

## NOTES FROM THORNHAM

Here are some of the photos of servants at Thornham Hall taken in the 1860s by a local pioneering photographer, Cleer Alger of Diss. Mr Alger specialised in churches, big houses and portraits. He usually made portraits at



his studio in Mere Street where more recently Chapman's the jewellers were located. On this occasion he seems to have set up his apparatus at the Hall.

The only subjects I can name are John Perkins, top left, the famous head gardener who I wrote about last month, and next to him his wife Jane. One hundred and fifty years on we can only guess the jobs and names of the others.

**OCTOBER EVENTS IN THE THORNHAMS** ● Sun 14th: Apple Day at Beyond the Wall, 12-3.30 ● Fri 19th: Parish Hall, 7.30pm, *Three billboards outside Ebbing, Missouri* ● Sat 27th: Dice and slice, Parish Hall, 2.30-5pm