

The Reverend Algernon Humfrey, c.1900.

Thorpe's school management records give us an insight into people, occupations and customs. They include:

1877 – 'John Horwood: Kept at home in order to fetch his mother's washing clothes; she being laundress.'

1877 – 1 May: 'One day's holiday because the children are accustomed to go round the village with a garland.' This tradition continued in the village until the mid-twentieth century. Money was collected for worthy causes, such as the Red Cross.