

THE CAMBRIDGE AND COUNTY
FOLK MUSEUM

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1949



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2 CASTLE STREET, CAMBRIDGE

The Cambridge and County Folk Museum

(Incorporated 5th June, 1946)

COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT

as on 31st December, 1949.

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS :

Patron :

The Rt. Hon. the Lord Fairhaven, D.L., J.P., F.S.A.

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The Lord Fairhaven

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Mrs. J. N. Keynes, J.P.

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J. K. Taylor, J.P.

Acting Hon. Secretary :

E. Saville Peck

Hon. Curator :

L. C. G. Clarke, M.A., F.S.A.

Assistant Curator :

Miss E. M. Porter, B.A.

ELECTED MEMBERS :

G. H. S. Bushnell, W. Brereton, E. B. Haddon, N. Higgins, M.B.E.,
Prof. J. H. Hutton, H. J. Fyjis-Walker, M.B.E.

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,, Cambridge Antiquarian Society.
,, Cambridge Borough Teachers' Association.
,, Cambridgeshire Teachers' Association.

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Proceedings at the Annual General Meeting 1949

THE FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Association being the thirteenth Annual Meeting since the opening of the Museum, was held on Wednesday, March 9th, 1949, at 3.0 p.m. 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 and Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. S. Kirk. There was a fair attendance of the members.

The Report of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday, March 9th, 1948, was approved and signed by the Chairman.

The Annual Report for the year ending on December 31st, 1948, and the accounts for the year, were received and adopted on the proposition of Mrs. Keynes, seconded by Mr. Clarke. Mr. Chater-Blows was appointed Auditor and his remuneration agreed at five guineas.

The Lord Fairhaven was re-elected Patron and kindly consented also to act as President.

The Vice-Presidents were re-elected with the addition of Mr. Miles Burkitt.

The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Fyjis-Walker, tendered his resignation for health reasons and a vote of thanks was accorded him for his valuable and sustained services during several years. He agreed to become one of the elected Members.

The Hon. Secretary reported upon the meeting of the Council of Management on February 25th, 1949, at which the serious financial position of the Museum was emphasized. He also reported on an informal meeting with the Mayor of Cambridge, at which the possibility of the Local Authority participating in the administration of the Museum was mooted. A long discussion followed and on the proposition of Mr. Peck, seconded by Mrs. Keynes, it was resolved that the Special Sub-Committee appointed at the Meeting of February 25th be asked to continue to explore the possibility of the Borough taking over the responsibility of the Museum.

At the conclusion of the Meeting Professor R. A. Nichols, Fellow of Trinity College, Visiting Professor of American

History, gave a most entertaining talk entitled "An American Comes Home", for which he was warmly thanked.

At a meeting of the Council on August 3rd, the Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. S. Kirk, intimated that owing to his unforeseen departure for the United States he would be obliged to relinquish his post. Mr. Peck undertook to act as Hon. Secretary for the time being and later Mr. J. K. Taylor was elected Hon. Treasurer.

At the meeting of the Council on October 5th, a letter was read from Miss Parsons saying she wished to resign as Vice President. This was accepted with much regret and it was agreed that a letter be sent to her thanking her for her great services, especially in the earlier days of the Museum as Hon. Curator.

The outstanding event of the year (1949) has been the negotiation which has taken place between the Special Sub-Committee of the Association with the Sub-Committee of the General Purposes Committee of the Borough Council.

This Committee reported that it fully appreciated the excellent work carried out by the Museum and considered such a Museum should receive every encouragement, both financial and otherwise. There were two alternatives: either the Corporation should take over the Museum entirely and be responsible for its administration, or the Corporation should make an annual grant towards expenses. After further discussion it was decided to recommend that a grant of £300 be made for the remainder of 1949 and one of £500 for 1950 when the position would be reviewed.

The General Purposes Committee further recommended that whilst the Council paid these grants it should be given one third representation on the Museum Council and also that the Law and Property Committee should carry out repairs to the outbuildings at the White Horse Inn at a cost of £150.

These recommendations were agreed to by the Borough Council on July 21st, also that the Minister of Health be asked to approve this expenditure. The Acting Hon. Secretary reported on October 5th that the Minister had consented to these contributions being made.

