Welshpool
Ann Evans	Wife	M	42(1859)		Llanrhaiadr
Catherine Evans	Dau	S	15(1886)		Llangollen
Frank Evans	Son	S	14(1887)		Llangollen
Helenor Evans	Dau	S	10(1891)		Llangollen
Edward Evans	Son	S	7(1894)		Llangollen
Mabel Evans	Dau	S	6(1895)		Llangollen
Reginald Evans	Son	S	2(1899)		Llangollen
Austin Jarvis	Board	S	22(1879)	Coachman	Llangollen
Griffith Evans	Bro	S	21(1880)	Trooper in Imperial Yeomanry	Llangollen
James J Drinkwater	Board	37/abt 1864		Surgeon & Physician	Llangollen

12th January 1906

Mr. Richard Evans Oak-Street.

It is with extreme regret that we have to record the death, at the age of 48, of Mr Richard Evans, Oak-street, Llangollen, which sad event took place at his residence, on Friday last. Deceased was for many years engaged at the Hand Hotel, retiring some years ago in consequence of a serious accident that shattered one of his hands. Since then he has been in business on his own account a cab proprietor and dairy farmer. His death followed upon a protracted and painful illness borne with Christian fortitude. He was interred on Tuesday in St. John's Churchyard Rev, L. Jenkins, vicar, officiating. A number of beautiful wreaths were placed upon the grave being sent amongst others, by His dear Wife and Children Mr & Mrs G Evans Liverpool (brother sister-in-law) Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roberts Drwsynant (brother and sister-in-law) Mr. Davies Llantysilio Hall; Sergt. Instructor and Mrs Whinyates Mr. and Mrs. Simpson, Llangollen Mr. Arthur Avery. Berwyn-street,- was the undertaker

1911 Census

182	Oak Street	4 Gwalia Terrace	Private House Mrs. Evans
Ann Evans	Head	W	53(1858) Farming Llanrhiader

Katie Evans	Dau	S 25(1886)	Housekeeping	Llangollen
Frank Evans	Son	S 24(1887)	Working On Farm	Llangollen
Edith Evans	Dau	S 29(1882)	Hospital Nurse	Trevor
Edward Evans	Son	S 17(1894)	Clerk	Llangollen
Nellie Evans	Dau	S 20(1891)	Dress Maker	Llangollen
Mabel Evans	Dau	S 16(1895)	Milliner	Llangollen
Reginald Evans	Son	S 12(1899)	School	Llangollen
Edward Williams	Board	W 38(1873)	Working For U D C	Llangollen

John Ernest Davies was the next recorded occupant, but by 1930 Noel and Ellen Ellis (postman) moved here from George Street with their children Owen (another postman) and Myfanwy Ellis. Noel died in 1949, and Ellen in 1971, their son Owen and daughter Myfanwy were there until the mid 1990's.

1939 Register

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Noel Ellis	b 23 Dec 1886 M	Postman
Ellen Ellis	b 26 Jun 1889 M	Unpaid Domestic Duties
Kitty L Ellis (Williams)	b.11 May 1912 S	School Teacher
Myfanwy O Ellis	b 07 Apr 1914 S	Unpaid Domestic Duties
Owen Ellis	b 18 Dec 1915 S	Postman

August 30, 1949



THE LATE MR NOEL ELLIS

Widespread concern and sympathy were felt throughout the town and district when it was learnt on Tuesday morning, Aug 23, that Mr Noel Ellis had died in his sleep of heart failure. Mr Ellis was only sixty-two years of age and for forty-seven of those he had served the Post Office here and elsewhere winning golden opinions from all who knew him.

As soon as he left school he became a messenger boy and later went to Shrewsbury, and when he was first married, to Wrexham. Most of his family were however born and bred in Llangollen, and for seventeen years Mr Ellis was on the Glyndyfrdwy Post when that village came under Llangollen. Every day he cycled there and delivered most of the morning mail,

taking his mid-day meal in a hut provided opposite the Post Office, on the site of the present Owain Glyndwr Institute. Then he would collect the day's mail and cycle back with it to Llangollen. When he retired two years ago from service in Llangollen itself, he was presented with a Long Service Medal. During the first year of his retirement he had occasionally taken holiday duties, but had not done so this summer.

The funeral took place at 2 o'clock on Thursday, Aug 25, a service being conducted at his home, 4 Gwalia Terrace, and at St John's Church by the Rev Canon Alcuin Jones. The principal mourners were Mrs Ellis who did not however proceed to St John's; Mr and Mrs Carl Jones, Shotton (son-in-law and daughter); Rev and Mrs D P Williams, Buckley (son-in-law and daughter); Miss Myfanwy Ellis, Mr Owen Ellis and Miss Betty Ellis (son and daughters); Miss Lil Ellis (sister); Mrs Frierson & Mrs Coffey, Manchester (aunts); Mrs

Thomas, Manchester (cousin); Mr Ed Owen Parry (cousin); Mrs Lucy Jones, Wrexham (cousin) and Mr Bet Ellis (cousin). There were also present numerous relatives Mrs Ellis.

The Postmaster being absent on holiday, he was represented by Mr Ifor Williams, who was also one of the bearers, the others being Post Office colleagues too, namely Messrs R Ellis Evans, Goronwy Williams and Sidney Roberts. Other past members of the postal staff who attended were Mr David Jones and Mr J Emlyn Roberts of Garth.

