

## NOTES FROM THORNHAM

### THE NORWICH ROAD, 1901

“Stonham Pie owns one of those old gallows signs, stretching across the road, that were at one time a common feature. The picture-sign with a painting of that savvy bird, has been hung below the cross-beam instead of in its old ironwork



frame above, now that the piled-up coaches that once passed beneath are gone. Shortly before their going, and while turnpikes and tolls appeared likely to last for ever, the toll-gate that stood at the succeeding village of Brockford was removed two miles onward, to Stoke Ash, where at the beginning of the pretty avenue at Stoke Chapel the later toll house remains.”

### DECEMBER EVENTS

**Sunday 13th:** Thornham Parva Carol Service, 6pm

**Sunday 20th:** Thornham Magna Church, 3pm, Carols with Gislingham Silver Band, with refreshments organised by Beyond the Wall

**Christmas Eve:** This year the Midnight Mass is at Mellis, starting at 11.30pm

**Christmas Day:** Thornham Magna church, 10.30am, Eucharist for Christmas Day with carols

### JANUARY EVENTS

**Thursday 14th:** Thornham Magna Village Meeting, 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Clerk Tina Schwarz 01379 788207

**Friday 15th:** 7.30pm, Village Hall film, *Suffragette*, booking essential, £5 from Priscilla 01379 672903

**Saturday 23rd:** Village Hall jumble sale

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