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## Zipfels

For 150 years there was at least one Zipfel making clocks or watches in Magdalen Street. One family of many hundreds from far away who have become part of the ever-changing life of the street.

Why they moved to Norwich from the Black Forest in Germany we will never know, but between 1813 and 1828, John and Suzanna Zipfel baptised at least seven children in St Saviour's church. Three of their sons went on to run clock and watchmaking businesses in Norwich. In 1836 John Zipfel is listed as living at Stump Cross, with his son Charles next door. The shop was next to the surviving Zipfels Court.

Over the years, other clock and watchmakers have succeeded the Zipfels in Magdalen Street, until the last shop was replaced by new flats.

Their name survives, alongside so many others, in courtyards and corners, resonating down the years as the city moves and transforms around us.

**Time ticks on ...**



... and nothing stays the same.

But history lives on in the hearts of the people,  
and the spirit of the North city will not be extinguished.

Whatever comes next for Anglia Square, we are still here.

And we will be watching.

## **Zeitgeist. n.**

The defining spirit or mood of a particular period in history as shown by the ideas or beliefs of the time.

**Origin mid 19th century:**  
from German *Zeitgeist*, from *Zeit* 'time' + *Geist* 'spirit'.