

## NOTES FROM THORNHAM

Last month I printed a number of views of the Shoes over the years. This month we go up our picturesque village street as it was over 100 years ago. The road is unsurfaced and the inhabitants are busy elsewhere. A car parked in



the distance perhaps belongs to the photographer.

The first picture shows Claremont and Honeysuckle Cottages. Joyce Mayes, who lived in Honeysuckle for many years, celebrates her 100th birthday on the 23rd. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY JOYCE!!**



In the garden of Honeysuckle stands the then thatched Reading Room, built in the 1880s for the men of the village in an attempt to keep them out of the pub. Superseded in the 1920s by the more inclusive and versatile Village Hall.

There is more about the Reading Room on the Notes page of [thornhams.org](http://thornhams.org) from May 2020.

Next comes the attractive row of cottages, estate numbers 194 to 198. (There is more about numbers in my Notes of September 2017.)

The third photo shows the thatched pair, 203 and 204.



At that time the post office was at 203, with a slot for posting in the window. Number 205; on the left, was then a general store, and later also the post office. The postcards shown here were probably bought and posted at these establishments.