

History of Station Street , formerly St Mary's Lane by Debby Matthews

Appendix: list of businesses by house number—updated July 2025

This incomplete list of businesses is based on local directories and personal recollections. The numbering goes down the east side of the street and back up the west side. Further updates will be produced as and when more information is gathered.

East side

1 Station Street

1881-83 Daniel Griffiths boys school plus offices of Lewes Liberal Association

1906 Berwyn House School, proprietor Miss Tillett and Miss A. Crockett, harpist 1909-11

1913-14 Frank Kenward, private school

1922-23 Mrs and Miss Housman, private school

1927-36 Barwell & Philcox, solicitors plus Pearl Assurance,

1951-62 G.R.M. Mote, dental surgery. 1964 Mr Bullock, dental surgeon with partners Mr Scholl and Mr Bob Charter

1970 Tilbury and Co., chartered auctioneers, estate agents, surveyors and valuers

1968-2016 Lewes Travel, moved from 24 Station Street. Mr Richard Powell owner until he retired

2016 - 25 Baldwins Travel (Ceased trading May 2025)

Currently empty

2 Station Street

1871 James Lloyd, age 57, master gun maker with one apprentice.

1883-1950s Lloyd's & Son, gun makers then athletic outfitters 1931 and saddlers in 1950s

1950s-74 Curtis Lloyd Sports Outfitters, saddlery and stool ball bat manufacturer

1984 Duffy and Co. recruitment and employment agency branch, HQ in Haywards Heath

c.2006-16 Red Cross charity shop

2016 Riverside Flowers, due to close shop in September 2025 to relocate to premises outside of Lewes

Offices upstairs for Ovesco, via side door

3 Station Street

1791 White Horse Inn opened by John Dennett and run until his death in 1819

1819 to the present, Royal Oak, with function room over no.4 since 1878



ADVERT 1887

4 Station Street

1909-21 G. Fairburn Bros, Scale maker and E.J. Cripps watch maker, who moved his business across the road

1921-34 Charles Hart and Mrs Hart, wardrobe dealers

1951-71 W&T Avery Ltd, scales makers

1973 The Lighting Centre (AF Electric Ltd)

1974 Mr Pickwick Antiques, then Upper Cuts hairdresser

2001 to current Axtell Hairdresser



AROUND 2006

4a Station Street

Combined with no.4 Station Street previously

1983 gold for cash business

1988 Finesse, Mrs D.E. Taylor, scarves, gloves, handbags

1996-2008 Rik's Disks

2008-22 Si's Sounds

2024— current Rachael Skinner Millinery

5 Station Street

1883 Peter Hoadley and wife, Truss maker and medical corsets

1898 Pianos, T.E. Geering

1906 George Trowbridge

1910-11 E.A. Davey, furniture dealer

1951-2 Mrs I.M. Clacket, The Kiwi confectioners and tobacconist

1957-62 William P. Fisher, confectioner

1951-76 Ed Meyer, photographer and photographic apparatus dealer

1976-2006 Art Shop, then Amy B shoe shop

2006-19 La Patisserie café and bread shop, with garden. 2019 forced to move to shop in High Street due to flooding

2021-25 Tea Garden tea shop

Currently empty

6 Station Street

1808-1973 Wesleyan Church plus Sunday School from 1874. Sunday school taken down around 1973 to make a car park

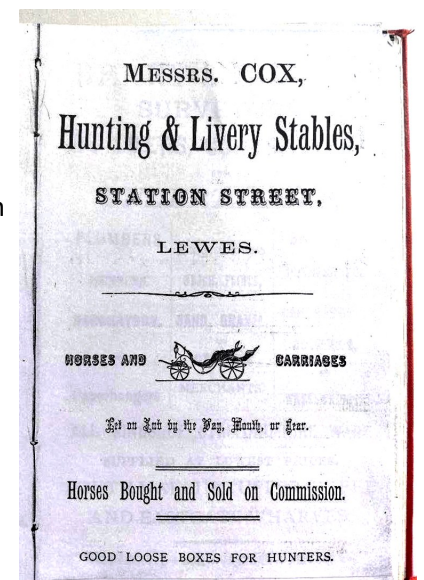
1973-c2019 Church Hill Antiques

2020 to current four private houses

7 Station Street (now Caburn Court)

1881-1933 Cox Hunting and Livery stables and Job Masters

1934 Ruggs Ltd business moves to Station Street from Fisher Street.



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WESLEYAN CHURCH.

