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This & That

Cottingley Town Hall needs to be used to make sure that the amazing efforts of the people living in Cottingley 150 years ago are not lost for future generations. Cottingley Town Hall was built not only because of the generosity of wealthy landowners but also because the villagers themselves gave their time and physical labour by carting the stones through the woods from the Plain field owned by the Ferrand estate to the site on Town Hill street.

The only funding available at present is that derived from lettings.

Pre School is leading the way to not only expand the facilities for children but also to improve the facilities for all users.

The plans include developing the back yard as a safe and environmentally sound playground for the children plus a further large open area ideal for parties, dedicated toilets for 'small people' and refurbishing the current kitchen and toilets.

It has been a difficult and expensive 12 months as the building has been hit by the realities of current day Health and Safety regulations. This has meant risk assessments for fire and asbestos, safety checks for Fire regulations including wiring and electrical appliances. The list of works required to take the building fully into the 21st century has been almost overwhelming and our thanks go out to the Trustees and Executive members for their continuing hard work.

Our thanks also go to those of you who have been loyal 'Friends' over the past years. We know that you are aware of the history and amazing contribution made by the villagers in the 1860s. However there are many newcomers to the village who perhaps are not aware of the facilities available and that this asset is held in trust for the community. ***So perhaps you could pass this newsletter on to a friend or neighbour. As an added incentive we are offering a free cup of tea or coffee with biscuits to anyone who produces this newsletter on Heritage Open Day on 12th September.***

If we are really to get things going then some more volunteers would be useful. So, if you or someone you know would be willing to spare some time serving on the committee or perhaps helping to keep the garden tidy, you would be most welcome.



Heritage Open Day

12th September 10am—2pm

Last year we did not manage to celebrate Heritage Open Day but this year we are hoping for a fun day.

In addition to the building being open for everyone to look around we also have a fun items for the children and adults including a 'Dales railway station' game .

The Village History Society will be showing screen projections of old Cottingley.

There is also the opportunity to search for your ancestors via census, baptism, marriage and war records.

Pre school are doing a display about the proposed major works.

Activities for children and "pull a string" to win a prize.

There will of course be the all important and welcome refreshments, including Bacon Butties.



Cubs and Scouts

The Cottingley pack have been forced to move to Bingley due to lack of leaders. We hope this is just a temporary situation.

Anyone willing to assist this worthwhile organisation by training as a warranted leader please contact Sue Crossley 01274 774954



Reflections on the Cottingley Fairies

by Frances Griffiths in her own words,
with additional material by her daughter Christine
Published 2009

