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Thomas Booth was the son of Peter Booth and his first wife Eliza, nee Basnett. Peter Booth and his second wife, Ellen, ran a draper's shop at 28 Church Street and as a young man Thomas worked for his father travelling round the neighbourhood selling clothing. Customers would give him coupons from Lever Bros soap which he saved and exchanged for bicycles. He would sell these on from a little shop in a row of cottages on Church Street, where Hales now stands. This was called "Central Cycle Depot". The 1901 census lists him as a draper and cycle agent, living on North Main Street.

About 1906, Thomas Booth opened a shop at 104 Main Street, specialising in cycles including Sunbeam, Raleigh, Humber and Swift and motor cycles such as Enfield, Triumph and B.S.A. He also sold tyres, sewing machines and gramophones.

Ad 1925



The garage entrance in the photo is now the shop front for Rodger's Carpets



Tom let Herbert Newman, a watch and clock maker, use part of his garage for clock repairs until he found premises in Church Street.

Ad 1954

Cliff Byram, Motor and Cycle Agent took over the premises in the 1940s and branched out into running a taxis service and offering wireless repairs and television installations. There was a set of petrol pumps outside the front of the garage entrance, with arms that allowed the hoses to stretch over the heads of the pedestrians to reach the cars at the roadside.

Ad 1985



When Byram's closed, the property was split as we see it today. Byram's had already sublet part of the premises to a barber, who stayed on once the garage closed. This later became Park View Gardens, Chinese Takeaway.

The other side was J.M.J. Lawnmower Services until Rodger's Carpets moved their business here in 1994.



Ad 1985

