

- 1311 See Burley
- 1336 Geoffrey son of Simon Childe de Cottsmore ord[ained] **acol** (?) 1336 deac[on] (?) 1337 by b[isho]p of Hereford for the service of St. Mich[ael] Nunnely Stamford.
- 1347 Find (?) after St Hugh B[isho]p #ina# wife of the late Robtus Sansel of C[ottesmore] conveyed to Willus * Robtus de Wymundham & Johanna his wife, lands in Cottsmore. Witnesses Walksus de Sarmmolleye (?) Thom Peres Radus Lee Ricus Amyt (?), Hugo Abbot, Clerk. 19 Edw 3.
- 13.. See Ketton (Lutrel)
- 1517 Aug 20 *B M laus* (?) 991 William Urweston parson of C[ottesmore] St Nicholas (here ? ob[it] (i.e. died))
- 1523 Rafe Asheton parish preste of C[ottesmore]
- 1546 May 12 Archdeac[on] Visitat (officially visited) Mr Ger Geoftes (?) **excausa absens est** [on account of absence] - **diconomi non ad.**
- 1549 Oct 25 Th. Gerard Croftes R[ector] (?) [a]g[ainst] (?) Snokestobb. Case heard at Markey O[ver]t[on] when Sn[okestobb] prod[uced] W^m Gray, Nicholas Mason, Hen^y Baxter, John Tyler as witness
- 155 Henry **Prinheasle** (?) (?William Weblam) R[ector] of C[ottesmore] presided at an irregular marriage held in Martyn Pewlerer's house at Stamford. The fathers of the contracting parties being Thomas Inman and John Smythe.
- (1551) **Rousiones** (?) psonales Robti Nichols da Cottsmore **dioc Petrib fact Llo expte** (?) **Gerardi Croftes Reori** (?) **de Cottsmore prede oblat xxiiii** Feb 1551 [**Personal statement of** Robert Nichols of Cottsmore in the diocese of Peterborough **in response to Legal claims of** Gerard Croftes Rector of Cottsmore, priest, 23 February 1551]
- Ad primum Ar[тику]lum dicit pd. continet in sa ver. fatetur.** [Regarding Article 1 he states **that his statement is made on sacred oath**]
- Ad 2^m dicit** [Regarding Article 2 he states] That he ought to have all Tythes that be dewe by Lawe or cutome: and
- Ad 3^m dicit quod consuet in sac. verum fatetur put deposit in sec. artic.** [Regarding Article 3 he states **that as is customary he makes the depositions in the following articles on sacred oath**]
- Ad quartum dicit** [Regarding Article 4 he states] That at clipping tyme he hadd **4^c** [400] sheep within the p[ar]ysshhe of Cottsmore of the which **iiii^c** [400] he bought **v** [five] score and odd of his neighbour of Cottsmore called Shibley which had gone in the p[ar]ysshhe before this r[esp]ondent had bought them but how long he knothe not and the other **xiiii** [14] score he had contynually all the yere in the p[ar]ysshhe of cottsmore aforesaide for whiche he paid his folle tythes to

Henry Buyrgers the p[ar]sons deputie there which after he had receyved hit left behinde in this R[es]ondent's hande because he could not have the tyth of the other v [5] score withal.

Ad 5^m **rondet** [To Article 5 he responds] that he had eight kiez within the p[ar]yshhe of Cotesmore contynually goinge and fedinge therein the last sommer of all.

Ad 6^m [Regarding Article 6] he sath that he paid no wooll of the saide v [5] score shepe because he bought them and therefore by custom of the p[ar]yshhe there he ought to paie none there **ut dicit** [as he says]. **Et quo ad decimas (?) lactis dicit** [And as regards the tithemilk] that he paid hit to Willus Nichols ptendied (?) a tithe unto it by reason of a lease

Ad 7^m **dicit** [Regarding Article 7] he says] That the Tythwooll of the v [5] score and xv [15] shepe comith unto xv [15] flyses & eny flyse was worth xii^d [12 pence] which he was alway redie to pay yf it would have bene receyved

Ad 8^m [Regarding Article 8] he thynketh that the tythmylk was worth iii^s [3 shillings] for ix [9]

Ad 9^m **rondet** [To Article 9 he responds] That the mylke was required at his handes and the wooll lekewyse for the last yere savinge one which he deluded(?) **ut supra rondet** [as he says above]. And affor the last yere of all hit was required **ut dicit** [as he says].

Ad 10^m **rondet ut supra in quarto arl^o** [To Article 10 he replies as for Article 4 above]

Ad 11^m **rondet ut supra in quinto arl^o** [To Article 11 he replies as for Article 5 above]

Ad 12^m [Regarding Aerticle 12] he saieth that he hath no iust cause to sue him except it were for denieing of the tyth mylk

Ad ult^m **dicit** [To the final Article he says] **fama (?)** because **super confessatus est abs. negat.** [it is denied absolutely above]

1552

Croftes v (?) Nichols **in causa deciniarum Testis primus** [in the matter of tithes. First witness]

Thomas Bellowes of C[ottesmore] has lived there xi yeares. He has nothing to say regarding **Art.** [Article] 1, 2 and 3 above. As regards **Art 4^o** [Article 4] Robart Nichols aforesaid bought from Shibley of Cottesmore fyve score of wooll shepe about midsummer was a twelve moneth or thereabouts which had gone fedd pastured and lied at that parish and all the yere after did goe pasture feed and lie in the pa[r]ish of C[ottesmore]. That he harde the same Shibley saie That they were soe many in number as is before deposed of whom the saide Nichols bought them And this deponent knoweth that they were daily feedinge and lyinge wythin the said parish of C[ottesmore] for he sawe them dailye in the felde when hyt *ed him to be in the shepe feldes And further he saithe that the saide Nichols had had a grate number beside them in the p[ar]ish of C[ottesmore] but what number he knoweth not.

