

Blakes - Major Cyril Potter's House.

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1. **“Blakes”** was a house owned by Major Cyril Potter whose inspiration started The Yacht Club.
2. Maj. Potter provided the fledgling Lymington River Sailing Club with its very first Club Room. He allowed for his Conservatory to be used in 1922 as a Club Room for the members on Race Days.
3. **“Blakes”** may have been the house to the North of Bywater House which is the one across the road from the Wight Link Ferry Entrance /Carpark now [2007].
4. “Blakes” was later rebuilt as flats & renamed and was placed at the rear of what is now called 'Ferry Point House'. It was situated off Undershore Road Walhampton, Lymington, on the opposite side of the road to the river.
5. Sailors could get access to “Blakes” from the river onto a jetty, across a railway level crossing at the end of the Platform & across the road and on to “Blakes” which is thought not to have been right on the road frontage.
6. The Ferry Terminal was not then a large feature as the paddle steamer just came alongside a jetty. The Lymington River railway terminus was more involved with railway sidings & a “run around” for the steam engines.
7. Moorings for boats were also available nearby.

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