

NOTES FROM THORNHAM

This month we celebrate the 75th anniversary of VJ Day – Victory over Japan – the end of WWII. The early years of the era that followed were marked by the foundation of the NHS and the Welfare State, the birth of my fortunate post-war generation, the Festival of Britain and the Coronation of the Queen.

This 'age' of security for many has yet to be named as it comes to an abrupt end in a world of pandemic and climate emergency – predictable problems for which we seem to have been singularly ill-prepared.

We live in interesting times. Let's hope we can share music and a meal again in a crowded village hall in the not too distant future.



Many thanks to Christine Moore for these photos of the 50th anniversary celebration of VJ Day held at the Thornhams Village Hall in August 1995. Above: 'The Farmers' Boys Singers' John King, Michael Sturgeon and Geoff Coe with John and Sheila Wright and their musicians, Below: Michael and Christine Sturgeon, Alan King, Muriel and David Plowman and behind them Dr Vaudrey and Lord and Lady Henniker.



* You can read all my Notes from Thornham on www.thornhams.org. Keep well and please let me know about your research. Stephen Schwarz