

## Toft Historical Society



Mill Lane and  
its house  
numbers



The panorama photograph of the Mill Lane cottages, above, shows four doors: left-to-right they are currently numbered as 7, 9, 11 and 13. Numbers 7, 9 and 11 form one property nowadays, and the door of number 9 is a *trompe-l'oeil*, no longer in use. But it was not always like that. During a recent re-painting of the doors, Koran Collett (no. 13) burnt off the paint on no. 9, to reveal an unmistakable remnant of a no. 2 (right-hand photograph, above). This dates from the days when the cottages were the only properties on the lane and were therefore numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4.