£8.99 + £1.50 postage

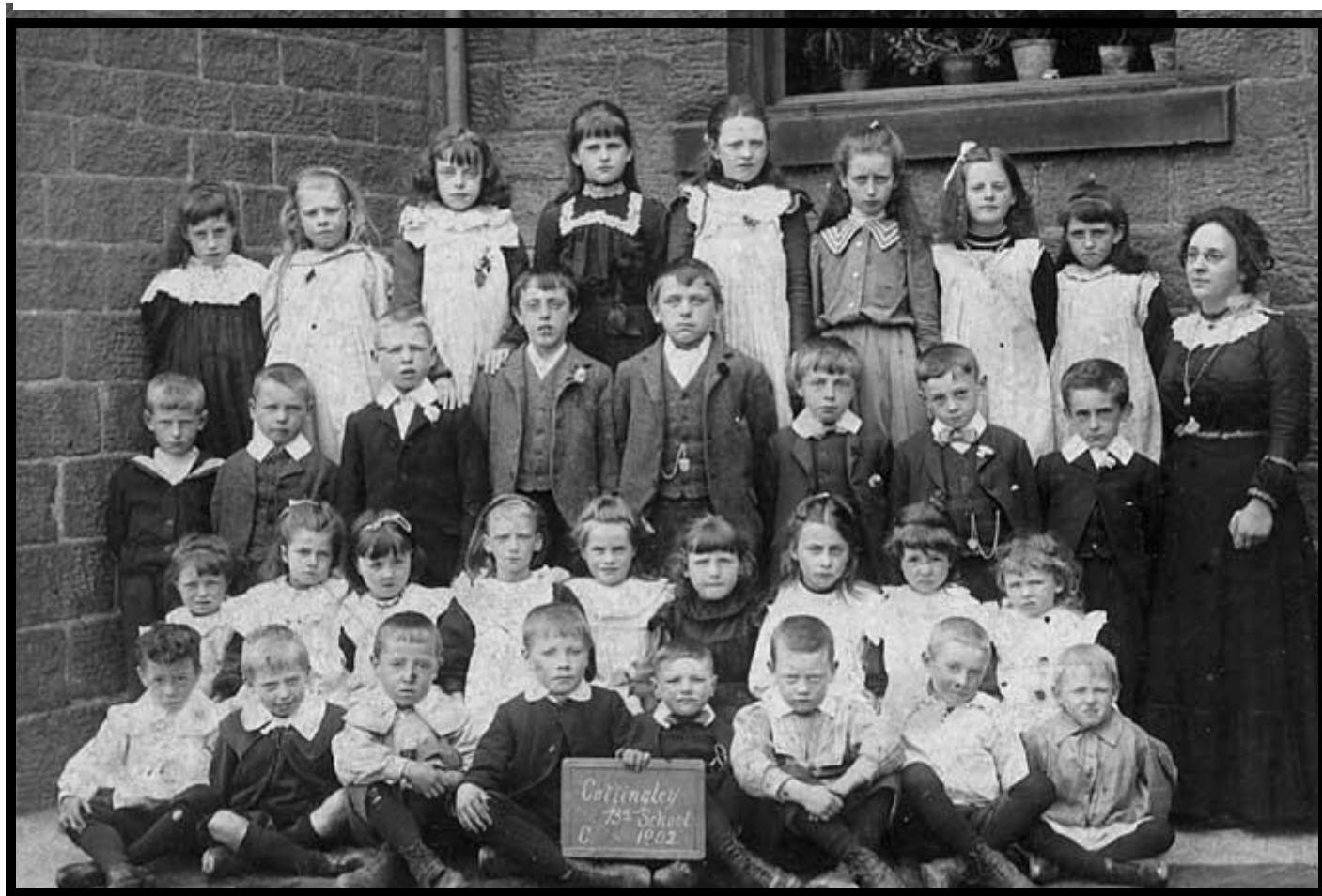
from Christine Lynch at JMJ Publications, 1 Thornhill, Malone, Belfast, BT9 6SS or email orders@cottingleyreflections.com

Also available from Saltaire Bookshop and Media Museum, Bradford

This is the only first hand account of the background to, and the circumstances surrounding, the actual Coming of the Fairies.....



From the Archives—Class of 1902



.The Time Traveller

An old man, thin, with olive skin walked into the pub one day,
He had deep-set eyes and looked really wise, but had nothing much to say.

He was strangely calm as he put his arm on top of the polished bar;
Said he'd like to dine on bread and wine, since he'd travelled long and far.

In the firelight glow, the radio gave out the latest news,
Of a world of strife, massive loss of life caused by men with vested views.
No sign of sense, little tolerance and the poor in constant need,
Seems the ruling strong had no fear of wrong, just a lust for power and greed.

The radio told of the young and old too weak and tired to stand
Against tyrants strong, while the world looked on, Would no one stay their hand?
It should be no sin to have different skin from those in total power;
How can we enhance, or increase the chance for the love of man to flower?

The diner spoke as he donned his cloak and said to the onlookers there:
'If you're men of goodwill, there should be still, a chance to dispel despair:
With the Lord of Hosts and the Holy Ghost, any change for good must be slow -
But the world's still the same as the first time I came,
Two thousand years ago!'

Norman Brown, Ossett, W. Yorks

BOOKING OF ROOMS

for Parties/Events

£15 per hour

(reductions for charities)

Facilities include kitchen,
toilets, heating,
tables, chairs, crockeryPhone **Eileen 01274 825584****Police Contact Point**

Come and discuss your issues face to face Saturday and Monday mornings from 10 am in the Town Hall or telephone 01274 404200

Events at Cottingley Town Hall

12th September 2009—Heritage Open Day 10am to 2 pm

27th September 2009—Harvest Festival—10.30 am

3rd October 2009 - 2.00 pm Cottingley Town Hall Womens Guild

Autumn Fayre

5th December 2009 - 10.00 am Cottingley Town Hall Womens Guild Christmas Coffee Morning

6th December 2009—6.30pm Carol Concert with Hall Royd Band

20th December 2009 - Carol Service—10.30 am

Informal Bible Study and sharing of ideas alternate Thursdays 8pm from 20 Aug - all welcome.

Women's Guild — alternate Tuesdays at 2 pm - from 8th September

Cottingley Web Sites

Town Hall Website: www.cottingleyconnect.org.uk/cth

Cottingley Connect Website www.cottingleyconnect.org.uk

Cottingley Village History Society Website

<http://history.cottingleyconnect.org.uk>

Cottingley Community Association Website

www.cottingleyconnect.org.uk/cca