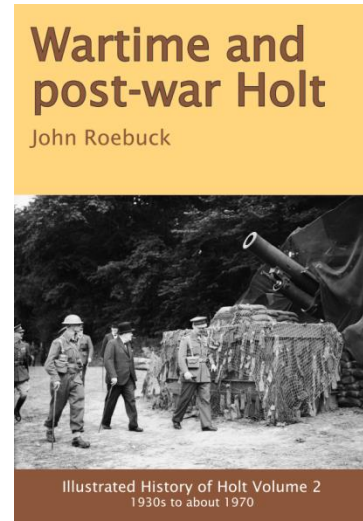


To celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary the Holt Society commissioned the second volume of an illustrated History of Holt to follow on from the first volume that was published in 2004. John Roebuck, a retired teacher and Holt Society member, took on the task in 2012. This plunged him into a fascinating period of research, which included contacting nearly a hundred people connected to Holt and gathering a vast bank of illustrations. When the second volume was ready for publication it ran to over two hundred pages and over four hundred pictures.

The second volume, entitled *Wartime and Post-War Holt*, takes up the story of Holt from where the first one ended in the 1920s and pursues the history of the town up to, roughly, the early 1970s. Holt was directly affected by the Second World War because of its military importance. The threat of a German invasion turned the town into a strategic centre for coastal defences. Holt, in effect, became a garrison town. Later phases of the war, particularly the bomber offensive and preparations for D-Day, meant that from 1939 until 1945 Holt was in a war zone. Rural tranquillity was shattered and its inhabitants and those returning from war service had to rebuild their community in the post-war years. Like Keith Entwistle's *Volume One*, this account tells the story of the town through the memories of those who remembered.



*Wartime and Post-War Holt* can be obtained locally from the Holt Book Shop [www.holtbookshop.co.uk](http://www.holtbookshop.co.uk) telephone 01263 715858 or from Jarrold's book department in Norwich [www.jarrold.co.uk](http://www.jarrold.co.uk) telephone 01603 660661