

THE  
CAMBRIDGE & COUNTY FOLK MUSEUM  
ASSOCIATION

EIGHTH  
ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE  
Year ended 31st December, 1943



THE CAMBRIDGE AND COUNTY FOLK MUSEUM  
2 CASTLE STREET, CAMBRIDGE

# The Cambridge and County Folk Museum Association

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FOR THE YEAR 1943

THE Seventh Annual Meeting of the Association was held on the 19th February 1943 in the Archæological Museum, Downing Street, by kind permission of the Curator. In the absence of the President, Mrs. Keynes, through illness, the chair was taken at the outset by Ald. E. Saville Peck, an ex-President. He opened the proceedings by a moving reference to the great loss recently sustained by the Association on the death of the Patron, Mr. C. R. W. Adeane, C.B., His Majesty's Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire. His interest in all matters great and small, in the County were too well known to require recapitulation, but the Folk Museum had a special place in his heart. The Chairman spoke also of the late Dr. Robinson, whose services to the Museum were recorded in the Report for 1942.

The Report and Accounts for the year 1942 were adopted. To the great regret of the meeting a letter was read from the President, Mrs. Keynes, asking to be relieved of her office owing to the pressure of the times. The Chairman referred warmly to the work done for the Museum by Mrs. Keynes during her highly successful term of office and hoped that she would long be able to give the Association the benefit of her advice, her continued interest being assured. The Master of Magdalene was unanimously elected President. Mr. E. A. B. Barnard and Mrs. Keynes were added to the list of Vice-Presidents. The other officers and the committees were re-elected. Mr. R. C. Lambeth, the Acting Hon. Curator, gave a lecture on "Some Exhibits in the Cambridge Folk Museum," illustrated by slides, many of which were taken from his own drawings. This was of great interest and much appreciated by the members present.

During the year the Lord Fairhaven was approached as to his willingness to accept nomination as Patron of the Association. To the great pleasure of the Committee he accepted with an expression of his delight at the opportunity of doing some work after his own heart.

A Legacy was received from the Executors of the late Dr. Frank Robinson.

The Museum continues to receive gifts of widely differing natures. Much interesting material and data came to light in 1943, which if not rescued now would be lost to

posterity. It would seem that the Cambridge and County Folk Museum is now known to be the place to which should be brought objects illustrating the passing life of the people of the County for preservation and for the instruction and pleasure of this and succeeding generations.

A "Sparrow-pot", the gift of Mr. A. V. Prior from a farm at Thorney, is an example of an object of which there seems to be little record. These pots, which are made of earthenware, and shaped with a neck but no bottom, were built into the walls of buildings and gardens as nesting boxes for sparrows at a time when Churchwardens set a price on the head of all "agricultural vermin" and so made it profitable for parishioners to breed them. An old lodge in Cassiobury Park at Watford is known as "Sparrowpot Lodge" owing to these pots being built into its walls.

Ditching tools from Hildersham and Girton were received from Col. W. C. Foster and Mr. W. Chapman, who referred to his gift as his "chad". Eight dressed dolls of the 1880's came from Mr. R. G. Moore of Histon in memory of Miss D. Dunn. We were fortunate in obtaining from Miss E. Warrington a javelin towards the completion of the set of six which should go with the High Sheriff's coach in the Museum yard. We now have three. They were carried by the Sheriff's Javelin men to clear the way when he attended the Assize Judge. Other gifts include a cast-iron fire back from Messrs. A. Macintosh & Sons, Ltd. of Market Hill, games and other items from Mr. H. S. Johnson and an abacus, or counting frame, from Miss Smalley.

The most important acquisition was perhaps the Cottenham Cheese Press, the last one left in the village. Miss Cross of King's Langley, handed it over to the Museum. She had kept it back for some years in the hope of reviving the Cottenham Cheese, once famous all over England. Samuel Pepys mentions them with approval. The Press is a massive affair weighing about 5 cwt, with a stone weight worked on the principle of an old-fashioned copying-press. The Association is grateful to Mr. H. S. Johnson, who arranged for the dismantling and transport; no small undertaking. The Museum has now a very fine collection of dairy equipment and fittings but no proper room in which to house them. Temporarily, they live in the shed at the back, as does the brewing apparatus; but the shed is far from weather proof. One of the first concerns of the Association after the war must be to arrange for the proper housing of this fine collection.

The directly educational aspect of the Museum has been emphasised during the year. Three exhibitions have been held

at the Linton Village College : illustrating local transport, the windmills of Cambridgeshire (greatly helped by the loan of photographs by Mr. Rex Wailes), and the smaller agricultural implements. Lantern lectures were given by the Curator in connexion with the exhibitions which were a pronounced success. Other talks by the Curator, with and without slides, were given to other Village Colleges, the Cambridge Rotary Club, the Geographical Association of London, Young Peoples' Clubs, and the Doughty Society of Downing College.

Many organised parties of school children have visited the Museum in school hours and some children came again on their own account. Other parties of interested visitors came from the Castle Street Young Peoples' Club, the Rotary Inner Wheel, Homerton College, the Cambridge Occupation Centre and other smaller associations.

A striking new feature is the interest shown in the Museum by the Auxiliary Territorial Service both officially and individually. A large number of small parties have paid visits under the auspices of the Army Education authorities. The Curator has addressed large gatherings in camps and many members of the Service have come individually and shown great interest.