Ad 5^m [Regarding Article 5] That he saith that the saide Nicholes herded continually eight milche kie within the pyshhe of C[ottesmore] the last yere x partly all the hole yere

Ad 6^m [Regarding Article 6] He was in the pshhe church of C[ottesmore] somewhat after Lamas last past by the space of a moneth where and when he harde Mr Croftes of C[ottesmore] aforesaide require of Robert Nichols Tythe wooll Tythe milke and Tythe by whom the said Robard can in his deponents hearing that shall now excepted he could get hit by a Lawe

Ad 7^m [Regarding Article 7] He thinketh that the tyth wooll xx [20] & x [10] flessces comed to a stone and a half and was comonly worth x^s [10 shillings] the stone.

Ad 8^m [Regarding Article 8] He thinketh that the tyth milk of this last yere of eight kine was worth v^s iv^d [4 shillings and 4 pence] or thereabouts.

Henricus Hitchcock has lived xxxv [35] yeres in C[ottesmore] and has known Croftes for xx [20] yeres

Ad 4^m [Regarding Article 4] He saith that Robart Nichols had fyve score and xv [15] shepe at clipping tyme was flesst the which he had clipped within the p[ari]shhe of C[ottesmore] and did the same shepe did send them from p[ari]she aforesaide by last yere past as this deponent herd the neilherd say that (Ad 6^m [Regarding Article 5]) he herd M^r p[ar]son aske the tythes of this named shepe & kye of Nicholls before all the p[ari]sshe and he made answer that if the lawe would geve it he should have it and not else.

Ad 7^m [Regarding Article 7] that the tyeth woll of the ful (?) came to a stone & a half and a stone was worthe viii^s [8 shillings] and the tythe of the xiiii [14] score shepe came above v [5] stone & was worth x^s [10] a stone

Ad 8^m that the tythe mylke of the eight kye was worth ix^s [9 shillings] to his estymacon

1553 March 20 Thomas Reve & Georgius Cotton of Lond[on] gen[t] (?) granted to Gerardus Crofts R[ector] of C[ottesmore] & Henricus Burigest (?) yoman a messuage & two virgates [i.e. 60 acres] of land late in tenure of Henricus Plavys (?) lying in Gretham & lately belonging to the Priory or Hospital of St John of Jerusalem in England granted to Reve & Cotton 18 Mar 7 Ed 6. Attorneys for RpC., Rics Manby cl[er]k ThomasBellows yoman.

1561 Will: Thorpe, **inst[alled]** 1561, on presentation of Andrew Nowell, esq. - he probably held other benefice in p[eter]b[orough]

Soon after he became Rector, a report spread that he had obtained the living by simony: and in 1565 a suit was brought against him in the bishop's court. This charge was set forth in 7 articles to which W^m Thorpe made answer as follows:-

1^o [First] e states that he is about 50 years of age & that he has heard a report that he delivers or causes to be delivered to Andrew Nowell esp. or his executors 30 qrs [quarters] of barley in each year for the past 3 years & for as long as he remains R[ector] of Cottesmore.

2^o [Secondly] He admits that during the lifetime of M^r Nowell (who died in 1562 rather more than a year after his institution) he W^m Thorpe delivered 30 qrs [quarters] of barley to M^r Noel's assign. He and a certain W^m Rylye were bound

after his institution to make this payment for the space of one year, and before his institution W^m Rylve had been bound to do so in like manner.

3^o [Thirdly] He points out that he had been the Teacher of M^r Nowell's children & had been presented to Cottesmore as an acknowledgement of the way he had performed his duties.

4^o [Fourthly] He states that it was W^m Rylve who was originally bound to M^r Nowell for the payment of the 30 qrs [quarters].

5^o [Fifthly] That looke what bargain the said W^m Rylve did make for and on behalf of him the s[ai]d W^m Thorpe, he W^m Thorpe did promise to save & keep harmlesse the s[ai]d W^m Rylve & to perform the same concerning the barlye aforesaid.

signed by me W^m Thorpe

The whole transaction sounds somewhat compromising but the Bishop dismissed the suit on payment of the Court Fees by W^m Thorpe.

1562

M^r William Thorpe R[ector]

1565

Jan 24

g^a [=erga = Regarding] W^m Thorpe. Caus[a] defam. Corred[ium] The defamation case. Court fee payment. (?)

Mar 5

g^a [=erga = Regarding] W^m Thorpe R[ector] of C[ottesmore] (by B[isho]p) for getting his benefice by Simony - dismissed on payment of fee.

1569 circ[a]

Chanc[ery] Proc[eedings] Ser[ies] 2 B 155 N 35 Frances (Russell) E[arl] of Bedford & other freeholders of C[ottesmore]: Wenton Common rights in petition for commission of inquiry.

