

REVEREND JOHN LOVELING 1708

Reverend John Loveling was the Vicar of Cotterstock until 1735. It was a poor living; he was also Curate at Glapthorn and Master of the Grammar School at Fotheringhay. At this time there was no house for a clergyman at either Cotterstock or Glapthorn so he lived in the School House at Fotheringhay which was situated in the churchyard there. His stipend as Master was £20 which was paid out of the Exchequer. He also had the right of common for four cows - see Bridges "History of Northants Vol 2", pages 456-60.

The earliest documentary evidence of bells in the tower of St Andrew's was a survey made in 1552. This record states that there were three large bells and one sanctuary bell; these seem to have survived the Reformation. In 1708, thanks to Reverend John Loveling the metal from these bells was recast as a ring of four by Henry Penn of Peterborough and two of these 1708 bells survive in the present ring of six and can be heard today ringing out over the village. John Loveling's name is on the bells together with Henry Penn and John Campion who was the churchwarden. Details of the bells can be found in North's, "Church Bells of Northamptonshire".

