

# 16 Market Place

In the 1880s this shop was Charles Medley's Grocery. By 1895 it was run by George Rolfe. It then became A Brown and Co. Boot and Shoe retailers.

During the First World War it opened as a branch of the London City and Midland Bank. This was renamed the Midland Bank and moved premises to No.10 Market Place in 1921.

In 1922 the shop became a bakers and restaurant and has been for the last 100 years. The first proprietor was Captain Williams but he traded as Roys. By 1933 it was Dumpers confectioners and caterers.



Then, just before World War II, it became Turner's Restaurant. In the late 1940s it became Webbers bakers which closed about 1950.

Lowman's Bakers, a branch of the Portswood bakers from Southampton moved here from a shop in the Hundred at that time. For a while it was The Three Cooks group and then became the Palmerston Cafe. In 2009 it became Costa's Coffee shop.