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(N.B. The whole of the following section appears to be the same as the section for 1561 but much of it is in abbreviated and partly illegible Latin.

W^m Thorpe, R[ector] of C[ottesmore] did deliver or cause to be delivered to the s[ai]d Andrew Nowell Esq 30 quarters of barley in each year for the space of 3 years on a condition for as long as he remained R[ector] of C[ottesmore]. In exam[ination] W^m Thorpe cl[erk] (?) R[ector] of C[ottesmore] in causa corred (?) sufs (?) quibasdam (?) articles ex office dui(?) ei ministrat:- W^m Thorpe cl[erk] (?) R[ector] of C[ottesmore] Ita (50 years of age or thereabouts) aurics (?) circiter vel libera condic ex deis articles et uerum dicet et deponit (?) ut sequitur interrogator de fama falsem (?) faletur (?)

2^o (Art) States that [t]he s[ai]d dep[onen]t did deliver or cause to be delivered to Mr Andrew Noell his exec or anigres (?) xxxta quart hordei quolibet anno su# spacium triens annor sub min sum a decem libra* tam dui iste deponens rector eret eius d eccl de C[ottesmore].

Faletur qud di* vixit ille magi Nowell ipse deponens deliveravit dict xxx quai Rev dei aniqu dict Nowell. - Ipse deponens et quidam Willmus Rylve obligate et post institucveus (?) dicti deponerat ad rectoriam de C[ottesmore] # spacium * anni vel

circiter ad deliverand dialxxx quart hordei et quod * Willmus Rylve ante institucoem diebi deponent adf dict eccl obligate * dicto magro Noel etc (?) pro delivera* dicti hordei.

5° (Art) qd docuit liberas dei magri Nowell mod out favorem ad nan eis cend putacoem die Rcorie de Cottesmore.

6° (Art) dicet qd dictus Willmus Rylve (ut *) obligate fint # dcm deponeat dio magro Nowell pro dict xxx^{ta} quart hordie

7° (Art) that looke what bargaine the s[ai]d W^m Rylve did make for & on the behalfe of this depon[en]t the s[ai]d deponent did promise to save & keepe harmlesse the s[ai]d Rylve & to performe the same concerning the bar* aforesayd William Thorpe

- 1570 Wyllyam Thorpe Rect[or]
- 1571 Nov 28 W^m Thorpe R[ector] of C[ottesmore] articulated
- 1575 *B.M.Stowe 570* S^r Jas Harrington J.P. for Alstowe
- 1576 June 26 Multgreet liveth from his wife
- 1577 In 1577 a certain W^m Johnson of C[ottesmore] was ordained priest.
- Nov 23 William Johnson of C[ottesmore] ordained priest
- 1580 Two entries regarding institutions to C[ottesmore] bet[ween] 6 Jan '80 & 4 Jan '81 have disappeared from the B[isho]p's Registry.
- 1581 In 1581 the Curate is ordered to shew his license & admission to the ministry.
- Mar 9 Richard Cowper and Helinore Smith: for that Cowper hath gott the woman with child unlawfully.
- April 26 The Curate to shew his license and admission to the ministry
- 1585 Oct 2 Amb[rose] Shibleie hath &c (ut supra) [furthermore]: Eliz Geeson, ad modum pauper [destitute (?)]
- 1586 Feb 11 Ambrose Shibleie hath begot Eliz Geeson with a child.
- Apr 19 Thos Ashby hath not received the Holy Communion.
- 1589 circ[a] Ricus Kinge R[ector] * in art[ifice] Mag[istro] (?) ([working as schoolmaster] ordinat[us] (?) [ordained] # dum[then] Thom Corrent (?) Lich. epum (?) quinto die Nov (i.e. 5 Nov) 1562: predicator [i.e. preacher] Eccles valet [i.e. 'is active' or 'leaves'] xxv^h [25th] xvi[16]^s
- 1591 M^r Richardus Kinge Rec[tor].

1594		Nemo (nobody)
1599	May 7	John Skelton & Joan Sheppard, incont[inence] & 16 June
15..		<i>St. Chamb (?) Ed 6</i> W ^m Sheffeld g ^a (=erga = Regarding) W ^m Whythedd Rich Smart Joh Caslyn & W ^m Spinigay Perjury in a suit against plaintiff as to Land in Barrow (B. 14 No 77)
1604	Oct 31	Robt Dunmore for not making his Accompts
1605	Mar 5	Maria Andrewe to certify penance.
1610	May 9	Nich Sowerby: Anni Ingram being greate with childe with N.S. of M.O. as the comm.[on] fame is
1611	June 25	Joh Stevens upon a fame of incontinence before marriage with Dorothy his wife: each fined 2 ^s
	Nov 8	Nich Robnson & Agnes Roloke (?) for liv[ing] incon[tinently] & she is with childe
	Nov 26	Thos Leadbetter & Maria ux[or] [wife] ant[e] nupt[ias] [i.e. before marriage] forn[ication]
1615	Oct 17	RobtMony for begetting Alice Barton with childe
1616	June 14	Joseph Sellers & Susan Hooper: fornication Joseph Collyer & Susannah Hooper forn[ication]: both summoned & to do pen[nance] (N.B. this and the previous entry appear in different places in Archdeacon Irons' notes. In his second entry, he originally wrote 'Susannah Meakin', then correcting it to 'Susannah Hooper')
1617		Will of Rich Kyng (?) l[ic]ensed parson of C[ottesmore]. PCC Weldon
	June 3	Simon Wing, cl[erk] (?) lic[ensed] (?) to serve cure [i.e. as curate] (?)
	Oct 8	They have not a chest with three locks
	Dec 9	M ^r Winge C to weare the surplice and to read the letanye accordinge to the forme prescribed in the booke of common prayer M ^r Barry R that the chancel is oute of repaire
1618	Jan 8	George Comeinge for not standinge up at the readinge of the belief & the gospell. The wardens & questman (?) affirm that they have seen the said Comeinge sit at the readinge of the belief & of the gospell. (Sim[ilar]ly as * *) Catech[ism]: Humf Chamberlain, Bryan Goodwyn, Robts Ward, Ambrose Shibley, John Bellow John (?) Compyn (?) & Robert Woodes: Wardens fined 3 ^s John Whitwell: for penance

