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In this special commemorative issue of the Journal we celebrate the new century and the new Millennium by producing essentially a book of photographs of Thriplow with a minimum of text. The older pictures come from the Society's archival collection, some have been specially taken for recording Thriplow today, and others look forward to Thriplow in future time.

Only a few are privileged to witness such an end of year change as we all experienced on January 1st this year; the beginning of a new century and the start of a new Millennium. We can attempt to recall the village in past centuries from those fragments of documents that have survived, and from the building and land use legacy visible in the landscape today, but how can we imagine what Thriplow will be like in another one hundred years, and how will it look in another one thousand?

We know that people lived here in prehistoric times but the evidence is scanty- the ancient *tumulus* near the Church and associated artefacts are recorded, but the *tumulus* itself was ploughed many years ago and it exists today only on O.S. maps and aerial photographs. Nor is there much left of Roman occupation, nor Saxon except for our founder patron Byrhtnoth (he has re-appeared recently on the Village Green signpost splendidly re-carved by David Carter, grandson of Harry Carter, the original sculptor). Only when we come to the arrival of the Normans in the eleventh century do we have documentary sources describing Thriplow, its inhabitants and their activities. These documents are principally *Domesday Book*, the records of the diocese of Ely, *Liber Eliensis*, the *Hundred Rolls* of 1279, medieval wills, and *Terriers* (surveys of land).

This journal starts by looking back to these records and to our oldest building, the Church of All Saints, now St. George, which dates from the thirteenth century although an earlier Christian Foundation almost certainly preceded it. The oldest surviving secular building is the Tithe Barn in Middle Street and one or two cottages in Church Street, and the surviving parts of the former Manor Houses. They represent a nucleated settlement based on an agricultural economy striding the much travelled Icknield Way which brought travellers from the south and south-west of England to East Anglia. We know that by the beginning of the nineteenth century an integrated community existed with its own dairies, alehouses, smiths, carpenters, and shopkeepers, virtually self-sufficient until the advent of public and private transport changed it all. The second part of the book looks to the future with the children of the School, the expected survival of agriculture, and the continued prosperity of a Christian community.

The Society, assisted by the PCC, has sponsored a design for a new stained-glass window for the north transept of the Church, and this design is shown on the back cover of the Journal. It depicts the early founders of the Church, Byrhtnoth and Bishop Hugh de Balsham, amidst our daffodils, the chalk streams and wild orchids. If it meets the approval of the Diocesan Committees it is hoped that it will be installed in the summer of next year.

Peter Speak and Shirley Wittering, Joint Editors.

DOMESDAY BOOK, *Inquisitio Comitatus Cantabrigiensis*

In the Hundred of TRIPELAUE men swore: that is Ralph the reeve of the hundred, William de Caillei, Ralph of Barentona, Tedbald the man of Hardewin, Stanhard of Hauekestona, Godric of Fulemere, Aluric of Tripelaue, Sigar the Steward and all French and English men.

In this Hundred Trippelaue was assessed at 8 eight hides. T.R.E. and is now. And of these 8 hides the Abbot of Ely holds five and a half hides. There is land for 8 ploughs here; 3 ploughs and 3 hides are in demesne and there are 5 villein ploughs.

There are 12 villeins, 5 bordars, 5 serfs, meadow for 1 plough, pasture for the cattle of the vill, 100 sheep, 30 pigs, pasture to render 2 ploughshares, and 1 horse. In all it is worth 11l and T.R.E. it was woth 12l. this land pertains to the church of Ely.

In this vill of Trippelaue Hardewin holds 1 hides of the mensal land by respite under the King until the matter can be discussed. In this hide there is land for 1 plough which is here and there are 60 sheep and 17 pigs. It always was and is worth 20 shillings. This land pertains to the church of Ely. Of these 8 hides Hardewin holds 2 acres of the Abbot's land of which he has no warrenty not livery but he usurped it in defiance of the Abbot, as the men of the hundred bear witness.

