



**BOOKING OF
ROOMS for Parties/
Events**
£10 per hour
Facilities include kitchen,
toilets, gas heating, tables,
chairs, crockery.



From the Archives

The earliest financial statement of which we have any record is for the year 1817, and occurs in the Sunday School "Accompt Book".

The income for the year was just over £11, and there is a handsome balance at the close of £2.13.4½d. Some interesting items are –

Two Dozen of Candles	...	£0.16s.0d
A Letter to London	...	£0. 1s.0d.
To the Musicians	...	£0. 4s.11d.

It is gratifying to find that the Ferrands and Joseph Hollings each contributed an annual gift of £1 to the funds. Both families belonged to the Anglican Communion.

The earliest recorded names of workers are those of William Picard, Henry Moulden, John Hudson and J. Sugden.

In 1818 we find a Thomas and a William Whitley, and in 1819, James Pollard.

There is no mention of oil lamps till 1828: till then candles had served: this must have been chiefly for the preaching services, since the school meetings would generally be in daylight. A regularly recurring item of expenditure is –

To "Whitewashing" the school, 2/6.

By the year 1831 the school seems to have been thoroughly established and henceforth we find a complete record of its doings. From the Minutes of April 12th of that year we gather that "All teachers are expected to be in attendance ten minutes before school time".

The we learn that the school time-table was as follows –

Morning School

10.0 to 10.20 – Singing and Prayer
10.20 to 10.50 – Reading
10.50 to 11.0 – Spelling
11.0 to 11.10 – Singing of Hymns
11.10 to 11.50 – Exercises on the "Helps"
11.50 to 12.0 – Singing

Afternoon school: Commencing at 2 o'clock; routine similar to that above, omitting the opening prayer.

Extract from Mr. Ellis Heaton's book of 1914

Cottingley Web Sites

Town Hall Website: <http://mysite.freemove.com/cottingleytownhall>

Cottingley Connect Website www.cottingleyconnect.org.uk

Cottingley Village History Society Website www.history.cottingleyconnect.org.uk

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NEWSLETTER

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This & That



The central heating work is now complete. As with all changes we have had some teething problems.

The pews no longer fit owing to the thickness of the radiators, therefore we are putting them on the slant. Any permanent solution would require the pews to be sawn to half their size. This is a major decision and would reduce the seating capacity. Or should we follow the trend and consider replacing with chairs? The Executive is considering all options, so if you have any opinions or suggestions please let us know.

We also had some problems in controlling the heating when it was first installed and these have left us with a very large bill. We are hoping that the Subsequent savings on efficiency will counteract the problem.

Complying with Health and Safety has also produced frustrations. The radiators have to be covered to prevent accidental burns, but this has meant some heat loss in the church area. At the moment the top covers have been removed (with a little help from a friend—many thanks) and we hope this will improve the output.

Progress has also been made downstairs in the main schoolroom. The tanking has been completed and the replastering of the ceiling should be happening as we go to press. This work includes a fire-retardant

layer to comply with fire regulations. Only the painting to go!! In this room—maybe some repairs to the windows first.

A fire inspection has been carried out and new extinguishers bought. We are in the process of arranging for these to be fitted and brought into a maintenance contract.

With the help of a generous donation in memory of the late Mrs Carole Firth, the restoration work on the organ has been completed. The organ is once again in fine voice and we are hoping to plan some musical events to show it off.

Most of our recent work has been concentrated on the downstairs rooms but we have now been made aware that we must look to the church area. There has been a fall of plaster—perhaps a gentle reminder from above—and we are looking to find firms who could undertake the work.

The work already started will clear out the fundraising bank account so we need to keep busy. The money in the church current account is being kept at a level sufficient to cover running costs and the reserve account is funding the shortfall on restoration work.

MEMBERSHIP 2005

Other areas which need attention:

- * Handrails in disabled toilet.
- * Portable ramp
- * Fire extinguisher siting.
- * Painting and decorating in Church and large schoolroom

HERITAGE OPEN DAY**Saturday****10th September 2005****10 am to 4 pm**

**This yearly event is here again
What have we got in store for you this
time?**

Last year was a great success. A group of ex-scholars bumped into each other and was able to hold an impromptu reunion .