- Apr 29 M^r Barry for administering the Co[m]munion on Easter Day last past without wearing the surplice & so likewise on the Sunday before. M^r B[arry] states there is but one surplice & his Curate did weare it
- Henry Bailyman for not receaving the Co[m]munion at Easter last. H.B. states that on Palm Sunday last he offered himself ready to have rec[eived] the Holy Comm[union] in the Chancel of Cottesmore But M^r Barry the parson then refused to admit him but doth not know any cause why he should refuse him. M^r Barry states that he is willing to receive &c. (?)
- They have not a book to note in the names of strange preachers 7 do suffer strange preachers to preach there not beimg licensed.
- June 30 Joseph Selliers & his wife for fornication before marr[iage]: fined 7^s 4^d & 22^s : ordered to certify: 10 July had not certified their penance perf[ormed] by 28 July
- Sept 30 Willcocks as exec[utor] of will
- Oct 30 Tho^s Elam for marrying his wyves brothers daughter as the fame goeth: T.E. conf[irmed] that about 20 w[ee]ks since he was married unto one Mary Hicke the d[oughte]r of Bartholomew Hicke which Bartholomew was the naturall brother by the mothers side unto Johanna Gunslye (?) alias Elam this respondents first wife. The Court decided that from henceforth he live no longer with her & that he should do public penance in the m[ar]k[et] pl[ace] of Oakham twice & in Cottesmore ch[urch] and to certify this to the Court. - Mria Elam: similarly.
- Hugo, Rutland fuller - for carrying of clothe on the sabothe daye.
- Nov 20 Maria Elam to certify her penance: Mary Hicke al[ia]s Elam, & Tho^s Elam for marrying with the s[ai]d Mary she being the s[ai]d Th[omas] Elams wyves brothers d[oughte]r. Decreed that from henceforth she live no more with the s[ai]d Elam upon paine of the **town**: penance 2ce [twice] in Okeh[am] ch[urch] & 1c [once] in mark[et] place of Okeham
- George Comenge for not standinge up at the readinge of the beleef & the gospel.
- Richard Waler (?): sim[i]l[ar]: & Jan 8.
- John Spens: sim[i]l[ar]: & Jan 8
- Dec 10 Mary Hicke al[ia]s Elam: & Jan 8
- 1619 Jan 18 John Barry R[ector] for being absent from dyvine service the **xiii**th [13th] of December last pas tbeing the Saboth daye both at morninge & eveninge prayer until that service was all done & then came in to preach
- Elisabeth Barry his wife: for not standing up at the reading of the Cread at Morning praier upon the fifthe daye of December last past being the Sabothe daye
- Apr 14 M^r Trigge the Cur[ate] cited to have his license inspected: & Apr 27: he has no license

- May 11 Mr Barry R[ector] for admionisteringe the C[ommunion] on Palm Sondaye & Easter Daye withoute weeringe the surplesse And for readinge Dyvine service withoute the surplesse on. M^r B[arry] admits that he did administer the H[oly] C[ommunion] on the d[ai]d dayes withoute the surples because that he M^r Barry his Curate and upon the said daies administer the holy Communion with jhim and he did weare the surples and because there is but one surples (?) therefore he could not wear any: that he hath some times omitted the wearing of the surples in the readinge of divine service. Decreed that from henceforth he doth weare the surples accordinge as he is bound by lawe.
- Mr Trigge Cur[ate] of C[ottesmore] for readinge of divine service divers times on Sondaies & hollydaies between Christmas & Easter last withoute the surplesse And for Christeninge of t[he] childe of John Christiam withoute wearinge of the surplesse as the fame goethe. And for omittinge a parte of divine service on Sabothe daies & hollydaies. Mr T[rigge] confessesthat he hath divers tymes between Xmas & Easter last omitted the wearinge of the surplesse in prayers tyme & that he did omit the wearinge of the surplesse at the christeninge of the s[ai]d childe And saithe that he hath omitted the readinge of some parte of divine service sometimes, & upon Sondaies he hath omitted the readinge of the letanie. Mr T[rigge] is suspended **ab office[io]** [from office]. Then on his humble peticon he is restored. & cautioned that from henceforth he doe weare the surplesse in the celebracon of divine service & in th[e] administration of the sacraments & not to omit any parte in the celebration of divine service from henceforth.
- Sept 14 Wilcockes: lett of admin: needed & Oct 2
- Nov 3 John Hymnan (?) for comeinge to the church to heare divine service upon the 26 of Sept in the afternoon being the Sabothe daye:- also for not bringing his children & servants to the church to be catechised as they ought. Warned that from henceforth he doth cause his children & serv[an]ts to come to church to be catech[ised].
- 1620 Feb Walter Shirley: there is a common report that he & M^r Barry did quarrel together in the church of C[ottesmore]: fined W.S. 3^s 9^d Feb 22: & Mar 8.
- July 28 Robt Wilcox for not rec[eiving] the Co[m]muni[i]o[n] at Easter last. Walt Stutley si[mi]l[a]r. Thos Smith si[mi]l[a]r. Matt Stanhope si[mi]l[a]r.
- Sept 12 M^r Barry R[ector] of C[ottesmore]:- R. Wilcox w[ou]ld have rec[eived] the Co[m]mun[i]on at Easter last but M^r Barry would not suffer him. John Stutley makes the same excuse. Walter Stutley - Thos Smith - likewise. Matthew Stanhope ordered to receive.
- Oct 9 There is a common report within the parish of C[ottesmore]that Mr Barry, Jeffery Shibley, & John Shibley quarried together in the church of C[ottesmore]: Barry admitted that upon Plowe Mondaye last the s[ai]d Jeffery & John Shibley being I the parish ch[urch] of C[ottesmore] did there ringe without the consent & likeinge of him the s[ai]d Mr B[arry] where upon he the s[ai]d Mr B[arry] desired the compaine to leave ringinge & then all the compaine were content to leave ringinge except the s[ai]d Shibleys & then the s[ai]d Mr B[arry] desired them to go out of the church & tould them that

