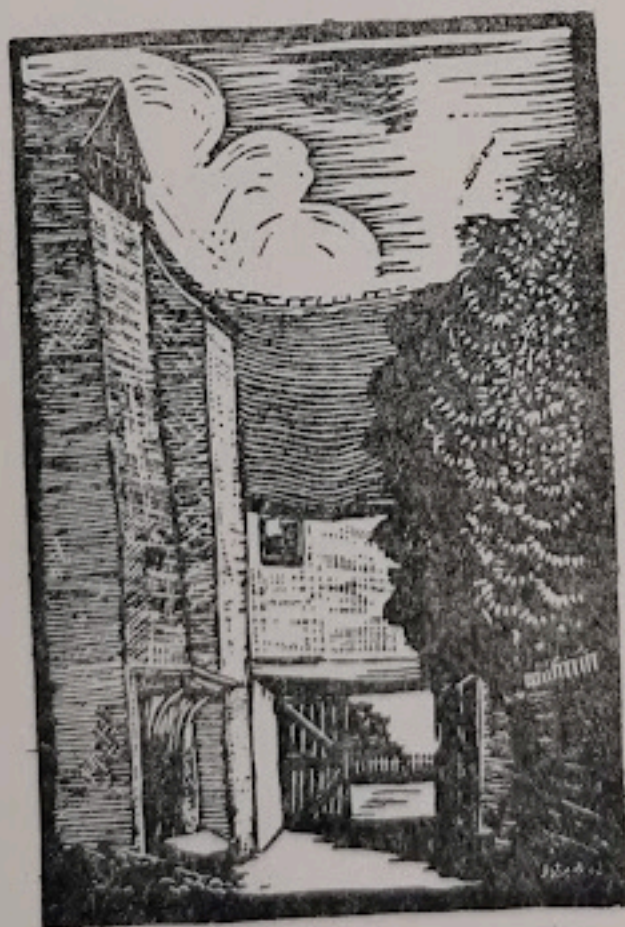


THE CAMBRIDGE AND COUNTY
FOLK MUSEUM

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1948



THE CAMBRIDGE AND COUNTY FOLK MUSEUM
2 CASTLE STREET, CAMBRIDGE

The Cambridge and County Folk Museum

(Incorporated 5th June, 1946)

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as on 31st December, 1948.

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Proceedings at the Annual General Meeting 1948

THE THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Association being the Twelfth annual meeting since the inception of the Museum, was held on the 17 March, 1948, at the Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology by kind permission of the Curator of that Museum. The Patron-President, the Lord Fairhaven took the chair, supported by the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. I. Fyjis Walker.

The Chairman briefly reviewed the events of the year 1947. He regretted that events beyond the control of the Museum, such as inability to obtain licenses, had held up developments at the Abbey House. But in spite of all hindrances Nos. 2 and 3, The Abbey House, had been put into a good state of repair on the condition that they be let as dwelling houses for the time being. This letting he felt to be in the best interests of the Museum, and their rents would be available to help the running of the Museum in the White Horse Inn and to keep the collections together and in good order against the day when the Museum could launch out at the Abbey House.

The Annual report and the Accounts for the year 1947 were formally adopted.

Officers and Council of Management 1948.

Secretary. The Museum suffered a dire loss by the sudden death of Mr. H. P. W. Gatty a few days after the annual meeting which he was unable to attend. Mr. Gatty during the two years of his secretaryship had endeared himself to all his colleagues and by his assiduous attention to the duties of his office and the great interest which he took in the affairs of the Museum. It seemed that we had found the ideal secretary, a man of wide culture and enthusiasm and we had looked forward to many years under his administration.

Fortunately the Museum was later able to persuade Dr. G. S. Kirk, D.S.C., M.A., a Fellow of Trinity Hall to take over the Hon. Secretaryship for a year at any rate.

Curatorship. Mr. T. W. Bagshawe, F.S.A., resigned owing to pressure of business and was succeeded by Mr. L. C. G. Clarke, M.A., F.S.A., Fellow of Trinity Hall and

sometime Curator of the Fitzwilliam Museum. The Museum is very glad to have the benefit of his wide experience.

Council. Prof. J. H. Hutton was appointed a member of the Council during the year.

The Museum is very grateful to the various bodies which nominate members to the Council, for the care which they have exercised in making their nominations.