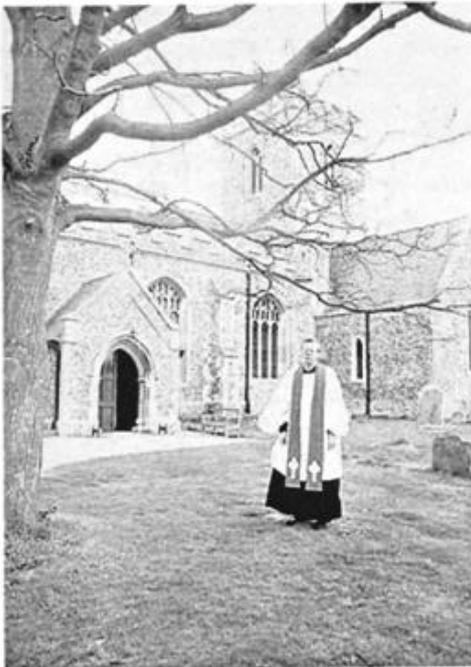
And of these 8 hides Sigar holds one and half hides from Geoffrey de Mandeville. There is land for 2 ploughs; 1 is on the demesne and there is 1 villein plough. There are 4 villeins, 1 serf, pasture for the cattle of the vill, 5 head of cattle, 200 sheep less 20, and 1 horse. In all it is and was worth 40 shillings. The same Sigar held his land and could give and sell it to whom he would, but his lord retained his soke.

NB For an explanation of some of the terms see Thriplow Journal No 2/3 Spring 1994

Church and Chapel



Church of All Saints known since 1852 as St. George



Rev. Jim Mynors Vicar of Thriplow ↑

Independent Chapel Middle Street, built by Joseph Ellis in 1835 for £40 →



The graves of the Ellis Family major landowners from the eighteenth to the twentieth centuries



Agriculture

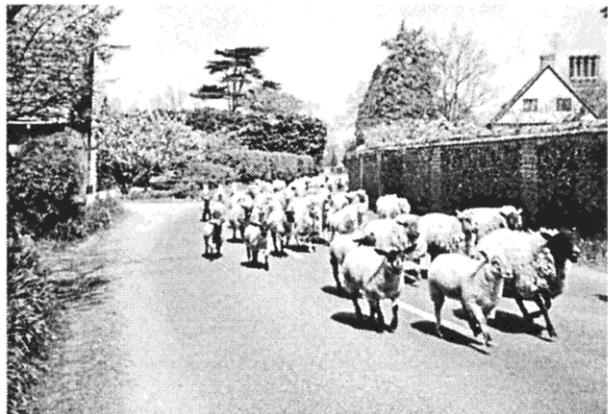


George Hall, on horse, and his mother in 1930's



Oliver Walston of Thriplow Farms with modern combine harvester

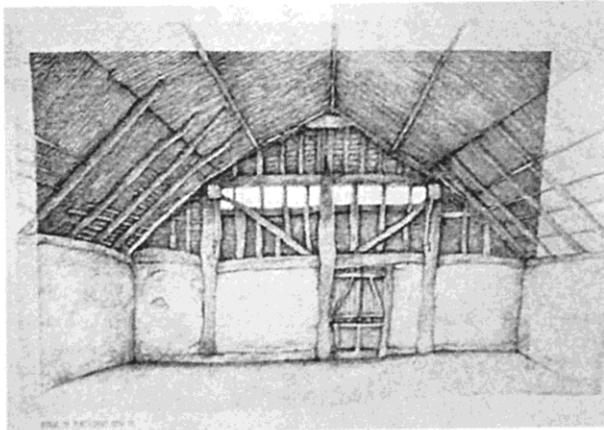
Sheep have been in Thriplow since Domesday times





The oldest surviving secular building, the Tithe Barn in Middle Street dates from the 1320s

*Inside the barn as drawn by
Sean Hogan*



*CPB Twyford in Church Street research
into new strains of crops*

After Work - rest and relaxation

The Green Man formerly the Gardener and Spade was rebuilt in 1822



The Saracen's Head, (on right) was a short-lived Ale House before licensing was introduced



The Fox in Church Street, once known as Brushing the Fox was burnt down in 1920



The Shoulder of Mutton, next to Flack's garage in Little Thriplow

The Red Lion on the site of the Village Hall, was burnt down in 1941



Thriplow's football team 1920/21

Houses of Distinction

These large houses have a chequered history, beginning as either Manors or Farmhouses, later divided into smaller dwellings for farm workers in Victorian times. Recently some have reverted to single residences.



The Bury



Cochranes



*Bacon's Manor in 1930's
showing Dovecote*



Bassetts

Barenton's Manor



Manor Farm, once Suttons then College Farm

Cottage Dwellings



Anno Domini & neighbouring cottage



Daffodil Cottage once the Medieval Guildhall



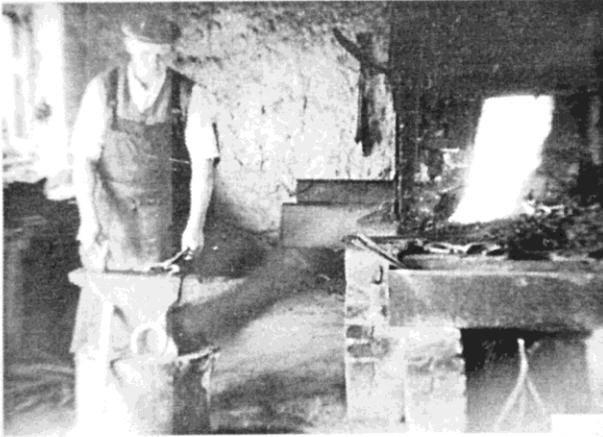
This 'Arts and Crafts' cottage in Foremans Road was built in 1846