- they had nothing to do there, but they refused so to do & then the s[ai]d Mr B[arry] did strive with them to put them oute of the churche, & they did strive with him & the s[ai]d Mr Barry saithe that he did violently put them out of the church.
- 1621 Mar 4 Joh Coe (?) of C[ottesmore] was married to Eliz Stanton (?) in the ch[urch] of Dalby in the Wolds by Mr Lent (?) minister there w[i]th[ou]t licence or baning the woman dwelt in C[ottesmore] till ab[ou]t a m[on]th bef[ore] the marr[iage]. John Woodes of C[ottesmore] was present at the s[ai]d marriage cited(?) on 21 Mar[ch].
- Apr 29 John Harper lic[ensed] (?) to serve cure [i.e. as curate] (?)
- May 18 John Barry R[ector] of C[ottesmore] g^a [=erga = Regarding] Thos Caldert with[oldin]g tithes.
- July 10 The same g^a [=erga = Regarding] Robt Woodes. Tithe suit.
- 1622 May 8 Thos Watson of Barrow for negligent cominge to be in dyvine service & sermons on Saboth dayes. Thos Watson informs the Court that Mr Barry did administer the Co[m]mun[i]on on Easter Day & his Curate Mr Harper w[i]thout the surplice & the last Saboth Day Mr Harper christened a child without the surplice.
- July 9 Ana Dickens to rec[eive] H[oly] C[ommunion]
- Oct 19 W^m Chappell & Joyce Gresam for a fame that she is with child by the s[ai]d W^m.
- 1623 Oct 29 One Richardson of Baro ether by himself or his servants at his comand did upon Christmas Day last both fill the hill (?) and leeme (?) it and upon Hallomas day last did loade his carte with manure and caused the same to be carryed into the field & did labor in that kinde all the day longe & thereof there is a comon fame & the churchwardens will not present it.
- 1624 Jan 20 Matthew Glover: Will
- 1625 Oct 11 Mr Herricke C[on]fessus est [admitted] that he hath served the cure (i.e. served as Curate) since he refused to subscribe
- Oct 27 Jacobus Herricke cl[erk] (?) lic[ensed] (?) to serve cure [i.e. as curate]
- 1626 June 3 John Barry R[ector] & James Herricke C[urate] presented. There hath bin little of dyvine service according to the book of common prayer redd ether by himelf or his said Curate at any time this year last past, wether the songs Wee praise the o god &c Blessed be the lord god of Israell &c my soule doth magnify the lord &c songe o*d (ordered ?) or any parte of the letany besides the Collects thereof redd at all by ether of them during that tyme and the Epistle & Gosple seldom redd in that tyme and when his Curate Mr Herricke did reade them he redd first a Chapter for the gospell and afterwards another whole Chapter for the Epistle. Nether the letany hath bin redd upon Wedensdaies & ffridaies this year last past nor any prayers except very seldom except upon some speciall occasion, nor upon Satterdaies in the eveninge nether hollydaies fastinge daies or ember weekes published in the churche. Both Barry & Herricke admit that they have upon occasions omitted to do the premisses Then his lordship ordered them to reade dyvine service and the Epistle & gospel accordinge to the form presented in the booke of common prayer and allso to reade the letany & to publish holy daies and fasting daies in