The White Horse Inn. During the year the Museum has carried on in the old premises. These are leased from the Borough of Cambridge, who were good enough to re-paint and colour-wash the premises and carry out various incidental repairs. The result is very satisfactory and greatly improves the appearance of the corner of Castle Street and Northampton Street as well as making the Museum more attractive to the public. The Museum has carried out such internal decoration and cleaning as could be financed. After the enforced neglect during the war years much remains to be done. The Museum is very grateful to the Honorary and Assistant Curators for the work they have put in and the excellent results of their labours. The heating system has been overhauled and a new boiler installed. As a result of the appointment late in 1947 of an Assistant Curator it was found possible to open the Museum in the mornings, except Sunday and Monday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the admission fees were raised to 6d. for adults and 3d. for children.

The Abbey House.

In February 1948, Professor A. E. Richardson, R.A., F.R.I.B.A. was approached and very kindly offered to advise the Museum in an honorary capacity. He made a report upon the requirements of the Abbey House, upon which estimates were prepared by Messrs. Johnson and Bailey, Ltd., who had already been engaged upon the building. These were accepted by the Council and work upon No. 1 put in hand. At the end of the year we are able to say that the Abbey House is in an excellent state of structural repair.

A brief report by Professor Richardson runs as follows :

“The Abbey House is substantially an Elizabethan structure dating from 1590. Important additions were made around 1680, when parts of the exterior were re-faced with brick. Considerable alterations to the interior were made at the same time when some of the rooms were panelled and new fire-places were installed. A century later, further modifications, including the fitting of sashed windows and alterations to the brick-work were effected.

Since the Cambridge and County Folk Museum has owned the Abbey House the structure has been completely overhauled, the roof has been re-tiled with old tiles, the gutters have been re-formed, and missing rain-water heads have been added. Certain 19th century accretions have been removed ; and those portions of the house affected by damp have received attention, which has included the removal of earth banked up against the outer walls.

Today, the structure is in first-class order, although much remains to be done in the way of internal decoration and minor repairs to woodwork.

The building is a monument of the first importance ; it is almost unique of its kind near Cambridge, coming next only to the extremely important Chesterton Old Rectory."

The financial situation of the Museum is not strong, and it is more than ever necessary to recruit new members : until this is done the complete transfer of the collection to its intended new home remains difficult. Also the decrease in the number of visitors since 1945 suggests that not enough people in Cambridge are aware of the interests and value of the collection.

REPORT OF THE CURATOR

Attendance. During 1948 the Museum was visited by 2,655 people of whom 1,097 attended on free days. 426 school children came in 22 parties. Visits were also made by the University School of Architecture, the British Council, Prestwood Modern School, Northampton, and St. Giles' Youth Club.

There has been a welcome increase in the number of school visits. At present these are mainly from schools within the borough, but we look forward to seeing more of the county schools when the existing transport and staffing difficulties are alleviated.

Re-arrangement of Rooms. The ground floor rooms of the Museum have been re-arranged in accordance with the plan published in the Report of 1947. The former bedroom has been prepared for temporary exhibitions, which are to begin in February.

Exhibitions. An Exhibition illustrating the History of Fen Skating was held at the Museum in March 1948 and aroused considerable interest in the County. Thanks are due to the many friends who lent objects for the exhibition and particularly to the Wisbech Museum and the Norris Library, St. Ives.

Temporary window displays during 1948 have been as follows:—“Fen Skating”, “Fashion Parade”, “The Chemist and Druggist”, “Foot-wear”, “Kitchen Ware”, “Ornaments of the Victorian Parlour”, “A Garnish of Pewter”, and “Christmas Presents of the Past”.

Loan Exhibitions. A series of exhibitions has been loaned by the Museum during 1947 to the Perse School for Boys and to Linton Village College. Arrangements have been made for a similar series of loans to be made to the Cambridge High School for Boys.

Talks. Talks on the Folk Museum, Victorian England, English Household Life, Fashions, Old Cambridge and other subjects have been given by the Assistant Curator at Meldreth, Eltisley, Cambridge, Quy, Harston, Haslingfield, Foxton, Caxton, and Oakington.

REPORT OF THE HONORARY TREASURER

It will be seen from the accounts that, even with the income from Abbey House lettings, the Museum still has not sufficient income to meet its expenses. As the rents are only temporary until the Museum moves into the Abbey House, it will need further income of perhaps £300 a year to cover its outgoings.

The Abbey House Fund has now been spent upon repair and reconditioning of the Abbey House, except for £135, which is already bespoken.