Eva Hall's house was built in 1855



Honeysuckle Cottage once known as 'Careless' a name dating from 1279

Trades and Occupations



The Blacksmith was once an indispensable part of rural life

The Smithy on the Green dates from the early nineteenth century



The Post Office and Stores

The Dairy House on the right, one of several former dairies in the village

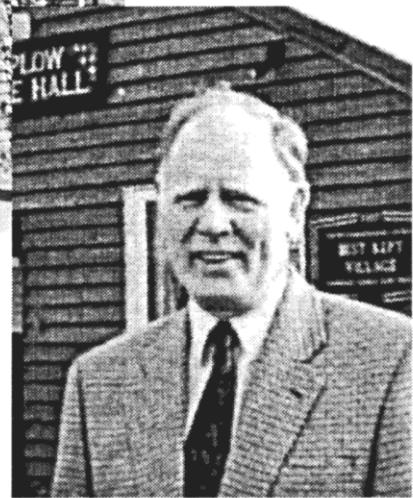


Social Life



*The old
Village Hall
demolished
in 1999*

*David Easthope,
Chairman of the
Parish Council*

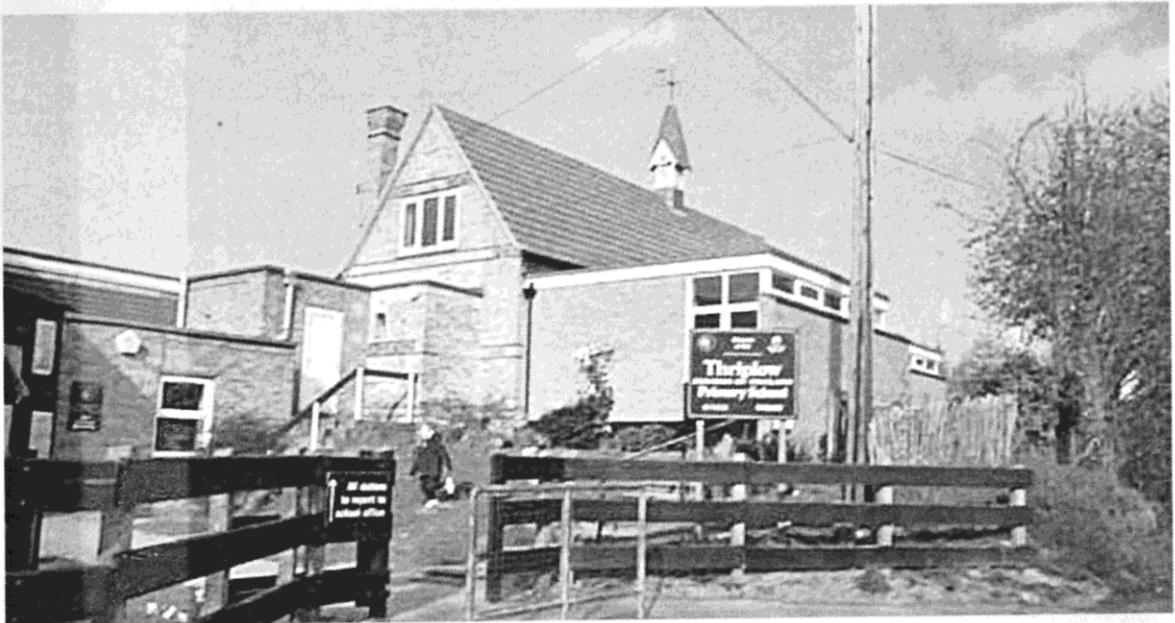


The new Village Hall opened New Year's Day, 2000

School

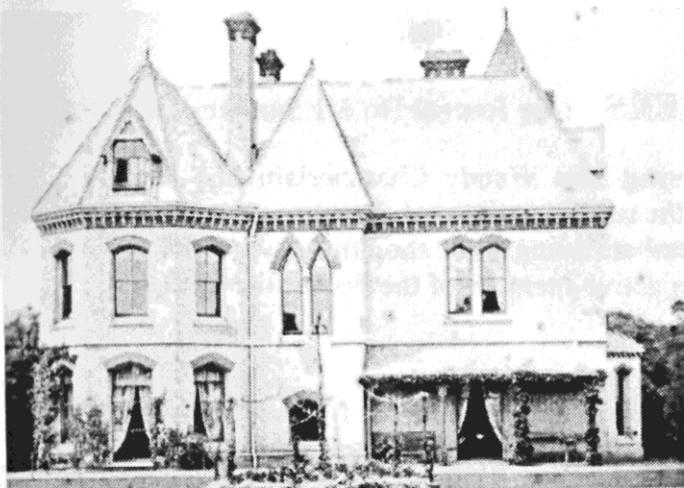


How we were, Thriplow School 1912



The way ahead, Thriplow School today

Modern Buildings



Thriplow House, the latest in 1862

Sherald's Croft built in the 1950s



Pepperslade, Heathfield, daughter settlement. An old name for new houses

GLEANINGS

Bill Wittering writes:

THRIPLow'S POSTMASTERS (see Journal No 8/1 Summer 1999, P.5)

I had the pleasure recently of meeting Mrs Wendy Chamberlain, the daughter of Mr and Mrs George Howes who was the sub-Postmaster of Thriplow when it was owned by the Co-op. Mrs Chamberlain remembers living at the shop from 1950 until 1957. She now lives at Royston where she is an active member of the Forget-me-not Club.