The great affection in which Mr Ellis was held, and the deep sympathy felt for his sorrowing family were beautifully expressed in the lovely flowers sent, inscribed as follows:-

Mewn hiraeth dwfn, Mam, Owen, Vand a Bet; Loving memories, Vera, Carl and Neil; Er cof annwyl a hiraeth dwys am taid, Kitty, Wynne, Bethan a Sian; In affectionate remembrance, Sister Lil; In loving memory, Jim and Kit, Manchester; With deepest sympathy, Auntie Liz and family, Manchester; With deepest sympathy, Ed Owen and family; In loving memory, Lucy and family, Wrexham; with deepest sympathy Bert, Bess and family; With deepest sympathy Auntie Sarah Ann, Gwen and Olly; In remembrance, Blodwen and Tom; With sincere sympathy, Bob and Annie; In memory of Noel, Fred and Josie; In loving memory Noel, Ted, Amy and family, Gas Works House; In loving memory of dear Noel, Cass and Bob, Jack and Flossie; In loving memory of Noel, Jack, Winnie and family, Coed Afon; with deepest sympathy, all at Cefn-y-wern Chirk; May, Jack and All at 17 Pengwern; With deep regret and sincere sympathy, Harriet, Addie, Dick and May; In loving memory of uncle Noel, Enid and children; In affectionate remembrance of a very dear friend, All at 32 Market St; From a very old friend – David Pugh With deepest sympathy, Mr and Mrs Price Williams, Hafan Deg, Llanelidan; Affectionate remembrances & deepest sympathy, Postmaster and staff, Llangollen; Deepest sympathy Members of the English Methodist Church; With deepest sympathy, Tom and Joyce; In loving remembrance, All at Oak St. and Chapel St Sqaure; With deepest sympathy from an old pal, Mr Humphrey Jones, 18Pengwern; Sincere sympathy, All at Plas Hafod; With deepest sympathy and memories of a friend, Queenie; with deepest sympathy, Mr and Mrs Littlejohns, Vivod; In loving memory, Enid and May; With deepest sympathy, 1 Dee Mill PPLace; Mewn dwys gygymdeimlad, Teulu Glenwood; In memory of a very dear friend, Mr and Mrs Price and Douglas; Robert Pughe and family; In remembrance, Mr J D Evans, Butler Hill; With deepest sympathy, All at 50 Derwyn St; With deepest sympathy, Nancy and Emlyn, Hand Drive; Miss E Lloyd, Lauriston.

13th May 1962 Death of Lucy Margaret Parry, Francis Parry's property was bequeathed to Margaret Constance Wood Parry, and in 1994 to Margaret Jones. In July 1998 4 Gwalia Terrace was sold to Mr D. G Parry- Jones. He later sold the property, by which time Owen and Myfanwy Ellis had relinquished their tenancy. The property became Jonkers East in 2000, and in 2007 Dee Valley Fruit and Veg.

July 2008

DEE VALLEY FRESH FRUIT AND VEG

Wayne Siddell had been buying from the markets in Liverpool for some time, supplying several local hotels and businesses but it wasn't until November 2007 when he noticed a shop had become available in Oak Street that he decided to open a retail business selling fresh fruit and vegetables. Having already established connections within the trade, Wayne felt this was the next step, to move into retail whilst continuing to serve his wholesale customers.

Although small, the shop has an extensive range of fresh fruit and vegetables. On Thursday and Fridays there is also fresh fish. The shop has quite a range of Welsh speciality jams and chutneys which are proving very popular.



Free range eggs are available. The eggs are from Garth so do not have far to travel and quality can be guaranteed as they have recently been awarded a First Prize for quality eggs.

When Wayne can source them, organic fruit and vegetables are sometimes available. Working together is important in a small community and Wayne told me when organic items are in stock he informs the Wholefood Shop along the road and they in turn pass the information on to their customers.



In season Dee Valley stocks bedding plants and there are usually pot plants available. Wayne also has some bunches of fresh flowers.

By trade Wayne is a bricklayer, but is enjoying his new role very much. His business is expanding daily with new hotels and businesses approaching him to supply quality vegetables and fruit for their restaurants.



At present the shop is open seven days a week and Wayne is looking for additional staff to work Sundays.

He works behind the counter when he is not out delivering, but it is often Ruth you will see serving. He also has other part time members of staff. It is a very busy life, seven days a week with a very early 4.30 am start most days to travel to buy fresh goods for the shop. Although he has little spare time Wayne still has an interest in Motorcycling, although time has restricted his activities for the moment. He also has a new daughter which leaves him even less time for leisure pursuits.

Wayne does enjoy his business, he likes trying new things and is very pleased with the way Dee Valley has expanded over the past year. The shop is colourful and adds to the streetscape on Oak Street.

Photographs

Top - the shop on Oak Street.

Above - a corner of the shop showing the range of vegetables.

Left - Wayne with his assistant, Ruth

Immediately behind 4 Gwalia Terrace was a printing workshop accessed through Chapel Street Square.

4 Gwalia Terrace, Oak Street LL20 8NS

Terraced house, Freehold

£35,000	Terraced, Freehold, Residential	10 May 1999
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£131,000	Terraced, Freehold, Residential	28 Feb 2005
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Dee Pizza & Kebab House



In the 1880's this building was part of the Central Supply Stores, No 29 Castle Street, run by John Rowlands. *Until 1960's, there remained in Oak Street at roof level, a contraption for raising goods up to a store-room where flour, agricultural seeds and sugar were housed. On ground level, a passage led up to the bakehouse and a small railway carried a truck on which goods were transported to the bakehouse in one direction and also cheeses, barrels of tub butter, barrels of syrup, sides of bacon hams, etc. were delivered to a side door of the shop by way of the other half of the railway which was at right-angles to the bakehouse half.* The Central Stores was by then E B Jones, grocer.

In 1960's part of the building was separated, and it was occupied by John Davies (Electrician), who had previously been on Birch Hill.

8th Dec 1963

Subsequently in periods when it has been let it has been a sandwich, shop, sweet shop, and is now a Pizza and Kebab House.

