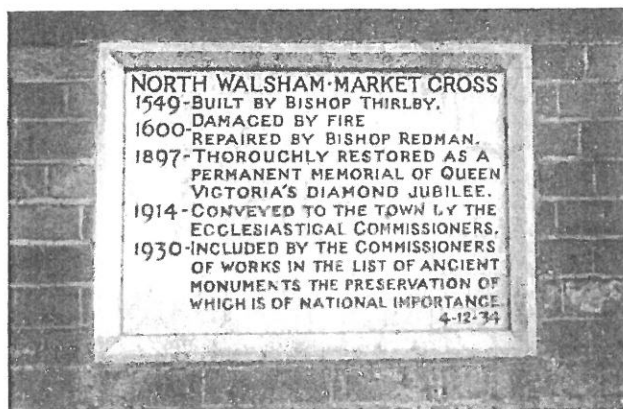


The Bacton Wood Mill on Spa Common was not then in the parish boundary, and belonged to the Paston Family.

It was about this time that the Market Cross was built by Bishop Thurlby, or more likely with his permission, for in the wills of that period we find these bequests:

- 1544. T. Andrews gave 40/- for the setting up of the Cross.
- 1555. J. Carver 12d.
- 1557. J. Clark 6/8
- " E. Barleymass 2/-
- " T. Palling 2/-
- 1550. S. Steen of Skeyton 3/4 towards the leading of the roof



The names of the various gates given in the manorial rolls at that time were, Churchgate, Hegate, Marshgate, Cocklegate, Oystrand Gate. Some of these names have lasted through the centuries, but some like Hegate and Cocklegate have been lost, and no record exists to show where they were. In 1600 a most disastrous fire occurred, the seriousness of which can best be shown by quoting the text of the letter for help sent to Her Majesty's Privy Council, extracted from the Churchwardens book. "There happened on the night of the xxv of June 1600 in the cheefe and verrie prosperous and populous town of this County of Norfolk called North Walsham, a fire that it is said began in the house of a poore and