

Bishop Lloyd's Palace

A Grade 1 Listed building in the heart of Chester



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In common with many of the buildings in the Rows of Chester, the number of the building at Street level is different from that at Row level.

41 Watergate Street was listed in 1955 as: 'two medieval undercrofts beneath 2 town houses'. The use has changed over the years from warehouse accommodation to a place to enjoy a meal.

One of the principal occupiers in the twentieth century was Geo R. Nuttall, cheese factors.



In 1955 F.W.Sadler wrote:

"Cheshire is the oldest British cheese to which references have been found and writers as early as the twelfth century have praised its excellence. It derives its particular characteristics from the fact that the soil of Cheshire contains rich deposits of salt which impart a high degree of salinity to the milk of most Cheshire grazed cattle."



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A Cheshire Cheese warehouse at Chester

“It is traditional to keep cats in a cheese storehouse to ward off mice - though the cheese is already well protected by its thick muslin wrappings”
F W Sadler .

In 1967 the premises were described as a multi-crypted basement. They later became the Silhouette ballroom and restaurant and are presently a Mexican restaurant and bar.

Sources:

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