Windows

A brief look at the history of windows and some local windows too

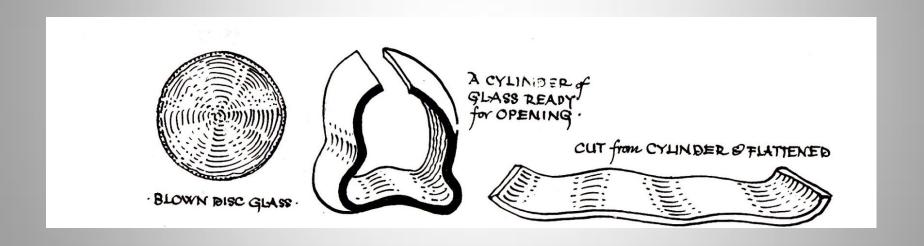


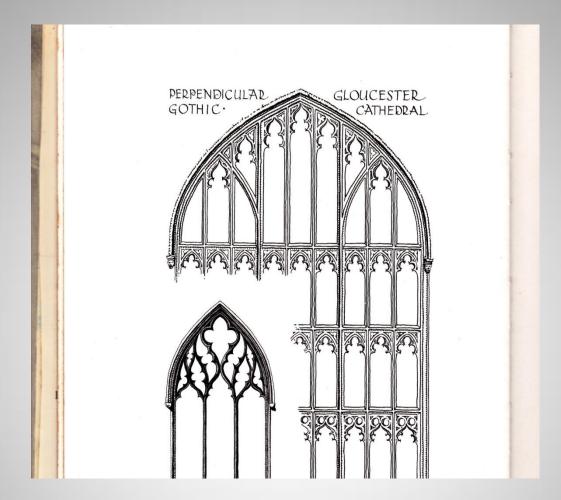
Vindauga - wind-eye





Roman glass making methods





Gloucester cathedral

East window which is a war memorial to the dead of the Battle of Crecy 1346

Window terms

WINDOW TERMS

- ARCHITRAVE: Moulded frame around LAMB'S TONGUE: Bar in early a window.
- ASTRAGAL (Greek: 'knuckle-bone'): Small semicircular moulding formally a window dividing bar. Now termed 'glazing bar' or, in America, 'Muntin'.

BAYS: Projecting windows; may be circular, square or splayed.

BEADS: Metal, wood or plastic to hold glass instead of putty.

CAMES: Lead strips to hold glass in leaded windows.

CASEMENT: Side-hung window opening out or in.

CILL or SILL: The bottom of a window opening.

CLERESTORY: Windows high above nave in churches.

CUSPING: Projecting points on inside of Early English Gothic arches and panels; sometimes with small leaf or trefoil on end.

DECORATED: The second period of Gothic church windows.

DORMER: Window in a sloping roof. DRIPSTONE: Projecting moulding

over windows and doors.

EARLY ENGLISH: The first period of Gothic church windows.

ENTABLATURE: The whole of the horizontal members above a column in classical architecture.

FAÇADE: External face of a building. FANLIGHT: Semicircular upper window.

FENESTRATION: Arrangement of windows in a building.

GABLE: Triangular walling under the end of a pointed roof.

GEORGIAN WINDOWS: Originally wood vertically sliding sashes; now made in metal.

JAMBS: Sides of a window or door.

wooden window, resembling in crosssection the shape of a lamb's tongue.

LANCET: Narrow, sharply pointed

LINTEL: Horizontal member at head of window.

MULLION: Vertical member dividing a window.

NORMAN (or English Romanesque): Style of architecture of 11th and 12th centuries.

ORIEL: Upper window projecting from face of wall.

PERPENDICULAR: Final period of Gothic styles.

REBATE: Recess in stone, wood or metal to position a window and act as a weathercheck.

RENAISSANCE: Term used to describe the reintroduction of Classic architecture.

REVEAL: Face at right-angles to the front of building in window or door openings; if built diagonally it is called 'splayed'.

SADDLE BAR: Light steel bar placed horizontally across window to stiffen leaded glazing.

'T' BARS: Window dividing bars made up from simple T-shaped metal sections.

TRACERY: Ornamental pattern of ribs in Gothic stone windows, springing from mullions in lower part of window.