RECORD OF VISITORS

COMPARATIVE YEARLY ATTENDANCE

<i>Year ended 31st Dec.</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Free Admission. Included in Total</i>	<i>School Children admitted free. Included in Total</i>
1937	4,735	1,377	685
1938	4,178	1,204	No record
1939	3,975	1,264	588
1940	4,790	No record	No record
1941	4,663	2,522	347
1942	3,988	2,142	No record
1943	4,396	2,001	No record
1944	4,439	1,766	No record
1945	4,208	1,738	No record
1946	3,746	1,576	148
1947	2,682	1,093	134
1948	2,655	1,097	426

LIST OF THE PRINCIPAL ACCESSIONS 1948

(Only objects of later date than the accession of Henry VII (1485) are accepted for inclusion in the collections. Objects of earlier date come within the scope of the Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology).

PERSONAL AND DOMESTIC LIFE

Costume

BOOTS, pair of cream satin dancing, for lady's use. *c.* 1860. *Mrs. Raverat.*

Household Ornaments

CURTAIN LOOPS, pair of, crochet. *c.* 1900. FLOWER HOLDERS, (2), *c.* 1900. *Mrs. J. Tolliday.*

Tableware

DOCKY KNIFE, labourer's steel, late 19th cent. *Mr. C. J. Whitaker.*

The Nursery

SPINNING TOPS, (2) ; mid. 19th cent. *Miss C. Drew.*

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIAL LIFE

Trades

- PRESCRIPTION BOOK : S. Sutling and Son, Chemists, Linton ; *c.* 1850.
 CHEMIST'S ACCOUNT, 1850 ; BILL HEAD of Isaiah Deck, Chemist, Cambridge, 1851 ; ADVERTISEMENT for Deck's Hydraulic Apparatus, *c.* 1850 ;
 ADVERTISEMENT for Deck's Curry Powder and Cayenne Pepper ; RECIPE
 BOOK, Deck, Chemist, *c.* 1770-80 ; PLASTER IRON, early 19th cent. ;
 PLASTERS for use with plaster iron, early 19th cent. ; PILL MAKING
 MACHINE, 19th cent. ; PILL SILVERER and SILVER LEAF, 19th cent. ;
 POWDER FOLDER, late 19th cent. ; RUBBER, glass, for powder making,
 19th cent. ; BOXES (2), turned wood, for lip salve, 19th cent. ; JAR for
 ointment, 19th cent. ; MEDICINE BOTTLE with early form of tie-on label ;
 BOTTLES and PHIAL for Otto of Roses ; CLINICAL THERMOMETER, late
 19th cent. ; PULSOMETER, late 19th cent. ; SYRINGE ; MERCURY BOTTLE,
 19th cent. ; APOTHECARIES' WEIGHTS ; CHEMISTS' BOTTLES, collection
 of obsolete types of, Mr. E. S. Peck.
 BOOK : "The Climax System for cutting Gentlemen's Garments"
 Mrs. J. Tolliday.

Domestic Crafts

- D'OYLEY, white knitted lace, *c.* 1887. ; D'OYLEY, linen and hair-pin work,
c. 1887 ; BOOK : Cross Stitch Patterns, *c.* 1890 ; BOOK : Art Needlework,
c. 1895 ; BOOK : Motifs for Embroideries, *c.* 1895. Mrs. J. Tolliday.

Commerce

- TRADE CARD, copperplate for ; A. Deck, Chemist. Mr. E. S. Peck.
 TRADE CARD ; E. C. Short, Tailor, Cambridge. Mrs. J. Tolliday.
 SALE BILL, 1856. Mrs. J. Pickering.

SOCIAL ORGANIZATION AND LIFE

Education

- BOOKS, collection of children's, *c.* 1860. Mr. E. A. Barnard

Recreation

- ADMISSION TICKET to Fitzwilliam Museum Promenade, 1842. Mr. E. S. Peck.
 THEATRE PASS, Theatre Royal, Cambridge, *c.* 1880. Mr. H. C. Rooke.
 SKATES, pair of. Used by champion A. E. Tebbitt. Mrs. E. Tolliday.
 PHOTOGRAPHS (3) ; showing game of Bandy or Hockey on the ice.
 Miss A. Tebbutt.
 BOOK : "Aquatic Notes, or Sketches of the Rise and Progress of Rowing
 at Cambridge," 1822. Miss E. M. Porter.

BIOGRAPHY

- SEPIA DRAWING : George Fish Smart, skating. Miss E. M. Tebbutt.

TOPOGRAPHY

- PHOTOGRAPH from Engraving : Deck, Chemist and Druggist, King's
 Parade, Cambridge, 1801. Mr. E. S. Peck.