On December 14th the Town Clerk wrote saying that the Borough Council had appointed the following nine members to serve on the Council of the Museum: Aldermen Doggett, Priest and A. G. Taylor; Councillors Mrs. Henn, Hensher, Hickson, Mallett, Mrs. Rackham and W. Stockbridge. The Town Clerk also expressed the desirability of the Council representatives being elected on the same date as those of the Committee of Management of the Association.

Messrs. Few and Kester have been asked to consider with the Town Clerk the alterations in the Articles of Association necessary to incorporate these Borough Representatives. Their report will be considered at a special meeting of the Association.

The Abbey House

Owing to the unavoidable delay of nearly five years in occupying this building as a Museum the Patron-President in consultation with Prof. A. E. Richardson, R.A. and designed by him, has now provided a plaque inscribed,

“This building on the site of Barnwell Abbey was given by Lord Fairhaven of Anglesey Abbey to the people of Cambridgeshire in recognition of V.E. day and as a thank-offering for our deliverance. 1945.”

The Patron-President feels that the placing of this plaque will be the simplest way of ensuring that the original purpose for which the building was given would not be forgotten.

It has been placed in position in No. 2 which ultimately should be the main entrance to the Abbey House.

The interior of No. 3 has been redecorated and is now in good order.

There is considerable outside painting to be undertaken as soon as weather conditions permit.

The White Horse Inn

The roof of the outbuildings in the yard has been renewed and further steps taken to preserve the vehicles stored there.

It will be seen from the report of the Assistant Curator that there has been a satisfactory increase in the number of the visitors to the Museum.

In order to make the Museum better known posters, window bills and cards have been printed and distributed.

The Council of Management fully appreciate the interest shown by the Borough Council and hope that the people of Cambridge will make more use of the Museum and visit it in greater numbers.

ASSISTANT CURATOR'S REPORT

Attendance. During 1949 the Museum was visited by 3,150 people, of whom 1,376 attended on the free days. 623 school children came in 26 groups. Visits were also made by the British Council, the W.E.A., Prestwood Modern School, Wolverhampton and St. Audrey's School, Hatfield.

The number of school visits has once again shown an increase, and we have been pleased to welcome two schools from outside the county, who have been on a visit to Cambridge. It is still to be desired that more children from the County schools be brought to the Museum.

Exhibitions. A series of temporary exhibitions has been held during the year :—Domestic Crafts ; Children's Illustrated Books, 1800-1900 ; The "Apothecary" ; Pictures of Old Cambridge. More have been arranged for 1950. These exhibitions, besides attracting visitors, enable exhibits to be seen which it is not always possible to have on view owing to lack of space.

Loan Exhibitions. The scheme for loaning exhibits from the museum, mainly for educational purposes, has been continued. Exhibits have been loaned to the Perse School for Boys ; the Cambridgeshire High School for Boys ; Wimpole Park Training College, Coventry Emergency Training College ; New Theatre, Cambridge.

Lighting. The installation of additional lights in the corridor, the Kitchen and Crafts Room of the Museum enables exhibits to be seen to greater advantage and has been the subject of favourable comment by visitors.

Talks. The Assistant Curator has given talks on the Folk Museum ; Costume ; Child Life through the Ages ; Victorian England ; Lace-Making ; Old Cookery Books ; the Town of Cambridge, etc. at Harston, Comberton, Cambridge, Cottenham, Melbourn, Ickleton and Abington.

REPORT OF THE HON. TREASURER

The accounts, which are at the end of the report, show that there has been a considerable improvement in the financial situation of the museum during the year. This is due to the grant of £300 which was made for the first time by the Corporation.

The major structural repairs at Abbey House have now been completed. Provided that subscriptions do not become less, the museum's finances are now on a satisfactory basis.



A COLLECTION OF HATS AND BONNETS

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
1949	3,150	1,376	623

LIST OF THE PRINCIPAL ACCESSIONS 1949

(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

CALASH, lady's black taffeta. *c.* 1820

PELISSE, child's cut-work. *c.* 1880

Coun. Miles Burkitt.
Miss Griffiths.

Personal use and adornment

PARASOL, lady's silk and tulle. *c.* 1890

CRAVAT RING, ivory. *c.* 1840

Coun. Miles Burkitt.
Mr. Huddleston.

The House and Fittings

BEER CAN, metal. late 19th cent.

FIRE SCREEN, collapsible. mid 19th cent.

TEA KETTLE, copper. late 19th cent. FIRE SCREEN, embroidered
execr. Miss G. Goody.