A number of people were able to find their own or their forbears baptism or marriage entries in the records. We were able to subsequently scan and let them have copies of these. So come and see if you can find a relative.

The entertainment from the band was also popular, so this year we have booked the

- * **“Wild Rovers Duo” to liven up the day from 2pm. We do not want to charge our visitors for this but no doubt a small donation to cover some of the cost would be gratefully accepted.**
- * **Building open for you to wander round, ask questions, see what has been done (and what is still to do).**
- * **Exhibitions of photographs old and new, press cuttings, anything to do with Cottingley, its history and of course the Cottingley fairies.**
- * **Displays/stalls by Cottingley Town Hall user groups**
- * **Refreshments and light lunches.**

Cottingley Village History Society

The Society was set up following an inaugural meeting in September 2004, when over 30 people attended. Its aims are the promotion of local history studies and collection of photographic, documentary and oral evidence relating to the parish of Cottingley by means of talks, publications, exhibitions and visits. The Society meets every two months in Cottingley Town Hall, and speakers so far have talked about the History of Cottingley Town Hall by Hilary Charnock, the History of Cottingley Bridge Allotments by Terry Marshall and this month a slide show called Local Past by Dorothy and Brian Burrows.. On May 11th Maurice Baren will be talking to us about How it all began in Yorkshire. July 13th, is not yet finalised and September 14th is the AGM when Reg Hindley will talk about Yorkshire Surnames.

The society would like copies of photographs and documents relating to the history of the village and its residents. If you have any material either to donate, or which we can borrow for copying, please contact Keith Harkiss on 01274 820235 or e-mail: cottingleyhistory@blueyonder.co.uk. (Website: www.history.cottingleyconnect.org.uk) **Members old and new and Visitors welcome.** (Admission £1 including refreshments)

The Community Association is hoping to arrange a Fun Day on the 9th July on the recreation ground. This is still in the early planning stage but if you are interested in helping or have some ideas please contact John Goode 562496

COSMOS—After school club is now meeting regularly. Natalie is always pleased to welcome new members and is planning a Holiday Club. If you want to know more please telephone 07971 479 653.

Come and see us

Are you living in the village but still not got around to calling in to see what goes on at the Town Hall? You are welcome to any of the advertised events or simply come for a coffee 11.45 am after Sunday morning service . We are happy to show people round both the church and secular amenities available.

Calendar of Events For 2005

At Cottingley Town Hall unless indicated otherwise.

Every Sunday 10.30 am Church Service—non-exclusive—all are welcome to join in song and praise. Different speakers each week.

Every Monday morning (excluding Bank Holidays) the Drop In is open from 10 am to 1 pm.

27th March 10.30 am Easter Day Service giving thanks for the risen Lord.

9th April Spring Clearance Sale 10 am 50p Coffee/tea and Biscuits

8th May Gift Day & Womens Sunday 10.30 am Preacher Mrs Christine Craven—Eldwick

11th May—Cottingley Village History Society—7.30pm Speaker—Maurice Baren—How it all began in Yorkshire

11th June Coffee Morning 10 am

26th June 10.30 am Service in celebration of the anniversary of the Sunday School — the beginning of it all.

13th July—Cottingley Village History Society 7.30 pm

6th August Coffee Morning 10 am

10th Sept Heritage Day 10—4pm

14th September Cottingley Village History Society AGM—Speaker—Reg Hindley—Yorkshire Surnames

24th September—Harvest Festival service 10.30 am with displays of fruit and flowers.

15th October Autumn Fayre 2 pm

23rd November Cottingley Village History Society

3rd December Christmas Coffee Morning 10 am

4th December Christmas Band Concert with Hall Royd Brass Band 6.30 pm

Other events in Cottingley can be accessed on <http://www.cottingleyconnect.org.uk/events.htm>