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INTRODUCTION

Dear Member

It appears we shall all still be in some sort of lockdown or isolation for the next few weeks. Therefore we are sending out this newsletter with items from the archive for your information and interest.

Please let us know if you have any connections with the people portrayed or have any further information to add.

In the meantime stay safe and well.

Regards

Graham Castle

Chairman

VE day - 8th May 1945



Below: An old picture of the ford - from the archive



Which Jubilee is this?

The shop sign may be a clue to some. Probably some current Thorne residents are in the picture? Let us know.



The Green

If you remember this you will probably be drawing a pension!



Old view of Main Street



THS have used this background on our current website. Again, one can see a familiar scene of about a century ago. We hope to load more pictures onto the site as we archive and clean them up.

<http://www.thornerhistory.org.uk>

Main Street East - Approach to the Ford



Looking at the clothing it seems like a century ago.

The road has been made up and the rickety fence removed. Otherwise it looks very familiar. The cart is driving in the middle of the road just like today's traffic.

The 1834 Teale map of Thorner shows Main Street set out much the same as today with small farms along either side.

Main Street West - At the Crossroads

There was plenty of character in this old stone building prior to the new redevelopment. Presumably it was too restricted in space with no room for car parking ?

If you remember the Old Mex or were a patron let us know more about what it was like.



The "Old" Mexborough

JUNE



No parking problems are apparent in the sunny picture above. Is it a handcart at the front, or a Thorner rickhaw?

The shop view below looks familiar, with an impressive signboard, although not too subtle perhaps? Does anyone remember Mr Moon and family?

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THSoc have been scanning in archive documents and photographs for the last three years to provide an easily accessible database. The work is slow and in many cases it is difficult to identify people or the dates applicable to many items. Any information you may have about the pictures and documents we have will be added to the archive.

The AGM and all meetings have been cancelled until further notice, although we hoped to issue this newsletter in the meantime.