

GLIMPSES OF HOLT

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'Governed by the Wardens and Commaltie of the mistery of ffyshmongers of the Citie of London'



'On the foundation of Sr John Gresham knight and alderman of the Citie of London, 1562'

These original metal plates bearing the Coats of Arms of the Fishmongers Company (*left*) and the Gresham family were placed in a recess above the main door at the opening of the original School building in 1562. They have been removed for repair and preservation; facsimiles will take their place.

The founder, Sir John Gresham, placed his school in the care of the Fishmongers Company whose interest continues to this day.



Stone lion next to Nicholson's, High Street

This statue was formerly displayed at roof-height on Lion House, now Baker's, in the High Street. Thelt dates from at least the early 1900s and was removed to ground level for safety reasons.

Plaster Grapes

To be seen above the door of an antiques shop on Fish Hill which was the Star public house.



Ogee doorway, New Street

Defined as "a sinuous line of two opposite curves", Ogee arches were popular in English Gothic architecture from the 13th century. Despite their Eastern appearance they are European in origin.



Fire insurance mark, Hanworth House, Bull Street

Probably early 19th century. Often insurance companies had their own fire appliances though in small town Holt this was unlikely. Marks in lead or brass above the door proved at least that buildings were insured. This mark was that of the Norwich Union



The Obelisk

The pineapple-topped obelisk was originally one of a pair of gateposts from Melton Park. The other was given to Dereham in 1757. It is unclear when Holt's was erected. Dereham threw theirs into a deep well when there was danger of invasion in 1940. Holt proved more canny and simply blocked out the signs which might otherwise have informed the enemy.

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