

# Oxfordshire

## BURFORD GAZETTEER: OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS

### High Street: No. 46 (Cotswold Arms)

*Work on the owners and occupiers of Burford's buildings was undertaken during 2003-6 as part of the Oxfordshire EPE project. The research accompanied the architectural investigations summarised on this website.*

*Standard sources included: census enumerators' books 1841-1901 in The National Archives; District Valuation assessments in Oxfordshire Record Office; printed trades directories including Kelly's Directory of Oxfordshire (1883-1939); RH Gretton, The Burford Records (1920), which summarises a vast body of early property deeds; and research (published and unpublished) by the Revd Raymond Moody and Mrs Joan Moody of Burford, drawing in part on title deeds in private possession. In some cases lack of documentation prevents the building's history being taken back earlier than the 19th century. The research was carried out by RB Peberdy of VCH Oxfordshire.*

### OCCUPATION and USE

#### 2003

Cotswold Arms public house.

#### 1939

Charles James Stevens, Cotswold Arms, listed ([Kelly's Dir. Oxon.](#)).

#### 1920

John Jones, Cotswold Arms P.H., listed ([Kelly's Dir. Oxon.](#)).

#### 1915

George Edward Tuck, Cotswold Arms P.H., listed ([Kelly's Dir. Oxon.](#)).

#### 1911

Thomas Bowles, Cotswold Arms P.H., listed ([Kelly's Dir. Oxon.](#)).

#### 1910

Owner, Cuffs and Co.; occupied by Thomas Bowl; noted as Cotswold Arms Inn (DV Survey, ref. no. 384).

#### 1901

Occupied by Thomas Bowls (innkeeper), son (stone quarryman), dau.-in-law, grandson (census, entry no. 26).

#### 1891

Occupied by Thomas Bowls (publican), wife, 2 sons (inc. publican's assistant), dau.-in-law (publican's assistant), 3 boarders (agric. labourer, 2 straw-tiers) (census, entry no. 28).

#### 1887

Thomas Bowles, Cotswold Arms P.H., listed ([Kelly's Dir. Oxon.](#)).

**1881**

Occupied by Bartholomew. Fisher (publican), wife, son; named as Cotswold Arms Inn (census, entry no. 33).

**1876**

J. Brunsden, 'The Mermaid', listed ([Harrod's Dir. Oxon.](#)).

**1871**

Occupied by Joseph Brundson (slatter, plasterer), wife (cane chair bottomer), dau., 2 boarders (painter, gardener); named as 'The Mermaid' (census, entry no. 33).

**1869**

Henry Radburn, The Mermaid, listed ([PO Dir. Oxon.](#)).

**1868**

Mr. Radbourn, 'baker, &c.' Mermaid, listed ([Cassey's Dir. Oxon.](#)).

**1867**

Sarah Taylor, Mermaid Inn, listed ([Melville's Dir. Oxon.](#)).

**1863**

(Mrs.) Sarah Taylor, 'Mermaid, & brazier', listed ([Dutton, Allen & Co.'s Dir. Oxon.](#)).

**1861**

Occupied by Sarah Taylor (innkeeper), 2 children (inc. tinsplate worker), lodger (census, entry no. 32).

Following households also listed around here: (a) David Maulden (shoemaker), (b) William Bennett (agric. labourer), (c) James. Humphries (pauper) (census, entries nos. 33—5).

**1853**

Sarah Taylor, 'victualler and ironmonger, Mermaid Inn', listed ([Lascelles' Dir. Oxon.](#)).

**1852**

John Tayler listed under Mermaid Inn (and as brazier) ([Gardner's Dir. Oxon.](#)).

**1851**

Occupied by John Taylor (tinman and brazier), wife, 2 sons (census, 3rd part, entry no. 21).

**1847**

J. Taylor, Mermaid and brazier, listed ([PO Dir. Oxon.](#)).

**1842**

John Taylor, Mermaid, listed under 'Taverns & Public Houses' ([Pigot's Dir. Oxon.](#)).

**1841**

Occupied by John Taylor (brazier), wife, 6 children (census, entry no. 350).

**1830**

Thomas Taylor, Mermaid, listed under 'Taverns & Public Houses' ([Pigot's Dir.](#)).

**1823-4**

Richard Taylor, Mermaid, listed under ‘Taverns and Public Houses’ (Pigot’s Dir.).

**1819**

Richard Taylor recorded at Mermaid (Moody, Inns of Burford, 58).

**1800**

Property described as Lower Mermaid was up for letting (Moody, Inns of Burford, 58).

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## **PLOT INFORMATION**

Frontage width (measured by Oxfordshire Buildings Record) 8.31 m. Length (map measurement): 42 m. (Note that frontage width excludes the entrance to the public house.)

**1999**

Since 1921 the main part of the public house has been extended southwards towards its western end. The rear two sections have apparently been altered, narrowing the rear one.

**1921**

The public house consists of a building with narrow front on High Street and longer frontage along Priory Lane; it probably also included two further sections along Priory Lane and a large yard behind. There is no sign of external access to the yard.

**Read more in the EPE book *Burford: Buildings and People in a Cotswold Town* by Antonia Catchpole, David Clark and Robert Peberdy (published 2008)**

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