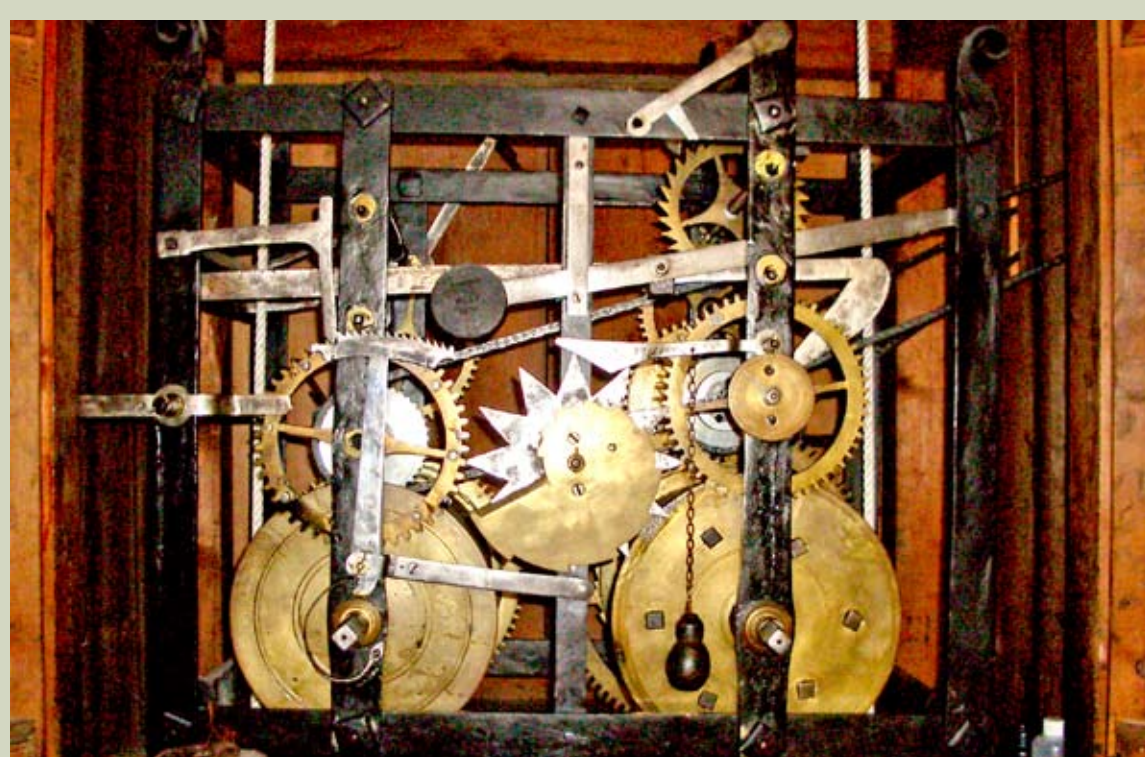


GLIMPSES OF HOLT FEATURES & CURIOSITIES 2



St Andrew's church clock

Made by Isaac Nichalls of Wells, this one-handed clock was installed in 1732 after the rebuilding St Andrew's following its near destruction in the Great Fire of 1708.



Town sign outside Barclay's bank

It is said that the owl became Holt's symbol when two boys placed one in the town pound (along the Norwich Road) without realising that it would fly away! This town sign is on the pavement outside Barclay's Bank.



Grotesque

Grotesques are purely decorative and often confused with gargoyles, commonly found on churches, which contain spouts to channel rainwater. This example, on the wall of an 1803 house in the yard behind Kings & Barnham, is visible from the pavement.



Byfords Window

Byfords, facing Shirehall Plain, is probably the oldest building in Holt (apart from the Parish Church). It is likely to have been a merchant's house, built well before the Great Fire of 1708. The cellar dates back to the 15th century. The name commemorates the family which owned a hardware store here for over 100 years.



Hanworth House, Bull Street

The date of construction is picked out in brick. Reputedly haunted, the house was run as a boarding house by two sisters, the Misses West, from the late 19th century into the 20th. The building is now occupied by Larking Gowen, chartered accountants).



Blind Sam

Celebrating Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee in 1887, an ornately decorated gas lamp incorporating drinking bowls, was erected in the Market Place and was moved to the Obelisk Plain in 1921 to make way for the War Memorial. Unfortunately the gas supply was intermittent, hence its nickname. In the 1990s the lamp was restored by the Holt History Group copying the original design.