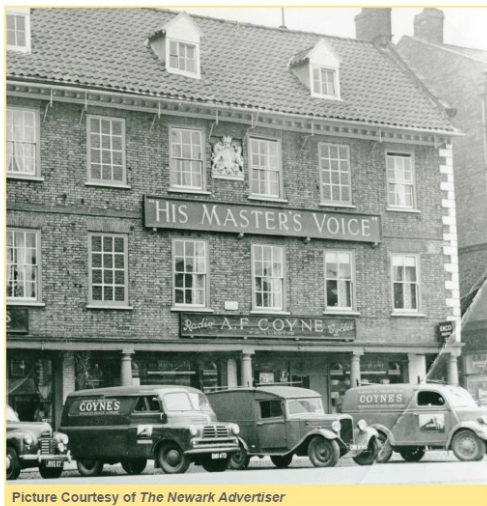


Antique or Fake?

On the north side of Newark Market Place stands the old Moot Hall.

Dating from 1708, this was where governance of the town was conducted before the Town Hall was built.

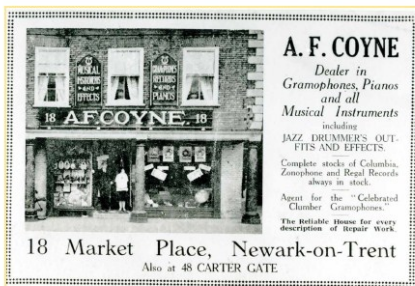


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It was in the Moot Hall that small legal cases were heard, punishments handed down, land tenures settled and agricultural rents paid.

In 1836 the Moot Hall was purchased by the Duke of Newcastle, and the coat of arms of John Holles (3rd Duke) still appears high up on the building today.

The picture above, from 1953, shows the Moot Hall occupied by Phillips the rope-maker and the well-remembered Coyne's radio and music shop. Coyne's occupied the building from 1924 to 1963, after which it was bought by Currys electrical stores.



In 1964-65 the Moot Hall was carefully demolished and rebuilt brick-by-brick around a modern steel frame using the original materials.

So, does this make the building we see today an 18th century original or a modern replica?



Above: re-building the Moot Hall, 1965
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Right: The Newark Advertiser 16th October, 1965



DISCOVER

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