PRINTED MATTER AND DRAWINGS

- BOOK : "The Historie of the Holy Warre", Thomas Fuller. Cambridge,
 1627. Miss C. M. Fuller.
 LITHOGRAPHS (2) : "York, a Favourite Hunter" and "Brush and Teddy :
 a Favourite Hunter and Terrier". 1839. Mr. W. J. Davies.

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		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
<i>To Gross Expenditure to 1st Jan. 1948</i>																
600	0	0			906	6	2			2639	14	8				
32	7	0			32	7	0			192	0	0				
110	17	3			110	17	3			34	9	10				
50	6	3			50	6	3			-	-	-				
-	-	-			187	14	7			-	-	-				
<i>Rents Expenses:—</i>																
25	7	11			25	7	11			2866	4	6				
12	11	4			22	11	0									
12	10	5			13	3	10									
8	10	0			13	15	4									
					1362	9	4									
-	-	-			50	0	0	1412	9	4						
852	10	2														
<i>To Expenditure for the year 1948:—</i>																
187	14	7			-	-	-									
9	19	8			13	0	1									
306	6	2			2228	6	7									
13	5				10	7										
5	5	4			10	18	6	2252	15	9						
509	19	2														
50	0	0			226	14	6									
1807	19	2														
£3220	8	6			£3891	19	7			£3220	8	6				
<i>By Gross Income to 1 Jan., 1948:—</i>																
										2784	5	4				
										275	8	6				
										73	14	8				
										37	0	0	3170	8	6	
<i>Income for the year 1948:—</i>																
										144	10	8				
										251	3	8				
										22	9	10				
										-	-	-				
										88	7	9	506	11	11	
												164	19	2		
<i>Balance, deficit, carried forward</i>																
£3891 19 7																

BALANCE SHEET, 31st December, 1948

	LIABILITIES				ASSETS
1947 £		1948 £ s. d.	£ s. d.	1947 £	1948 £ s. d.
	<i>Reserves</i>				<i>Fixed Assets</i>
241 2 9	Reserve for Life Members Subscriptions at 1 Jan., 1948 ..	241 2 9		3750 0 0	Property (Freehold) at cost value The Abbey House
3827 15 0	Income and Expenditure Appropriation Account ..	3745 5 5			3750 0 0
		<u>3986 8 2</u>			<i>Current Assets</i>
1807 19 2	Less The Abbey House Fund (deficit)	164 19 2			Abbey House Fund :—
<u>5876 16 11</u>		<u>3821 9 0</u>		42 4 7	Sundry Debtors (Abbey House Fund)
	<i>Current Liabilities</i>			338 10 11	Cash at Bank on Deposit Account Cambridge and District Trustee Savings Bank Deposit Account
74 17 6	Sundry Creditors as per list ..	42 1 5		<u>1562 1 8</u>	1 0 0
134 18 0	Sundry Creditors (Abbey House Fund) ..	300 0 0		1942 17 2	99 17 9
— — —	Bank Overdraft General Account	12 7 2			34 3 1
<u>209 15 6</u>		<u>354 8 7</u>			<u>135 0 10</u>
				50 0 0	<i>General Fund :—</i>
				1 1 4	Rents Accrued
				4 1 9	Cash in hand (Petty Cash) ..
				126 11 6	ditto (Hon Treasurer)
				<u>212 0 8</u>	Cash at Bank, General Account Cambridge and District Trustee Savings Bank Deposit Account
				393 15 3	82 13 6
<u>6086 12 5</u>				<u>6086 12 5</u>	4 0
					2 13 9
					— — —
					<u>205 5 6</u>
					<u>290 16 9</u>
					<u>£4175 17 7</u>
					<u>£4175 17 7</u>

Report of the Auditor to the Members of CAMBRIDGE AND COUNTY FOLK MUSEUM.

In accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1948, I report to the Members of CAMBRIDGE AND COUNTY FOLK MUSEUM that I have examined the foregoing Balance Sheet together with the annexed Profit & Loss Account, dated 31st December, 1948 with the books of the Company, and that I have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of my knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of my Audit. In my opinion proper Books of Account have been kept by the Company so far as appears from my examination of those Books.

In my opinion and to the best of my information and according to the explanations given to me, the above Balance Sheet and the annexed Profit and Loss Account, which are in agreement with the Books of Account, give the information required by the Companies Act 1948 in the manner so required, and give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31st December, 1948 and of the Profit for the year ended on that date.

15th February, 1949

R. CHATER BLOWS, Auditor,
Chartered Accountant (J. CHATER & SONS, Cambridge)