the parishe church accordinge to the order sett downe in the s[ai]d booke of comon prayer. Mr Barry hath had but 2 co[m]munions in the Church of Cottismore from Easter 1625 untill the Sondag before Easter 1626, the later of which 2 co[m]munions was celebrated in January last. Barry is admonished to have 3 co[m]munions in the yere whereof Easter to be one. Mr Barry hath refused to administer the co[m]munion to Ann Smith a very aged woman at Easter last and at the two next Co[m]munions before albeit she came before every of them to be instructed by him and hath bin formerly admitted by him to the co[m]munion & hath & is esteemed amongst her neighbours to be of honest conversacon and though somewhat simple in understandinge yet nether a sele nor madd woman. He also at Easter last past put by one Jeffrey Watson a youthe from the Co[m]munion whome the Easter before he had receeed thereto. Barry monished to receive the s[ai]d An Smith & the s[ai]d Watson to the holy Co[m]munion when they shall offer themselves to receive it at the next Co[m]munion. The s[ai]d Mr Barry hath not this yere last nor dyvers yeres before redd the whole dyvine service or the most parte thereof apointed by the booke of com[mo]n prayer upon any Sondag at morninge & eveninge prayer as he ought to have done in the Church of Cottismore whereof he is parson nether hath he administered the sacrament of bastisme there above 5 times since his beineg parson thereof which he hath bin for 8 years last past or more. Barry monished to read prayers himself & administer the sacrament himselfe in the parishe church of Cottismore accordinge to the C* in that behalf established. There hath bin no decency observed by him or his Curate this yere last past in the burial of the deade: no deade body suffered to be brought into the Church except it hath bin buried there, fewe funerall peales suffered to be runge before or after the burialls of any and sometimes none at all. Barry admonished to use such decency in the buriall of the deade as is apointed in the booke of comon prayer. The new curate James Herick 18 April last refused to bury a childe borne deade or to reade any prayers at the buriall thereof though required and a convenient assembly present. Herricke admits that he refused to read any praiers at the buriall of the s[ai]d child because the same was still born.

- 1626 June 20 John Barry R[ector] & James Herick C[urate] admonished to read dyvyne service & to bury the dead according to the book of Common Prayer. The wife of Mr Barry was delivered within the yere last past and was not churched in the church at the end of the moneth albeyt she had been at church since her delivery.
- (Alternative version elsewhere:) G Barry R[ector] & Jas Herick, C[ottismore] To read Dyvine prayers according to the book of common prayer & the bury the deade according to the order prescribed in the boke of common prayer. Geo Barry's wife : she was deliv[er]ed of a child within y^e year last past & was not churched in the church at thend of the moneth , albeit she hath bin at church since her delyvery.
- John Nix & wife: sim[i][a]r
- Geo Whats for: sim[i][a]r
- 1627 Jan 10 See Thistleton
- Feb 29 Johannes Sheffeild cl[erk] (?) AM lic[ensed] (?) to serve cure [i.e. as curate] (?)
- 1628 Feb 4 Joh. Popple & Isabel Williams of Exton. Ad.

- Apr 29 Mr Sheffield Curate for not readinge dyvine service in our parish church on Sodayes & holly daies accordinge to the booke of comon prayer. Sheffield admits that sometimes he hath omitted to reade dyvine service accordinge to the booke of comon prayer. Monished that henceforth he do read service according to [a symbol inserted here in brackets, consisting of a trefoil surmounting a Greek alpha] thorder presented in the booke of comon prayer.
- Sara wife of Jo n Nix upon a fame for not being churched accordinge to lawe after her delivery in childbirth. John Smith the husband appears & states that his wife being a weake woman he did request Mr Cricke (?) the Curate then to church her in her chamber at home & beleveth that he did church her according to the booke of common prayer.
- also Maria wife of Henry Richardson, whose husband made the same excuse.
- Mr Sheffield for not usually wearing of the surplice at the readinge of dyvine service & the sacrament of baptism. S[heffield] states that he hath sometimes omitted the wearing of the surplice in the celebration of dyvine service & in thadminstracon of the sacrament of baptism.
- May 27 Mr S[heffield] ordered to reade dyvine service accordinge to the order prescribed in the booke of comon prayer & of the wearinge of the surplice.
- June 28 Joh Ireland & Johana Peter als. (?) Andrew: F (?)
- 1629 Jan 29 Wardens & Questmen: There was no prayers in the parish church there on Christmas Day in the afternoone nor of any other day in the Christmas Holidays last - (2 Mar) except it was Sodaye, nor upon New Year's Day.
- Mar 14 M^r Barry R[ector]. No ev[enin]g pr[ayers] * on Xmas day last, nor m[ornin]g nor ev[enin]g pr[ayer] on St. Stephen's Day nor ev[enin]g pr[ayer] on Innocents Day nor on New Years Day - M^r Perkins Cur[ate] attended & saw the reason there was no Ev[enin]g Service on Xmas day was because he was called to preach at another place. M^r Perkins, C[urate], doth omit to weare the surplice. - He says that sometimes he doth wear it and sometimes hath omitted it.
- 1631 Exon (?) of Cotesmore (? farmer of) R[ector] (?) of Homefield to pay psoc (?)
- June 30 Imanuel Knutton cl[erk] (?) **AB** lic[ensed] (?) to serve cure [i.e. as curate] (?)
- 1633 Mar 6 Inventory of goods of Joh. Chapman **def** to be produced by Margaret Chapman wife of W^m Cooper of Thistleton represent[ing the] dec[eased]
- Barry R[ector] **g^a** [=erga = Regarding] Walt Richards of Barrow
- Mar 8 Ma[r]g[are]t Chapman al[ia]s Cooper **ux[or]** [wife] [of] W^m Cooper of Thistleton **g^a** [=erga = Regarding] Joseph Chapman; * John Chapman of Cottesmore.
- May 9 Thomas Kinge cl[erk] (?) **AB** lic[ensed] (?) to serve cure [i.e. as curate] (?)