TRANSOM: Horizontal division of window.

WHEEL WINDOW: Circular window with 'spokes' of decorative tracery. Also called Rose Window and Bull's Eye Window.

Simple terms

Basic window terms

Architrave moulded frame around a window

Bays projecting windows; may be

circular, square or splayed

Cames lead strips to hold glass

Cill or Sill the bottom of a window opening

Dormer in a sloping roof

Dripstone projected moulding over

Fanlight semi-circular upper window

Jambs sides of window or door

Lintel horizontal member at head

Mullion vertical member dividing

Oriel upper window projecting from wall

Rebate recess in stone, wood or metal

Reveal face at right-angles to front of

building in window or door If diagonal called 'splayed'

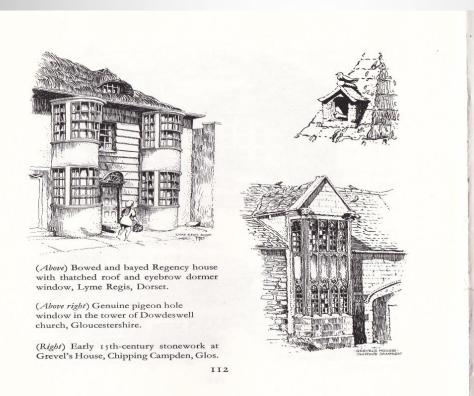
Transom Horizontal division

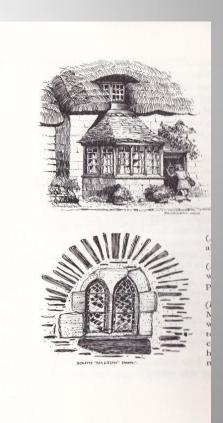
How many types of window?

- Sash
- Bow
- Bay
- Dormer
- Georgian
- Stained glass

Many different windows

- Bowed and bayed; Genuine pigeon hole
- Eyebrow; Saxon or Early English?







House in Bardsea 1809 ?windows original

Charles Rennie Mackintosh windows c1901-4

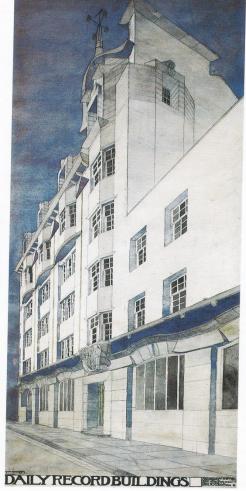


Right: Mackintosh's striking design of the Daily Record newspaper offices (1901), where he creatively used patterned white-glazed brick. His watercolour finish of this drawing is unique. Normally his architectural perspectives were worked in black ink only.

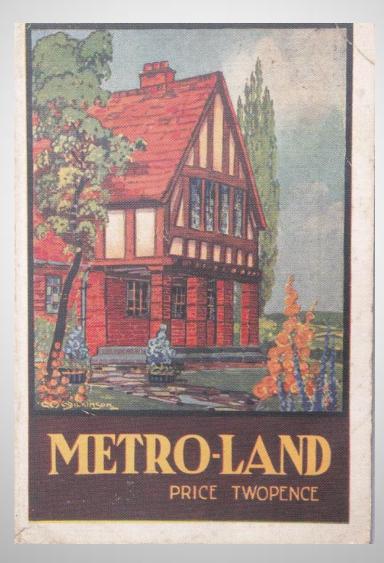
Left and below:

The staircase, Scotland Street School, 1904. The school was the most dramatically modern of Mackintosh's buildings, remarkable for its semicylindrical stair towers.

