

## HERITAGE TRAIL



## MISS JOHNSON'S HOUSE

### The former home of Miss Florrie Johnson, a much loved Infant Teacher

Florence Johnson lived all her life in this house. She is closely linked with the three main schools in Griffydham and the Wesleyan Chapel, where she played the organ. She died in 2006 at the age of ninety-nine.

In 1911, Florence attended the Wesleyan Day school which was situated on Nottingham Road. She moved to the new Griffydham Senior School in School Lane in 1915 and became an infant teacher there in 1921. In 1936, she transferred to the new Infant School on Top Road along with Miss Ada Morishaw who was the Head Teacher. She taught for 50 years in the locality.

At her retirement ceremony in 1971, former Head Teacher Mrs Kitty Brown, who worked with Florence for many years spoke of her loyalty and lifetime devotion to teaching. Many former pupils remember her with affection.

The photograph shows her receiving a retirement gift at a ceremony held in the village's Methodist Room to celebrate her retirement.



*In the photograph are Miss J. Townsend, Mr Stan Towers (Head Teacher) Mr K. Hutchinson and Jane Elson (pupil).*



*Miss Johnson (3<sup>rd</sup> row on the left) with pupils from Griffydham Primary School taken c. 1949*