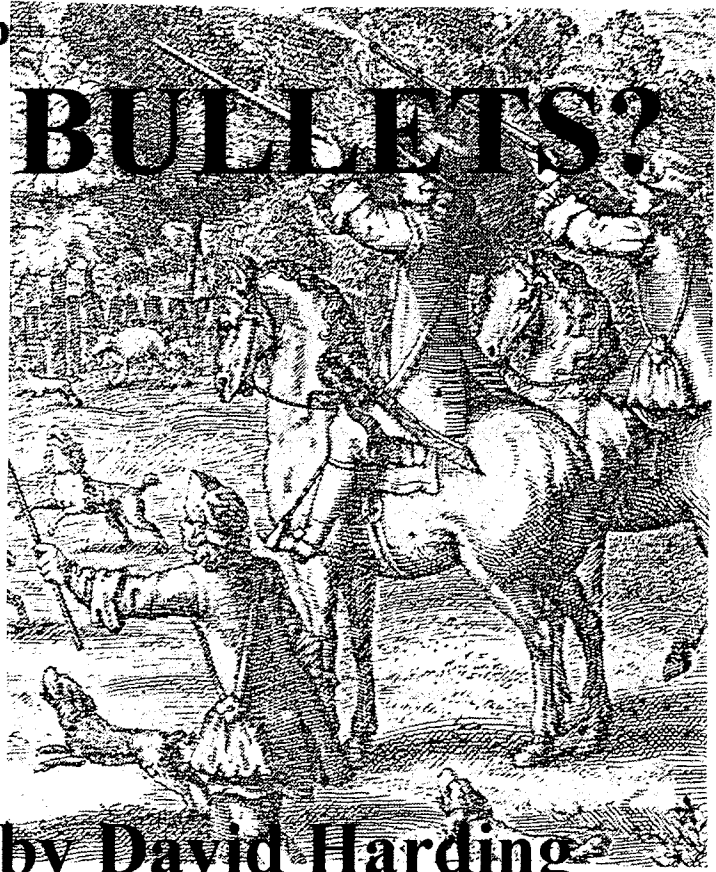


Slingsby Local History Group

ANY OLD BULLETS?

Clues from English fields
about fighting, training and
hunting, c1640 to 1945.

Tuesday 25th March .
Slingsby Village Hall.
7.30 p.m.



An illustrated talk by David Harding

Many kinds of lead balls, bullets, brass cartridge cases and gunflints can be found in the English countryside, by metal detecting or by eye. This talk introduces the main kinds that might be found in the Slingsby area, with special reference to the English Civil Wars, Napoleonic Wars, the Rifle Volunteers of the late 19th century, and both World Wars. Such finds can provide irreplaceable evidence about fighting, training and the shooting sports in your area.

David Harding is a native of York, with ancestors from all three Ridings, though sadly none so far traced at Slingsby. After taking a degree in English at Oxford he served as an officer in 10th Gurkha Rifles in Hong Kong, also on attachment to The Queen's Regiment in Belfast, and in The Yorkshire Volunteers at York. Since 1978 he has worked as a non-fiction book editor in London, to support independent historical research and authorship, chiefly on aspects of military small arms and the British-Indian armies. One of his books has sold over 360,000 copies to date, in 25 editions and 15 languages. Another has won three unsolicited awards, including the prestigious Templar Medal of the Society for Army Historical Research. In 2012 he published what has become the standard work on lead shot from the English Civil Wars to be found in English fields.