The accounts for 1943 show increased receipts from admission fees, the paid attendance having increased by 544. The total attendance was 4,396, an increase of about 400 largely due to a series of advertisements in the Press, kindly paid for by Ald. E. S. Peck ; 2,395 persons paid and 2,001 came on free days. The Borough and Education Authorities and the Thomas Wall Trust continued their grants, for which the Committee is very grateful. The deposit account now stands at just under £200. It would seem that a financial equilibrium has been reached for the war period, which should be sufficiently stable to carry the Association through to the days of peace, when the problem of the extension of the Museum must be faced and its finances put on a broader basis. But the Committee has no fears on these scores. The Museum has proved its usefulness and is an integral part of the cultural life of Cambridge.

The Committee would remind members that the Museum is open on Sundays from 2.30-4.30, and on week-days, except Monday, from 2 o'clock to 4.30 p.m.

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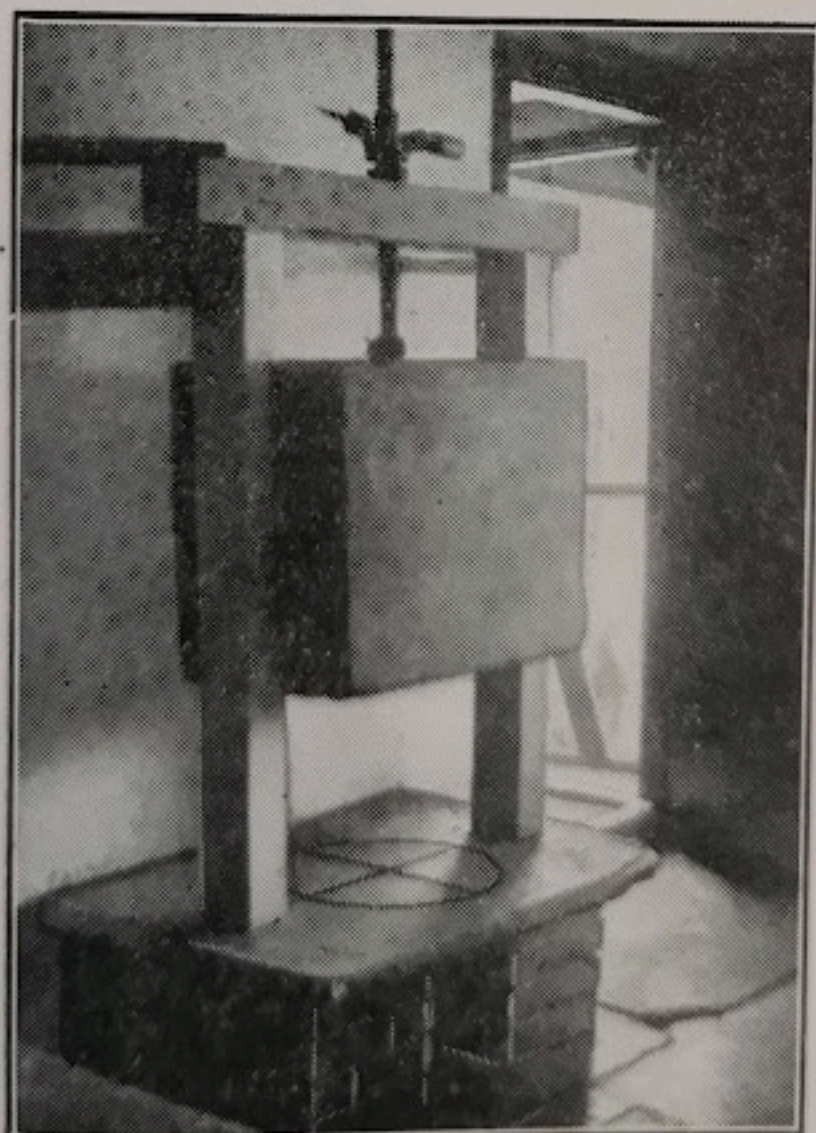
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the Year ended 31st December, 1943

EXPENDITURE		1943		1942		INCOME		1943		
1942	To	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
53	Rent, Rates and Insurance .. ..	50	14	6	66			59	0	0
35	Heat, Light and Water .. ..	33	9	11	17			18	5	0
32	Cleaning, including Cleaner's Wages	31	8	4	33			34	2	0
		115 12 9						111 7 0		
57	Assistant Curator's Salary and National Health Insurance .. ..			56	10			10	0	0
11	Printing, Postages, Stationery, and Sundry Expenses .. ..	15	9	2	10			10	0	0
1	Clerical Assistance .. ..	3	3	0	20			20	0	0
2	Bank Charges and Cheque Books ..	1	6	0	28			40 0 0		
		19 18 2			5			38	19	1
1	Repairs and Renewals .. ..			2	5			4	19	8
-	Advertisements .. ..			5	4			43 18 9		
1	Balance, Surplus for the Year ..			5	4					4
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BALANCE SHEET, 31st December, 1943

LIABILITIES		£		s.		d.		ASSETS		£		s.		d.	
171	Life Membership Subscriptions at 1st January, 1943 .. ..	170	19	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
-	Add: Received in 1943 .. ..	9	9	0				199	3	11					
		180 8 9			175			45	3	5	244	7	4		
15	Sundry Creditors as per list .. ..			18	18	2		40			2	8	9		
31	Accumulated Fund at 1st January, 1943 .. ..	32	3	3				2			£246 16 1				
-	Add: Legacy .. ..	10	0	0											
1	Surplus for the Year .. ..	5	5	11											
		47 9 2			218										
		£246 16 1			218										

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the foregoing income and expenditure accounts and balance sheet with the books of accounts of the Cambridge and County Folk Museum Association and certify them to be in accordance therewith.

E. A. B. BARNARD,  
Hon. Auditor.

13th January, 1944.