



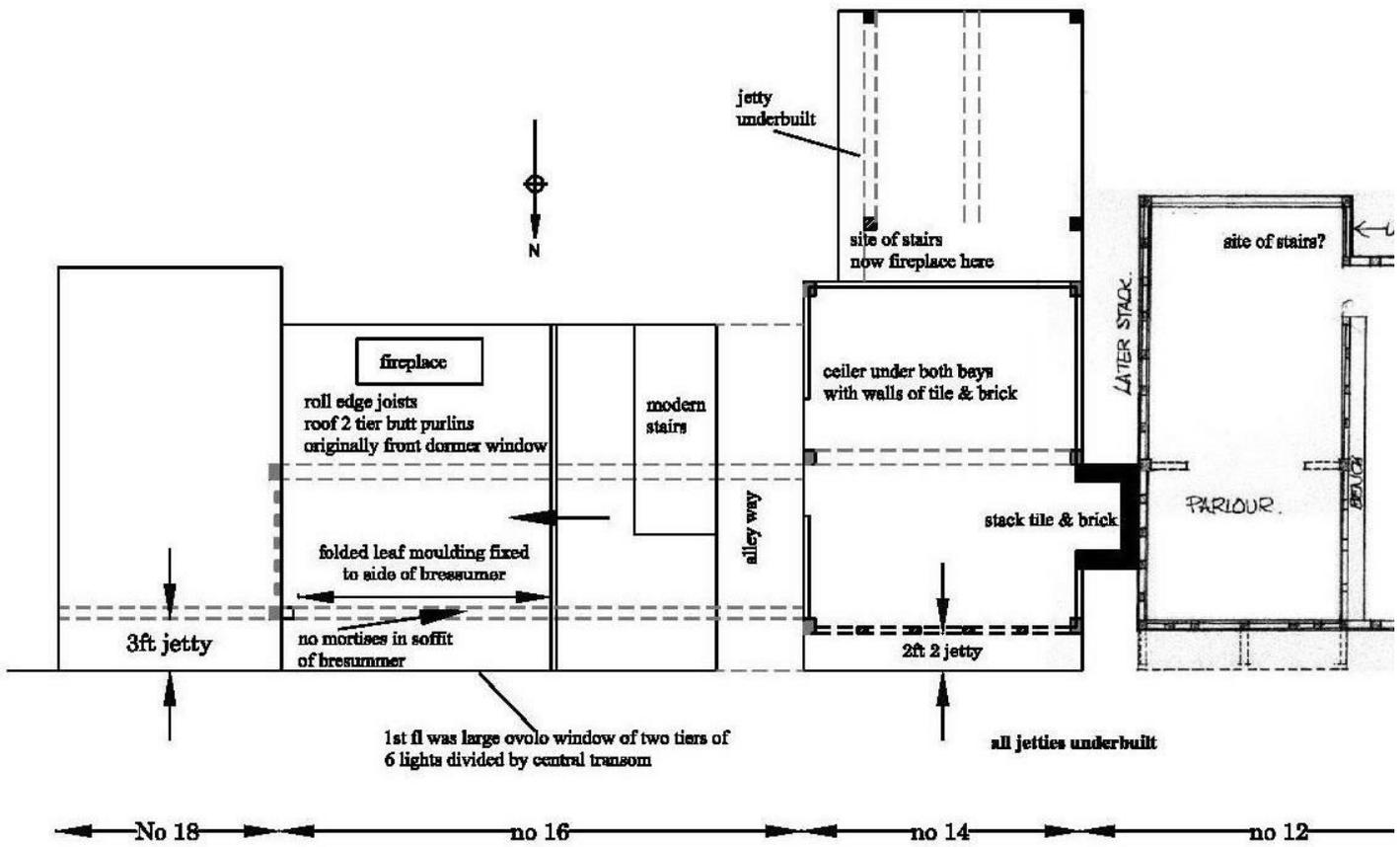
## 14-18 East Street

14 to 18 East Street were a single medieval 15th century house. 18 and 14 were jettied to the street - the jetties are now underbuilt. 16 was the open hall which was completely rebuilt in the late 16th/early 17th century. The original open hall wall plate was as high as the present building. The east cross-wing (no 18) and the medieval hall (no 16) were contemporary, but these were probably not contemporary with the west cross-wing (no 14).

The cross wing at no. 18 has been dated 1361-97, whilst the hall that occupied the site of no. 16 was rebuilt with an upper floor in 1636.

