

"This is Julie Christie interviewing Taylor Warren from the Iron Horse Inn Cardiff about the storms of 8-11 June, 2007"

"Taylor Warren from the Iron Horse Inn. I started at about 4:00pm in the afternoon. Everything was fine, it was raining and at about 5:00pm we noticed a bit of water was coming into the drive-through, it was slowly getting up, slowly coming into the bottle shop. The next minute, a big gush of water came through and just flooded the whole room. We started packing up all the cartons and bottles and all that and getting them out to higher ground and then we just shut all the doors, told everyone they had to get out came in here, in the Bistro bit and locked all the doors up."

"Did you have anybody trapped in here?"

"Yeah, not at first, slowly water started arising in the pub and I tried to open up the doors and more water came into the pub so I couldn't let no one outside so there could have been about 20 people stuck in here, couldn't get out."

"What time was that?"

"This would have been 6 or 6:30."

"Did you have any power?"

"No, all the power went out at about probably 8:00pm all the power went out and everybody was walking around with torches."

"What was the mood of everyone in here?"

"Oh, happy. They were glad they were stuck in the pub. It was all free drinks all night so they couldn't complain."

"So the power outage didn't actually affect your pumps or anything?"

"Yeah, well everything turned off. It still poured beer but it just a bit warm. And the beer lines went off in about half an hour and the power went out. Then it didn't pour beer. It went too warm."

"What time was everybody able to get out and go home?"

"It would have been about 11:30 or 12:00 everyone to leave there. That's when they fixed the water main. You could walk outside."

"And what about their cars? Did anybody have cars?"

"Well yes, there were all cars parked out the front and they were all under water. The Publicans Caves is under water. There were cars floating in the street, cars trying to go through the water and then just get stuck."

"Did you have to do any rescues from here?"

"No, we didn't."

"Did anybody say that they were in danger?"

"Well at first we thought the electricity, and we all thought we might have got

electrocuted but after about half an hour we realised that wasn't going to happen. Apparently one guy from the pub local went across the road and saved two chicks from the chemist. I didn't see it but I heard it .”

“And did you come back to work again the next day?”

“Yes, just to clean up.”

“And how long did it take?”

“Oh, a good week to clean up and then we opened up the bottle shop a week later and then the pub opened about three weeks later and everyone was falling over in the water because you couldn't see, it was all muddy water falling over chairs and all of that.”

“Was there a real current through?”

“It was just rising in here. In the pokey room there was water current in the pokey room and outside it was like a rapid outside in the street. There would have been about ten cars around the street flooded under water. All the kegs were all out the front, all the empty ones, they were all floating down the street. Then we found a few of them in some car yards in drains and all that.”