

my memories of Selside

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There was a family named Sogwicks who lived in a cottage I think named the Reading Room. There mother was teacher at the little school one of her sons married a lady who entered a race at Horton show to catch a puffed pig. I think she won it twice brought it back to Selside and kept it in a hut on the village green. We used to attend a Church of England service once a month in the school and a Harvest Festival was always held at the said time of year. we also had whist drives and dances in the school. the music was provided by Mrs. C. Sheppard of Boron a gifted piano player. some jolly times were had now the 'skant' as it was called was a place where the youths in the district gathered to pass information on what had happened in the area a good coal fire was provided and it was not long before the cards were out and snapp. was in progress. Then the storm of 1948 - came and we were dependant on the railway they brought our provisions up, dropped them off at Selside and Salt Lake. as rationing was still in force. we were very grateful to the railway The Hamlet has always been a centre for this area may it long be so to continue.

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