

## CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

<b>LISTED BUILDING</b>	Old Cross Keys, Public House, St Mary's Street
<b>Grade:-</b>	II
<b>Date of Notification:-</b>	23.04.52 amended 30.03.87
<b>National Grid Reference:-</b>	6565592952
<b>O.S. 1:10,000 Sheet No.:-</b>	69 SE
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### **Notes:-**

Formerly in the middle of a long street, now an isolated building in open ground opposite St. Mary's Church.

Originally, a first floor hall-house of L-shaped plan dating from 14<sup>th</sup> Century, largely altered 17<sup>th</sup> Century. Heavily restored in 1950 and 1959. Possibly formed part of the Hospital of the Blessed St. David, built by Henry Gower, Bishop of St. Davids (foundation deed 1332). Later in possession of the Herbert family.

Built with main block aligned parallel to St. Mary's Street with a rear wing to north, the west end of the main block has been curtailed.

Two-storey frontage with twin-three storey gables, rubble cills with recessed pointing, modern tiled roofs, tall parapet with low stack to (rebuilt) right gable end, second stack to left. Two and three light moulded, timber mullioned windows with overall dentilled linets, leaded glazing, moulded cills. Lean-to hood to doorway between gables. Flat roofed extensions in similar style, two doorways in angle, facing Princess Way.

Two –storey and attic rear gabled wing retains medieval freestone lancets, single with chamfered surround to attic, cusped pair to first floor and cusped single light to ground floor. Further flat-roofed extension beyond.

Interior retains chamfered timber beams with chamfered uprights to bar interiors. Some parts of the early roof structure remain, including two early hall trusses of false arch-base type (or crucks?), the principal rafters shouldered at the centre to take the soffit in a continuous curve, scalloped decoration towards wall heads. Two similar, but simpler trusses, remain in rear wing. Remains of stone chimney-piece etc.

GroupValue.

### **References:-**

"Inventory of Ancient Monuments in Glamorgan", volume III part II Medieval Secular Monuments (1982), pages 171-175.