### 14 East Street

This is a wider and taller cross-wing than 18 East Street. It has very high ceilings, over 12ft high on ground floor. The cross-wing is at the low end of hall and has two service doors, but was a single room, with a decorated central truss. It was always heated by the tile and rubble built chimney stack on the west wall. It was jettied to front, now underbuilt but the original inner bressumer survives, showing it had an array of windows on the front. Original brick and tile cellar under the whole of the cross-wing. The first floor was a single room with moulded cornice. The entrance to the first floor was by the first floor door in the rear wall at western end. The stairs must have been outside along the rear wall. The roof has a decorated crown post with four way braces. There is a tree-ring date from a timber from this building of around 1420-40, but the crown post braces and the pilasters on the stone fireplace also look later. This is not a conventional service wing, and must have been a high class shop.

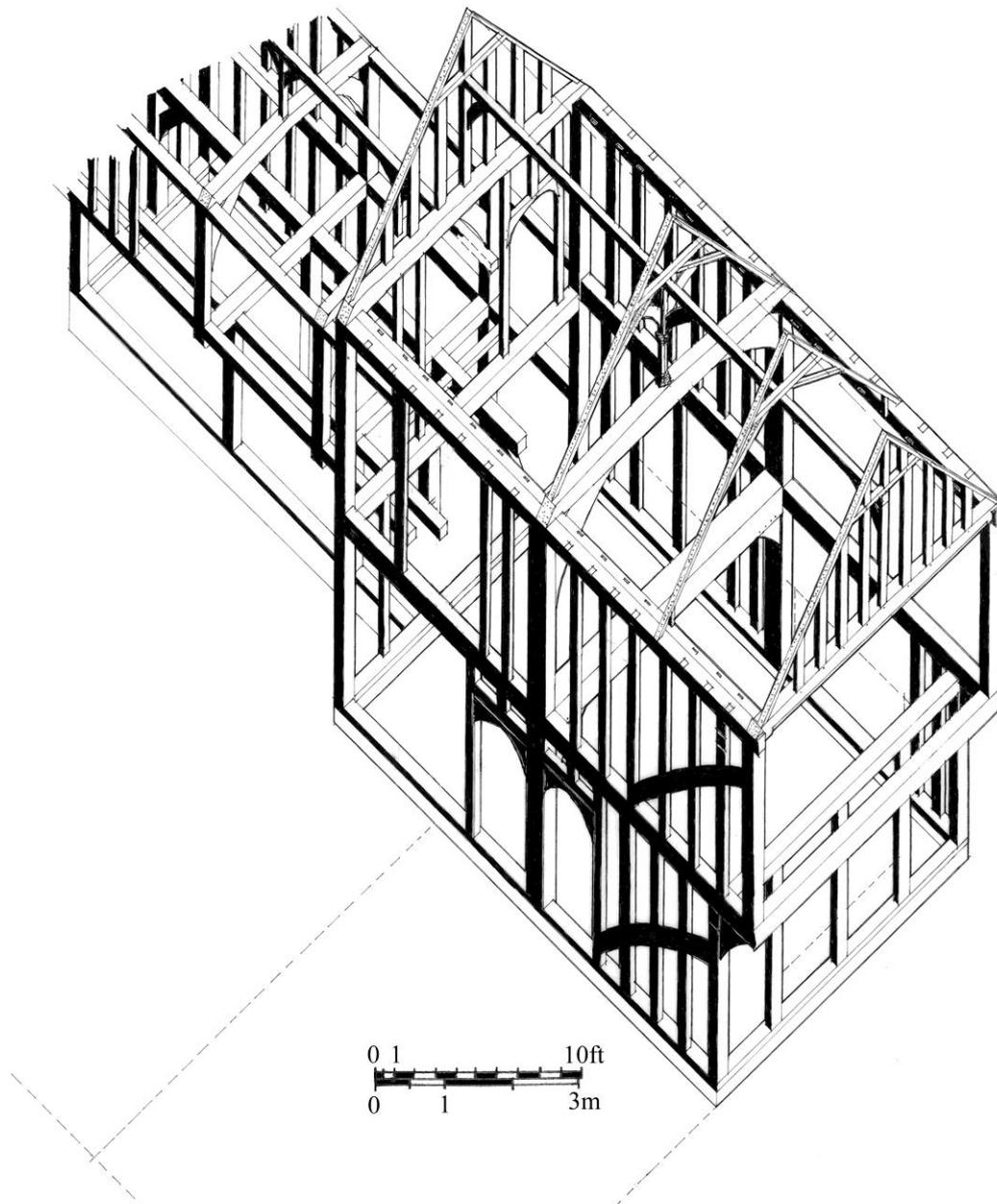


Roof of front wing

Behind is a narrower 1½ bay lower wing with a crown-post roof, originally long jettied to the cross passage side. The jetty is now underbuilt and the original inner bressumer removed. The half bay is against the front cross wing and now contains a chimney stack, but originally must have contained the stairs to the first floor of the front cross-wing. The crown post has thicker braces than the front cross wing, suggesting it is earlier. However as it appears to have been built to contain the stairs to the front cross-wing, both may be contemporary, and could have been built 1420-40.



Rear wing crown post



The timber frame of no. 14 East Street