Molly Thwaites, John Thwaite and Janet Bourke remember village life in the 1960’s and 1970’s. In this extract Janet and John remember living in the Old Post office.

“The Old Post Office at the bottom end of Chapel Street we lived with Mum, Dad and Enid, our auntie. May Coggan lived next door and the Wilson’s at the other side. Mr and Mrs Coggan originally lived up at the top of Chapel Street, in the council houses. Before the Wilson’s the Browns, Ann, Kiffy and Winnie, lived next door, in the 1950/1960s. When Mr and Mrs Coggan moved out Mr and Mrs Waudby moved in.

Dad was a postman working in Selby. He used to go round in a van collecting and delivering and walking the streets. Mum used to work in the shop. The shop used to have shelves with sweets in the window and big cupboards with groceries but from 1970 it was just a post office but Enid made and sold jam as she wasn’t seeing so many people.

Enid owned the post office and Alice, a relation owned Hillside House across the road. We moved over to Hillside when Alice moved into the old people’s bungalows in 1976 and the post office moved to St Marys Approach. When Alice passed away Enid inherited Hillside and Lucy moved into the Old Post Office.

Even when we moved to Hillside Enid and Mum were forever making Jam for church.