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INTRODUCTION

Dear Member

While trawling through the archive this week I noticed quite a few photographs of the various shops we used to have in the village.

Today's montage shows the evolution of the shop where the Rhodes garage used to be. Dates may be subject to change should you have better information. We have noted the dates indicated in the notes from our hand written records.

We also profile Nathan Dalby who died in 1902.

Regards
Graham Castle

Chairman

The map below indicates a shop, in the former Rhodes Garage location, between 1920 and 1940. The sign on the front said "ROWLANDS GROCER"



JL Stainthorpe shop from around 1940 at no 25 Main Street



These pictures appear to be before and after modifications to the shop window surround probably between 1940 and 1952

Queen Elizabeth II Coronation 1953



The decorations are presumed to be for the coronation of the Queen in 1953 although the photos are dated as 1952 when she became Queen on the death of George VI.

Below: Mr Stainthorpe outside his shop



1961 External facelift



1961 Internal refit



Rhodes Motors - closed up

Can anyone remember when Rhodes garage started using the shop and when it closed?



Recent refurbishment as a dwelling in 2017



Profile of Nathan Dalby - 1902

The Death of Nathan Dalby - Thorner's Oldest Resident

On October 2nd 1902 the burial of Nathan Dalby of Eltofts Farm took place at St. Peters Church Thorner. The Reverend J P Whitworth officiated at the burial which was attended by a large number of Thorner residents. Nathan, who was the oldest resident in the village at 97 years old at the time, was well known in the area as an engaging and a beloved member of the Dalby family. In his late nineties he still had a good memory and a cheerful disposition.

The Dalby's were one of the oldest families in the area and could trace their ancestry back to the time of William the Conqueror. When a Norman family named D'Albi settled in West Yorkshire.

The family became a clan and spread to Roundhay, Eccup, Thorner, Collingham, Shadwell, Scarcroft and other localities in Yorkshire. The records of Spofforth Monastery name two abbots as being members of the family. Collingham Priory naming a female D'Albi as a Lady Superior!

Nathan's parents, Robert Dalby (1761-1854) and Mary Spence (1767 - 1856), had seven children, four boys David, Nathan, Jonathan, Robert, and three girls Ann, Ruth and Faith. The family were all born in Thorner and were farmers.

In 1861 the family lived on Main Street. By 1871 Nathan was farming at 36 High Street and living by himself. Nathan never married and by 1881 he was living with relatives at 32 Main Street. Aged 85 in 1891 he went to live with his niece Grace Dalby Wilson and her husband at Eltofts Farm. Nathan lived with the family until he died in 1902.



Mr Dalby and family are an example of several families in Thorner who were, and still are, part of our local history. We hope to highlight a few more people and moments from over the years.

Mary Stainthorpe & motorbike



It looks as though biking has been in the Stainthorpe family for a long time as well as running the local shop?

1975 - Stainthorpe's have moved to 44 Main Street



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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.

We hoped to issue this newsletter in the meantime.

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