

## NOTES FROM THORNHAM

### MYSTERY OBJECT

You may have noticed this implement, stationed on the triangle in Thornham Parva: a wood and iron V-shaped snow plough. Simple, effective and locally made or perhaps provided by the county it was used by Jim Thurlow, the county's road man who lived nearby in Chapel Lane.

Mr Thurlow is remembered for the immaculate state in which he kept the lanes, with neatly raked gravel along the edges.

The motive power for the snow plough was borrowed from Michael Sturgeon, the farmer. In the early days it was pulled by a horse, later by a tractor. A man walked behind holding handles to adjust the width of the hinged blades to the width of the road. It has been in this spot for as long as anyone can remember and was perhaps last used in the big freeze of 1962-63.



### OCTOBER EVENTS

**Sunday 11th:** Beyond the Wall apple day, Walled Garden, 12-4, free

**Friday 16th:** 7.30pm, Village Hall film, *Far from the madding crowd*, booking essential, £5 from Priscilla 01379 672903

**Sunday 18th:** 10.45am, Harvest songs of praise, Thornham Magna church, followed by Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall (prepared by staff, students and volunteers from Beyond the Wall, booking essential: Christine 01379 783226). All welcome, please bring your family and friends

**Friday 23rd:** Quiz, Village Hall

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