

6 Church Street, Harwich.

A 19th century three storey timber framed house with rendered brick front which all appears to have replaced an earlier house of which the cellar survives. Note the blank windows on first and second floors. Aligned NW-SE and fenestrated with vertical sliding sashes and on the ground floor a wide sliding sash window to the former shop. This type of window was often used for butchers shops but in this instance it is said to have been a fishmongers. Extended to the rear in the 20th century an open arcade incorporated two pairs of reused jetty brackets as braces.



Other features of note that were incorporated into the building are a re-used part mantel beam with chamfer and run-out stop incorporating a moulded foliate design. The mantel beam has numerous deep taper burns.

Now re-sited to the first floor front room that has been opened through to the full width of the property is a cupboard unit. It has a central recess having a curved back and is surmounted by an elliptical arched head to the niche. This is set with a cherub



keystone. To each side are panelled cupboards, the whole now supported on a modern softwood frame.

On the opposite flank wall is an



attractive fluted design cast iron grate set into a cast stone surround.

The cellar is approached by a straight line of steps from the present front room/shop. The cellar party wall with No. 5 is of stone rubble and two other walls appear to be of c1600 brickwork with two pointed arched recesses one of which is now partly



obscured by a later chimney stack base from the replacement building above. A half arch niche also survives in one wall with newer brickwork below and to one side suggesting a possible connection in previous times.



The front room incorporates a corner chimney stack now blocked.

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