



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



## From the Archives

1814/15—The work began as a Sunday School. This was the foundation on which they built. Parents and grown-up children had been in the habit of worshipping in the chapels and churches of Bingley, Shipley, Allerton and Wilsden. Occasional preaching services had been held in cottage houses prior to the conversion of the smithy into a schoolhouse. But now the committee took the further step of initiating “Preachings” in the village. There must have been many who could not travel to the towns and there was growing up a new generation linked to the school. What could be more wise or desirable than that they should commence preaching services in the schoolhouse. So we read the committee decided –

“to permit and to suffer the said school-house to be open for the admission of preachers and ministers of all and every denomination whose lives and characters are respectable.”

Having secured that the right kind of person shall teach and preach the committee proceeded to make sound rules for the scholars. Here are two of them –

“Any scholar, either boy or girl, heard swearing – the superintendent shall immediately have the boy or girl placed in a conspicuous part of the room for the space of ten minutes, with a piece of paper in his or her hand on which shall be written the offence.”

“Each scholar shall be obliged to observe due reverence towards their masters, superintendents and visitors.”

It is interesting to find that the committee urged superintendents *candidly* to put in practice the above resolutions.

*Extract from Mr. Ellis Heaton's book of 1914*



The Town Hall Clock was purchased for £46 by Skirrow Smith and it was made by Jonathon Cryer, a former millwright and engineer of Bingley. Mr Cryer made between 10 and 12 clocks between 1860 and 1870 of which six are known to survive, Cottingley's being one of the six.

## Useful Addresses

### Chairman of the Trustees:

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### Town Hall Website:

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### Cottingley Connect Website

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# Friends of Cottingley Town Hall

## NEWSLETTER

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### Special points of interest:

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# This & That



The final amount of money from the Lottery Heritage Fund has now been received. (£748). Also the grant for 12½% VAT on the works has been received from the Listed Places of Worship. (£15999.43).

This now means that the balance of funds in the bank is £19,329.83 and following repayment of monies borrowed from the Church funds, it leaves us £15,000 towards the new heating system. Selection of the contract is in its final stages. The heating has now been turned off for the summer and it is expected that the new system will be in place and working before the system needs to be switched on for this winter.

The old kitchen (to be used by the scouts) has been cleaned out and a new ceiling and floor put in. This work has been funded by the scouts. The room has been plastered—jointly funded by the Restoration fund and the scouts.

The Reading Room has been cleared out and will now be used for Church storage.

A window fan has been ordered for the Institute kitchen and this will help to reduce condensation.

Other works in the pipeline are:

1. **Skirting board in Institute to be finished off.**
2. **Plastering of large school-room ceiling.**
3. **Tanking and plastering of underground wall in large schoolroom.**

Other areas which need attention:

1. **Handrails in disabled toilet.**
2. **Portable ramp**
3. **Organ bellows repair or renewal (more holey than Godly at present)- now on order**
4. **Fire extinguisher siting.**
5. **Painting and decorating in Church and large school-room.**

The Cottingley Town Hall Women's Guild celebrated its centenary this year with a tea on 8th May to which all past and present members were invited. It was followed on Sunday 9th May with Women's Sunday.

The Women's Guild meets fortnightly on alternate Mondays

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## **The Way of the World (or so it seems today)**

The Town Hall has been suffering from vandalism and anti-social behaviour recently. A window in the Vestry had a brick thrown through it. This is causing the Committee to consider some other form of glass for replacement which may prevent future repair costs.

The new Institute Roof has been damaged and requires repairs and preventative measures after youths have trespassed on the roof putting themselves in danger and causing damage to the recently renewed area. If you become aware of any of this vandalism or anti-social behaviour please contact the POP team on 537441 to log the incident and to build up a picture of any problems in the village. If an immediate response is necessary then call 0845 6060606. Photographs of the perpetrators would be extremely helpful to the police.

## **HERITAGE OPEN DAY**

**Saturday**

**11th September 2003**

**10 am to 4 pm**

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

- 1. Building open for you to wander round, ask questions, see what has been done (and what is still to do).**
- 2. Exhibitions of photographs old and new, press cuttings, anything to do with Cottingley, its history and of course the Cottingley fairies.**
- 3. Free quiz sheet to complete as you walk around each room.**
- 4. Brass Band concert 2 pm to 2.30 pm and 3 pm to 3.30 pm**
- 5. Displays/stalls by Cottingley Town Hall user groups**
- 6. Village guided walk**
- 7. Refreshments and light lunches.**

## **SPONSORS**

**COTTINGLEY:** Residents and staff at a nursing home have raised £700 for the Cottingley Town Hall Restoration Fund.

This cash was collected at BUPA's Cottingley Hall Nursing Home in Bradford Road. A cheque was presented by the home's manager, Dianne Parker, to the trustees of the hall in May.

An afternoon of live music celebrated the occasion. Hilary Tillie, Chairman of the town hall trustees, said "We wanted to acknowledge our thanks in a more positive way and so we put on a musical entertainment.

### **Cottingley Out of School Making Opportunities Scheme COSMOS**

**Starting July with Summer Playscheme and then September with After School facilities at Cottingley Town Hall.**

To enable parents/carers to leave their children with qualified and experienced staff while they work, study or just have a break. Open to 8—16 year olds during school holidays 8.30 am to 5.30 pm and during term time 2.30 pm to 5.45 pm.

COSMOS will be providing care for young people attending 3 Secondary schools—Nab Wood, Beckfoot and Bingley Grammar and will have 24 places.

ACTIVITIES will include: sports, games, food preparation, art and crafts, trips, computer games and leisure space. There will also be a range of jigsaws, tabletop games, video, television, tape recorder, role play equipment, outdoor equipment and materials for creative work.

Further information tel: Natalie 07971 479 653

## **Calendar of Events For 2004**

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

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

### **11th Sept Heritage Day 10—4pm**

**12th June 2004**—Cottingley Town Hall Womens Guild Coffee Morning 10 am

**3rd July 2004**—Garden Party at Coppice Farm, Lee Lane. Tickets £1 (to include tea & biscuits)

**10th July 2004**—Exploratory meeting to set up The Cottingley History Group—Cottingley Town Hall 4 to 5 pm.

Anyone interested welcome to attend **24th July, 2004**—Cottingley Town Hall Table Top Sale 10 am to 12

Tables £5 -To Book a table contact Christine 01274 562375

**7th August 2004**—Cottingley Town Hall Womens Guild Coffee Morning 10 am

**16th October 2004**—Cottingley Town Hall Womens Guild Autumn Fayre 2 pm

**4th December 2004**—Cottingley Town Hall Womens Guild Christmas Coffee Morning 10 am

Other events in Cottingley can be accessed on <http://www.mkrupa.freemove.co.uk/events.htm>