Mr. Warby.
Anon.

VACUUM CLEANER, Harvey's. *c.* 1908.

CHINA, commemoration, 1887—1940.
Master and Fellows, Gonville and Caius College.
Miss A. Parsons.

Household Ornaments

FLOWER GROUPS, wax (2). *c.* 1870.

execr. Miss G. Goody.

Lighting Appliances

OIL LAMP with silk shade. 1880.

execr. Miss G. Goody.

The Nursery

PERAMBULATOR, child's. *c.* 1870.

Miss Graham.

Games and Toys

TOYS, collection of 19th cent.
TOYS, collection of ; ZOETROPE, pictures for.
TOY SOLDIERS, collection of. 1870.

Mrs. Lavender.
Miss Eddington.
Mrs. Thompson.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIAL LIFE

Rural Occupations

SHOES, metal ; for ditch-cleaning ; HOOK for log-floating.
CROSS BOW, poacher's. 19th cent.

Mr. Warby.
Mr. English.

Trades

PERFUME STILL, 19th cent. ; ADVERTISEMENTS of Mr. Deck, chemist ; 1860 ;
PRESCRIPTION for Edward VII. ; PHOTOGRAPH of letter appointing
Mr. Deck as Chemist to H.R.H. the Chancellor, 1847. Mr. R. Deck.
ADVERTISEMENT, Whichello, Grocer, Trumpington Street Mr. G. P. Jones.
HYDROMETER, Sikes. 1826. Mrs. Whitlock.

Commerce

TRADE CARD, Mr. Deck, Chemist.
TRADE TOKEN, " Charles Barber, Cambridge, 3d."

Mr. R. Deck.
Mr. Huddleston.

Domestic Crafts

TEMPLATES, for patch-work. 19th cent.
SILK WINDERS ; THREAD, spools of. 1860.

Mrs. Phipers.
Miss Eddington.

SOCIAL ORGANISATION AND LIFE

Education

BOOKS, collection of children's.

SAMPLER, " Catharine Holoran, aged 13." Mrs. Keynes ; Miss Overton ; Miss A. Parsons.
Miss Proctor.

Recreation

THEATRE PROGRAMME, luminous. Festival Theatre, 1936. Mrs. Stearn.

Printed Matter

NEWSPAPER, Cambridge Weekly Journal and Flying Post, 1746.
Mr. Muncey.

TOPOGRAPHY

STREET SIGN, " Butter Row." Mrs. E. O. Brown.
MODEL, Grantchester Mill, 1860. Execrs. of the late Ald. J. Nutter.
DIRECTORY, Kelly's. Cambridgeshire 1896 Mr. E. S. Peck.
PHOTOGRAPHS, collection of Old Cambridge.
Permanent Loans. Mr. G. P. Jones.
WATER COLOUR, Trinity Boat, 1846 by Leach. Mr. T. W. Bagshawe.
BADGE, silver. Town Crier of Cambridge, 1742. Borough Council.

1949

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THE ABBEY HOUSE FUND

	<i>To Gross Expenditure to</i>											
<u>£</u> s. d.	1st Jan. 1949 :—	<u>£</u> s. d.	<u>£</u> s. d.	<u>£</u> s. d.	<u>£</u> s. d.	<u>£</u> s. d.	By Gross Income to 1st Jan., 1949 :—	<u>£</u> s. d.	<u>£</u> s. d.	<u>£</u> s. d.	<u>£</u> s. d.	<u>£</u> s. d.
906 6 2	Repairs, Redecarations and Re-	3134 12 9		2784 5 4	Subscriptions and Donations, in-		cluding Tax recovered..	2928 16 0				
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110 17 3	Garden Work	110 17 3		37 0 0	Contribution towards Prelimin-							
50 6 3	Commission on Purchase	50 6 3			ary Expenses			37 0 0				
187 14 7	Company Preliminary Expenses	187 14 7			Contribution towards Repairs							
	Rents Expenses :—				per contra			88 7 9				
22 11 0	Rates, Water and Insurance ..	35 11 1								3727 0 5		
25 7 11	Repairs	25 7 11		3220 8 6								
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	Expenses	13 14 5			Subscriptions, Donations and	144 10 8		144 10 8				
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	Rents)	276 14 6			Contribution towards Repairs ..	88 7 9						
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	building	240 1 7										
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	Expenses	12 8										
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