

## THUNDER Thomas A.136

Thomas Thunder's gravestone stands on the east side of the south porch. The inscription is almost illegible now, but his name was readable up until about 20 years ago. From the burial register we find that he was a riding Officer for the Crown in the Coastal Blockade, guarding our coastline and apprehending smugglers. Although his job was a lonely and perilous one, he died in his bed at the age of 79 on 8<sup>th</sup> November 1789. Hi job was patrol the coastal paths at night to try and stop the smugglers from getting their boot ashore.

There were other members of his family still living in the village at the time, including a brother or cousin called John with his wife Hannah and three daughters, Mary, Elizabeth and Sarah. All except Sarah are also buried in All Saints churchyard.