- Nov 2 Aruall **AB** lic[ensed] (?) to serve cure [i.e. as curate] (?)
Margaret Seale of Barrowchose Robt Wilsworth of B[arrow] for her guardian
- Nov Mary Seale of Barrow (? Barrowden) aged 15 years, before Rich[ard] Johnson, accepted Robert Wilsworth of B[arrow](den?) as her guardian
- 1634 Feb 6 Chapmans inventory: & Feb 20:
April 17 Geo Barry R[ector] **g^a** [=erga = Regarding] Walter Richards C[urate] of Barrow: Withh[olding] Tithe.
Oct 2 Mary Chapman to produce inventory of Joh C[hapman]'s goods: & Oct : & Oct 30: & Oct 21: & Dec 4
Barrow. John Barry R[ector] **g^a** [=erga = Regarding] Walt Richards: withholding dues: & Oct :
- 1635 Feb 18 One married at Stowe before Xp[is]tmas [i.e. Christmas] & the woman redy to before she was maryed.
Apr 14 Chapman case continued
June 25 Par[ish] Clerk at C[ottesmore] not allowed of by the B[isho]p (fee 3^s 4^d)
July 8 Clerk not sworn nor admitted
Nov 9 Tho^s Browne **ante nupt[ias]** [i.e. before marriage] forn[ication]
Dec 15 Robt Skillet & Joyce ffalkner for not satisfying the Congregation in doing that part of penance which was enjoyed them.
John Woods (?) for withholding certaine due to the poore & those that accompany the Minister on Cross Sunday: it being due from him by the custom of our service.
- 1636 There is one that serveth the cure [i.e. as curate] under M^r Barry without license & the churches have not prufed the same nor did they exhibit their reg[istration] (?) bill in due ti[me] - The w[ar]d[e]ns admit that one M^r Trigge did preach in their church without license & that they did not exhibit their bill under their own time in due time.
- Oct 1 M^r Daniel Trigge cl[erk] (?) **AM** lic[ensed] (?) to serve cure [i.e. as curate] (?) & to teach Sch[ool] at C[ottesmore].
- 1637 Aug 5 Ambrose Shibley and Robert Miller, Wardens: ***ted**: for not providing a decent white surplise: for suffering the holy ffont to goe to decaye out of repair: ffor not presenting such as irreverently put on their hats in the tyme of divine service and sermon notwithstanding they were reprovod for yt: for not presenting such as keep tipling houses and are absent from the churche: for the want of a hood for the Curat: for not presenting those who keepe schoole without license.
The Wardens appear and allege that they never heard the said surplise falted or complained of: and that they did not know of the decay of the font.

The Wardens admit that they have neglected to present those that sit with their hats on in sermon tyme and that the said Shibley had his hat on in sermon tyme himselfe: and that they do not knowe of any that absented themselves from the churche: and that they have a sufficient hood for the monister.

The Wardens are admonished to repair the decay of the ffont: and a sufficient surprise: and that he the said Shibley sit noe more with his hat on in sermon tyme.

- Nov 2 Mils Hardey & his maid Miss (?) Chamberlin for incont[ince] bef[ore] marr[iage]
(alternative version elsewhere:) Mils Hardey & M^r Champion's maid A.N.F. (i.e. ante nupt[ias] [i.e. before marriage] forn[ication])
- 1638 May 10 John ffawkner for not coming to the church for a quarter of a yere together last past
(alternative version elsewhere:) John Falkner for not coming to the church for a quarter of a year together last past - **incarcerat** (apparently no such latin word but common sense suggests that it means that he was jailed: could he have been, for this offence ?)
- Oct 31 Wm Wyles (?) of Hambledon for non-payment of his levy towards the repayre of the church being 3^s 11^d
(alternative version elsewhere:) for non payment of his levy towards the repairs of our ch[urch] being 3^s 11^d
- 1641 May 11 M^r Jo Barry for having no prayers in our church one Sabboth day in November last past by him nor any other by his appointment
- July 1 The Curate: si[mi][a]r
- c 1642 M^r Barry R[ector] was appointed one of the Standalone Ministers Comm[ission] for Rutland. along with Beacham R[ector] of Seaton, Rowell R[ector] of Casterton#ra Johnson R[ector] of Tinwell King of Okeham Wells of Barrowden
- 1660 circ[a] Barrow: **capella destructa Sta Maria Magdalene** [The chapel of St. Mary Magdalene destroyed]
- 1660-'69 Peter Gunning R[ector] son of P.G. (b.1613) M.A.: V[icar] of Little St Mary's at How (overwritten 'Hoo') in Kent, mother Church * a * * * educ[ated] at Free Sch[ool] Confrat[ernity] & at Clare Hall Cambridge under M^r Barnaby Oley, Fellow: then elect[ed] Fellow, (1628) always on the K[in]g's side in the Great Rebellion, he was dep[ri]ved of his fellowship for not taking Covenant Oath. Author of treatise against the Covenant Hunted about (?) the country. Went to Oxford '44 to the K[in]g, and became Chap[lain] of New Coll[ege]: incup (?) M.A. July '44 was C[urate] (?) of Carrington 4 m N.W. of Oxf[ord] for 2 years: admitted to **B.D.** just before the surrender of Oxford: tutor to Christopher Lord Hatton & M^r Franc Compton: chaplain to M^r Robt Shirley who gave him a pension of £100 a year: took Div[ine] Service at Exeter Ho[use] & was sent for by Oliver Cromwell. At the Restoration he became Preb[endary] of Canterbury: R[ector] of Sooke Bruery (?) Master of C[hrist]

