Molly Thwaites, John Thwaite and Janet Bourke remember village life in the 1960’s and 1970’s. In this extract Janet and John remember their school days.

“When we started school Mrs Hall, was the headmistress, there was also Mrs Gill, and Mrs Dibb came afterwards, from Back Lane. Mrs Ayres and we used to have Mrs Irish now and again the relief teacher and her dog. John’s class mates included Graham Hunter who was a year younger as was Jimmy Wilson. There was also Robin and David Basteman, Maureen Waudby, Jaqueline England, Estelle Lazenby, Margaret Lamb, Barbara Vasey. Janet remembers her class mates Susan Williamson, Ann Davey, Elaine England, Janet Lazenby, Angela Riley, Denise Hardy, Maxine Martin, and Jennifer Daltry, Ernie Gardner who was a year younger. Also in the class were Neil Carmichael and Ian Longfield. John then went to Selby Technical School, which isn’t anymore.

During summer holiday they remember playing horses and we used to have a bit of string to make some stirrups and then climb on the hawthorne hedge. We had roller-skates and John used to pinch his Dad’s raspberry canes and pretend they were skis. The Ostlers used to hold garden parties at Greystones. Janet remembers playing croquet on the lawn at Greystones and John used to cut the lawns with a Flymo when he was a teenager.

Janet said she was in the choir, they wanted me to be Sunday school queen, but I didn’t want to. George Dixon and Paul Simpson from Thorpe Willoughby were in the choir with me. Some of the adults were me Dad, Aunty Lucy, Mr Simpson and Brenda Stripe. The choir used to go down to Miss Huggins on the Main Road.”