RICHARD WEBBER has given us a fascinating chart of his first sightings of flowers, birds and butterflies over the years, which we will publish in full in our next Journal. When did you see your first frog this year?

AGM Monday 17th April 2000. Come and hear **BILL WITTERING** tell us about the **HISTORY OF THE ROYAL MAIL.** Subscriptions are now due - £5.00.

A BIG THANKYOU to John Clark of Ryecroft Data for giving the Journal a colour cover as a millennium gift.

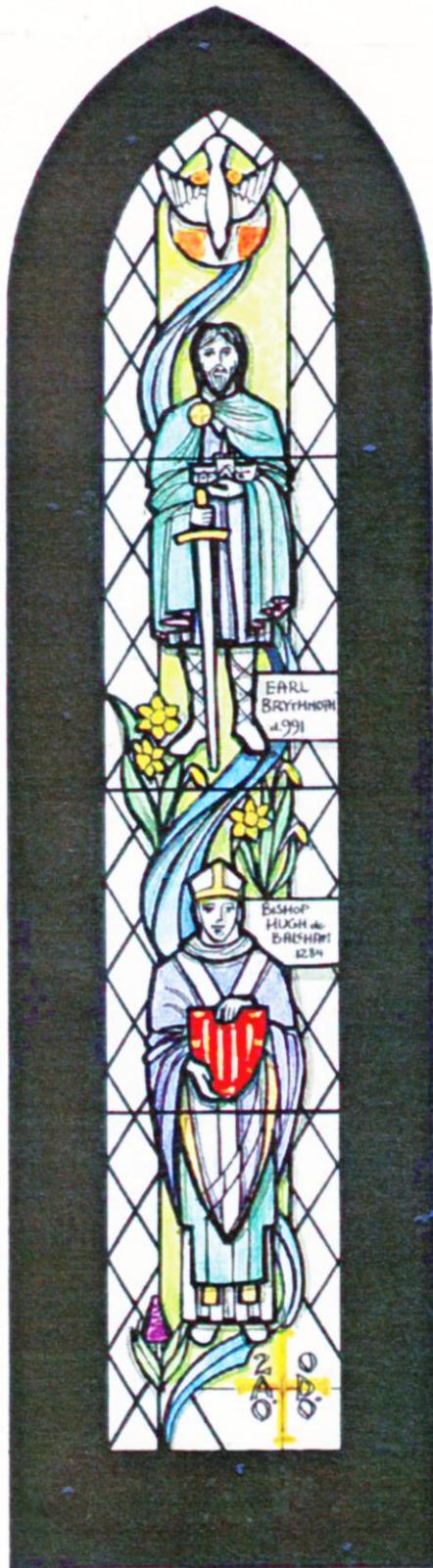
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**VISIT TO LAMBETH PALACE – Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup> 2000.** Unfortunately all group tickets for this year are fully booked, but there are some individual places left during the week. Please ring the Lambeth Palace booking office tel: 0171 898 1198.

And finally a great big **THANK YOU** to all the members of the Thriplow Society who helped at the Smithy during Daffodil Weekend. Mike Overall stepped in at the last minute on Sunday to work the forge, and David Easthope and Geoff Axe did a brilliant job of keeping the newly mended bellows going on the Saturday.





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