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New Place Farm 200 Arundel Road

Building History

New Place Farm is the re-built wing of what was originally called New Place Manor built for Sir Thomas Palmer in circa 1597. The size and layout of the original manor is not certain due to it being demolished in about 1775 after the manor was bought by Sir John Shelley.

The re-building of what is now New Place Farm was in the mid and later Victorian 19th C. The most noticeable Tudor features are blind arches of two storeys high and moulded brick plinth of various heights around the whole. The building is predominately built of irregular handmade red multi stock in an irregular bond.

The large wing was re-built and converted into a terrace of three houses of which No. 200 is the West end dwelling. No. 200 has prominent 19th C additions (as the whole terrace) such as all the windows which are white painted timber with diamond lead glazing and sills of 19th C Roman concrete. The front porch and very a heavy chimney block with Tudor style chimney stack (as all the chimney stacks) to the south elevation. The 19th century brickwork corners, window surrounds and arches are of red stock and a red multi stock infill in English bond. The function of chimney block may have been for a farm bakery, brew or smoke house. The roof is 19th C with most of the roof timbers from this time. Two thirds of the roof of Sussex clay tile and the lower third of graduated Horsham stone tile.

The interior of No. 200 has a timber and plaster wattle wall dividing the first floor above the staircase, which shows signs of different floor levels. The dwelling is two storeys of very high ceilings but the front elevation has a bricked up small window of an earlier time indicating three storeys at one time. In the about the middle of 20th C the ceilings were lowered to approx. 2440 mm (8ft) from approx 3900 mm (13ft).

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