

ROUNABOUT RINGWOOD & SURROUNDING VILLAGES

NOW and THEN

Prezzo/Fireplace Shop, Market Place, Ringwood



c1900

The Hutton's Market Place shop continued as a drapery and men's outfitters under different owners throughout most of the 20th century. By the time the 1960s photograph was taken during Carnival week the shop belonged to Roy Baker. On Mr Baker's retirement around the late 1980s, the premises became Belinda's bakery.

This part of the Market Place remains easily recognisable, even though there is over a century between the oldest and latest photographs.

The shop on the far left of the c1900 photograph belonged to grocer and corn dealer Peter Whitcher. During the 20th century this shop became part of the Red Lion Inn (now Finns).

The next shop was a drapery belonging in 1900 to Charles Hutton. This shop had been in the Hutton family since at least 1841 when Charles's father John Hutton was listed as a linen draper in the first full census. John's brother George Martin Hutton had also been a linen draper in Ringwood but in 1850 he and his family emigrated to Canada where they became very prosperous and influential. They built many impressive stone buildings, mills, shops and houses in the town of St Marys, Ontario.



c1965

showed they sold confectionery, cigarettes, refreshments and Walls ice-cream. It later became a card shop.

The last shop in the 1900s row was owned by grocer Edwin Diffey. By the 1960s this was St Marys Café, well remembered by many older Ringwood residents. It later became Avonside fish and chip shop.

Around 2000 this row of three buildings, which are Grade II listed, was purchased by local developer Peter Haywood. After complete restoration work they have now been made into two separate businesses. Prezzo Italian restaurant occupies the site of the two shops formerly the drapers and tearooms and The Fireplace Room next to Stride's Lane is where the fish and chip shop used to be.



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