1984 Ruggs Ltd sold by Ruggs family, became known as Ruggs Garage, owner Nick Rashleigh

1989 Caburn Court built

7-10 Station Street (now demolished)

1882-1892 SL Wright picture frame maker, French polisher (nos.7-9)

1903 F. H. Smith, Picture framer, gilder (nos.8-9)

1904 George Strong, Christmas gifts and good and useful gifts in fancy and general drapery (no.10)

1903—33 Gaster and Sons Boots and Shoes (8,9 & 10)

1931-36 Corvill's Removers (nos.8-9)

1936 Temple Antiques (no.10)

1931-36 Stuarts dry cleaners. 1951-2 Stuarts dyers and cleaners (no.10)

1951-2 Wyndams Cream Café, proprietor N.J.W. Leah (nos.7-10)

1958 G. Palish, gents hairdressing, with F.E. Collins, chiropody (no.8)

1962-64 Barnards Toy shop (no.10)

1969-72 T.R. Blake, fruiterers (nos.7-9)

1971-78 Lunch Counter (nos.7-10)

1974 Mary Sautter, Pine Furniture antiques (nos.7-9)

1972-74 Quib fashions (no.10), having moved from no. 18

1989 Caburn Court

11-12 Station Street

Private residences

13 Station Street

1971-c.2000 La Cucina run by Pepe

Briefly Chaula take away for prepared dishes. Otherwise private residences

14 Station Street

1881-83 Robert Reed, coffee room

1906-14 Arthur Bond's Dining Rooms

1921-50s James Stevenson's Dining Rooms

1989-2009 Garden Room café and art gallery, owner Cynthea Parrot

2009-20 Lime Tree Kitchen

2021—2025 Fork restaurant

June 2025 Japanese restaurant opened called Haru Izakaya

15 Station Street

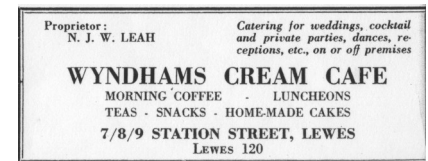
1881-3 William Wise, music repository and boot and shoe maker



1903 FH SMITH



1910 GASTER & SONS



1987 DEMOLITION



2025 CABURN COURT

1906-23 Stacey & Burgess, tailors

1951-2 Stacey & Burgess, proprietor E. King, ladies and gents tailoring

1966-2000 Station Fruiterers then James Parrot café (son of Cynthea next door)

2000-09 Sophie Orloff's FOOD (food catering)

2009-18 Delish catering

2018 Caccia and Tails, possibly moving 2025?

36 Lansdown Place (corner with Station Street)

Lansdown Arms since 1832 (1866 Railway Arms, 2003-2005 White Star)



2025

Cross over the road to the other side and work up

West side

Parish Rooms – All Saints Parish Hall

Central School infant classes, front demolished and remodelled in early 20th century

1960s School of Dance, proprietor Dawn Jordan or Gloria Allen (the other used Foresters Hall)

2009 to current Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses

16 Station Street



Originally the maltings for the Beards brewery before it moved to the Castle precincts, known originally as Mr Pelham's Malthouse

1899-1980s Hammond and Son Furniture

2000-10s Equilibrium, rooms for various therapies at back of building, entrance via a side alley

2000s Bruditz chocolates and Video Box for films and games hire (in the two shops at the front)

2010s to current Southdowns Environmental Consultants Ltd

Freehold currently on the market (2025) Shop windows used for community/ local artis displays

18a Station Street

Access to back yard where a timber merchant and coffin maker was in 1950s

17 Station Street

Private residence, then Bennett hairdresser and tobacconist.

Old buildings replaced in the early 20th century by a pair of three story buildings set slightly further back on the street

1945 hairdressers business

1951-52 A.H. Blaber, hairdresser

1956-60 Collins, gents hairdresser



ORIGINAL BUILDINGS NUMBERS 17-18

1960 - ? Frank Butler's barber shop

1980s? – 2013 Ray's Barber Shop

2013 Lewes Barber Shop, proprietor Duncan Bone, who took over from Ray

18 Station Street

1906 and 1920s St John Smith and Son, auctioneer

1951-52 Dr A. Phimster and Dr E. Barthorpe, medical practitioners

1968-72 Quib Fashions (moved from no.11 in 1972?)