- C[hurch] C[ollege] Oxford: Master of St John's: Mayacet (?) Professor: Regius Professor: & B[isho]p of Ely '74: ob[it] [died] July 6 1684: B[isho]p of Chich[ester] 1669. Monk (?) at Ely.
- 1662 Peter Gunning also R[ector] of Stoke Bruern: pres[ented] (?) at B[isho]p's Visit & exht * as ordin[and] (?)
- 1669 Nicolas Guley, rector, S.T.P. was Incumbent of St Margaret, Westminster, fr[om] 30 Sept 1683 till 1724 (ob[it] [i.e. died] 28 Sept) and Prebendary of Westminster from 17 July 1672 till his death.
- 1688 See Char Comm. Petty Bag Office P[ar]t 43. 1 W[illiam] & M[ary] RutC27 for C[ottesmore] & Barrow. (Could 'Char Comm' be Church Commissioners ? This reference could be of use for research. Nigel)
- 1698 May 2 Wardens monished to new cast or run (?) y^e greate bell & to hang her (& Oct 3)
- 1699 April 7 To certify the casting & hanging the Greate Bell
- 1715 Jan 20 Caveat dus (?) spus (?) ne quis admittatur ad rectoriam de Cotesmore * prius vocantur Paul Collins de paroch Sti Martiri in cn (?) Westmonast.(?) et Francesca (?) uxor eius. (Possibly this is cautioning whoever is responsible for appointment of the rector of Cottesmore that Paul Collins of the parish of Martyr Saints in Westmorland (?) and his wife Frances should have priority.)
- 1716 June 18 This Caveat is renewed.
- n.d. Willimus Hycake xxx [30] y[ea]rs old has lived x [10] at C[ottesmore]. He states Ad [in response to article] 4 Robert Nicols had v [5] score and xv [15] sheps [sheep] within the p[ari]sshe of C[ottesmore] at clipping tyme last past was twelve month , the which he did clepe in the p[ari]sshe and had grazed and pastured all the year within the same p[ari]sshe for this deponent did see them oftentimes in the fylde and the said Nicolls did by the said fyve score and xv [15] sheps [sheep] of one *day about ii [2] weeke before the clipping time the same yere. The last yere past the said Nicholls did clepe within the said p[ari]sshe xiv [14] score there which had gone and fedd likewise all the yere in the same p[ari]sshe & this deponent doth knowe this to be true for he was the p[ar]sons shepherd and did see them going in the fylde all that yere excepting xx [20] of the said xiv [14] score which went away at May Day and came again and were cleped in the p[ari]sshe of C[ottesmore].
- Ad 5^m [In response to article 5] This last yere past the said Nicholls had viii [8] milch kye [milk cows] going feedinge and lyinge in the p[ari]sshe of C[ottesmore], he did see these often tymes & beside that he did here the neilherd say that Nicholls had as many milch kye that yere.
- Ad 6^m [In response to article 6] He was present oftentimes when the p[ar]son did aske the said tythes , and the said Nicholls made answeere in the hereing of the deponent and divers others that he wolde pay none except hit were gotten by a lawe.

Ad 7^m [In response to article 7] That the tyeth wooll of the xiiii [14] score shepe and xv [15] doth come but a stone and a half or thereabout in his estimacon, and a stone was sold at that tyme for x^s [10 shillings] moreover this deponent dothe knowe that his M^r [Master] did sell all his wooll at that price.

Ad 8^m [In response to article 8] That tyeth wooll of the xiiii [14] score shepe did come by his estimacon to v [5] stone and any stone was worth the last yere x^s [10 shillings] the stone for this deponent dothe knowe that divers men do so sell.

Ad 9^m [In response to article 9] That the tyeth mylke of the viii [8] kye was worth ix^s [9 shillings] by his estimacon.

1725 May 30

Susan Chamberlain excomm[unicated]

1779 Feb 17

William Brereton, R[ector] of C[ottesmore] pres[ented] to R[ector] of Pickwell, n[ear] Oakham, at dist[ance] of 6 mile

1813 July 8

Faculty granted to R[ector], (M^r W^m Nevile) to pull down a range of Cart horse & other stabling (50' long by 27' wide) lying N[orth] of the R[ector]y ho[use]: Brewhouse, Coal house, & stabling lying E[ast] & W[est] (73' long by 17' wide) near the R[ector]y ho[use]: Use the materials in repairs. The Commission app[ointe]d approve: Thos Dawnay R[ector] of Ashwell, W^m Hardyman R[ector] of N[orth] L[uffenham]; Edw Jones V[icar] of Greetham; Thos Laxton of C[ottesmore] & John Berridge of Barrow in Cottesmore; Tythe in kind existed in Cottesmore before the Inclosure Act, when it was abolished thereby. Compensation in Land was given to the R[ector]y which land is let in yearly leases to various tenants only 40 A[cre]s arable being in the Rector's hands.