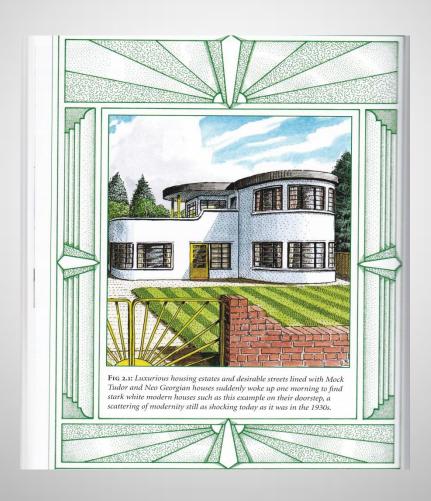




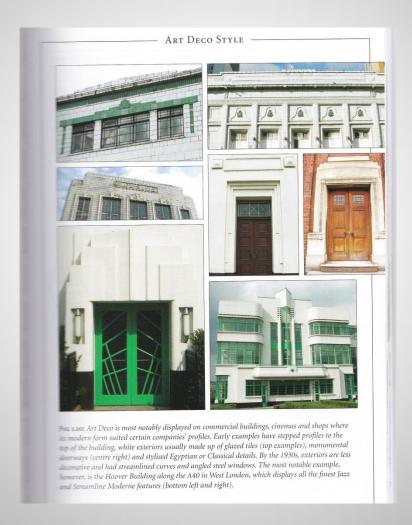
Poster for a 1920s house note the "Tudor" style



Now imagine the shock of this next door to you in the 1930s



Commercial buildings in the 1920s and 30s



This is a 1930s house with its original metal windows



FIG 3.12: It is not uncommon to find a few houses on 1930s' estates that still have their original windows and doors. Although estate agents often recommend owners to put in UPVC windows, as this can give a temporary lift in value, they often spoil the appearance and need replacing after a decade or two (think how out of date 1980s' aluminium windows now look). Original metal-framed windows last much longer and, with their horizontal lines, fit in with the style of house and add to its long-term value. However, they do require maintenance and will need secondary glazing fitting inside if noise is a problem. There are a number of companies now producing authentic 1930s' style double-glazed windows and they are worth looking up on the internet.

Various windows in Art Deco style



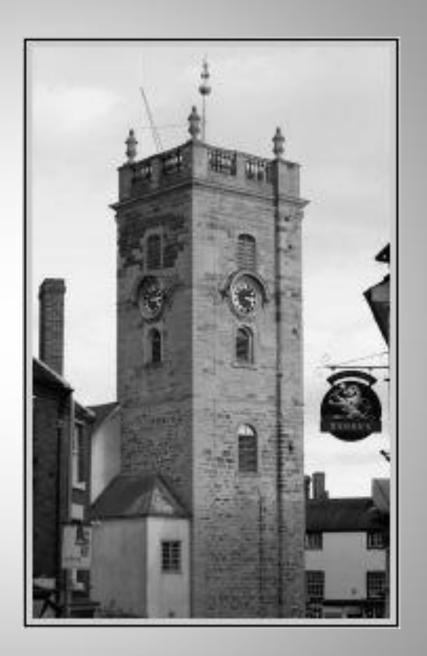
Bewdley in Worcestershire



Another view of St Anne's Church

The tower was built in 1695, perhaps to hold up an earlier wooden church.

The stone Georgian building was added in 1748



St. Anne's window from the inside



Fanlight and sash



Fanlight over prison cell



Bewdley in Worcestershire



Windows in the Gill, Ulverston

 This is not really an architecturally varied area as most windows have been renovated or restored from original sash types.

However, there are some worth looking at:

First a general view of the area:



This shows two 'blank windows'



This is a window at the Old School with sandstone surroundings



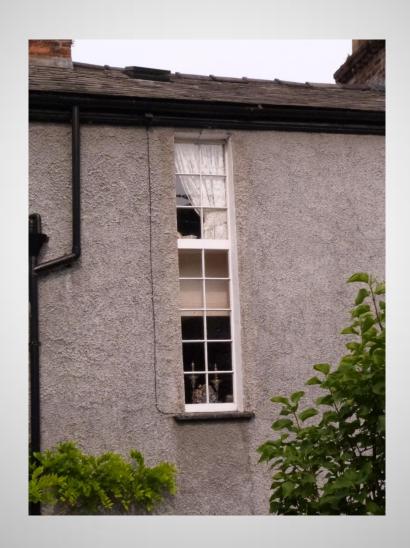
Rather austere symmetrical effect



Rear of cottages note the stair window



Closer look at interesting stair window



A 'gallery effect' to a window



Unusual window at the old mill



Another look at the general view



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