1973 Kokora oriental antiques and bookshop

1974 Grant's Salvage antiques

1988 A Touch of Glass, sophisticated table ware

1990s Curly Topps hairdressers, husband and wife who also owned the barbers next door

2007 to current Studio 2 hairdressers

19-20 Station Street

1904 Charles Salvage, dairyman (no.19)

1906-14 Charles Salvage family: Mrs Salvage fruiterer (no.19), T. Salvage, fishmonger (or maybe Walter Savage) (no.20)

1955-73 Ernest Fuller, confectioners (no. 19) and dental technician (no. 20)

1973-90 Trumps Restaurant

1990 to current Pailin Thai restaurant

21 Station Street

St Mary's Cottage, private residence

22 Station Street

1864-1955 Jolly Anglers, formerly the Ship and then the Coach and Horses

Currently three separate residences

23 Station Street

1898-1900 Allan Line office for overseas shipping

1906-11 Henry Mark Brown, outfitters

1914-15 Stephen Huntley

1921-34 William Dicker, general and fancy draper

1936-51 Penfolds furniture shop, carriers and removers

1951-57 Liberty Lime Co. Ltd, agricultural carbonate producers. Resident manager Arthur Hess

1968 M.E.V. Hess

1969-70 Gallery 23, picture dealers and arts and crafts Richard Whitmore



PUB WITH PENFOLD'S NEXT DOOR

1972-74 Music 23, musical instrument repairs

1981-84 The Leather Shop, bags, belts, gloves, briefcases, slippers

1984 to current private residence

24-25 Station Street

1877-1901 William Beck, iron worker

1906-29 John Hesketh Smith, ironmongers

1929-38 F.T. Griffiths, ironmongers, plumbers, fitters

1938-40 Charles Gibb, outfitters

1940s Mrs Hide until at least 1947

1951-52 A. Webber, furniture dealers

1957-62 Edward Denyer, Craft House wools store

1962-69 Lewes Travel (then moved to no.1)

1976-88 Trudie Fashions

1988-92 Alan and Shirley Bolver-Smith, ladies dress shop

1992-2007 Sheila Marshall, dressmaker

2007-08 Mr Milbank Antiques shop (moved to Petworth)

2008-09 Azure ladies clothes shop

2009 a variety of short-term lets and Cards for Good Causes,

2010-14 The Print Room, Lucy Wilkes manager

2014 to current Lewes Print Centre

26 (known as St Mary's House) and 26a Station Street

1881-83 Henry Bartlett, Borough Accountant, insurance agent HQ of the Lewes Cattle Market Company

1933-45 Ancient Order of Foresters Court Office and Foresters Hall

1981-2023 Subud

2024 to current Station Street Studio, owner Emma Peters, Pilates teacher

27 Station Street

1906-11 Alfred Strong, bootmaker

1911 H. Heath boot repairs

1913-14 Godley confectioner

1914-17 Miss Hogsflesh, dressmaker, moved from 18a

1922-23 E.C. Mann and F.T. Walker, Collector of King's Taxes

1951-52 A.R.W. Bridgeman, gents hairdresser

1968-74 Part of Hammond and Son



1936 GEORGE V'S FUNERAL PROCESSION OUTSIDE NUMBER 24-25



C2010 SHOWING PUNZI

2006—? Punzi home made jewellery, fossils and stones

c.2022? Mary Sophia Aesthetics

28 Station Street

1968-74 Part of Hammond and Sons

1980s Volunteer Bureau moved here temporarily

1990s Derek Retief, osteopath

1999 to current Bradley Property Management

29 Station Street

1920s Curtis Lloyd, making bicycles, with main shop at no.2

1957-74 Hammond and Sons, house furnishers, removers and storers in (nos.27-29)

1970s-1980s Cade Craft, owner Henry Craft

1990s Jevoncraft

2000s Tash Tori, arts and craft materials

2017 to current Carafe café

Alley with access to back of White Hart

30-31 Station Street

1883-1911 W. Banks, newsagent, 1909-11 Albert Banks, newsagent

1911-1920s Hirons newsagents

1957-70 Jenkins and Stripp. newsagent, booksellers and stationers

1971-74 J.W. & J.S. Stock, newsagents (J. Stock lived at no.31

1966-69)

2000s Snack Shop café

2010s PJ@Thirty and Station Treats cafés

c.2017-2020 Bespoke Paints

2022—2025 Julie Kuyath prints, fabrics, wallpaper

Currently empty

31 Station Street

1906-23 Peter Randall Bennett, hairdressers advertised here



2020 PAINTSHOP WITH LOCKDOWN RAINBOWS