

# THE CAMBRIDGE AND COUNTY FOLK MUSEUM

2 CASTLE STREET, CAMBRIDGE

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1952



# The Cambridge and County Folk Museum

(Incorporated 5th June, 1946)

## COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT

as on 31st December, 1952

### EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:

*Patron:*

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

*President:*

E. Saville Peck, M.A., D.L.

*Vice-Presidents:*

E. A. B. Barnard, M.A., F.S.A.  
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L. C. G. Clarke, M.A., F.S.A.  
Mrs. J. N. Keynes, J.P.  
H. I. Fyjis-Walker, M.B.E.

*Hon. Treasurer:*

Reverend R. Corboy, M.A.

*Hon. Secretary:*

Alderman F. J. Priest

*Hon. Curator:*

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

*Resident Curator:*

Miss E. M. Porter, B.A.

### ELECTED MEMBERS:

E. B. Haddon, T. N. Gallyon, R. Heffer (2 vacancies)

### NOMINATED MEMBERS:

Councillor D. V. Durell	by Cambridgeshire County Council.
Aldermen A. C. Taylor, F. Doggett,	
F. J. Priest, Mrs. C. D. Rackham,	
Councillors G. F. Hickson, R. Hensher,	
H. R. Mallett, W. Stockbridge, Mrs.	
T. R. Henn	„ Cambridge City Council
J. Saltmarsh	„ Council of the Senate of the University.
Dr. G. H. S. Bushnell	„ Cambridge Antiquarian Society.
Miss D. M. Howlett	„ N.U.T., Cambridge Association.
Mr. B. G. W. Cash	„ N.U.T., Cambridgeshire Association.

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*Proceedings at the Annual General Meeting, 1952*

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Association being the sixteenth since the opening of the Museum, was held on Friday, 14th March, 1952, in the Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology.

The Patron, Lord Fairhaven, presided, supported by the Hon. Treasurer, Reverend R. Corboy, M.A., the Hon. Secretary, Alderman F. J. Priest, and about 30 members.

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, held on Thursday, 15th March, 1951, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

The Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1951, was received and adopted. The audited statement of accounts was presented by the Hon. Treasurer and adopted. Mr. Chater Blows was re-appointed Auditor at a remuneration of five guineas.

In his remarks upon the year's working of the Museum, the Chairman said that he was gratified to see an increase in attendance, especially of school groups and congratulated the Resident Curator upon the special exhibitions that had been arranged during the year, which had proved most attractive.

*Election of Officers*

Upon the proposition of Dr. Bushnell, seconded by Mr. T. N. Gallyon, the Officers and Vice-Presidents were elected *en bloc* for the ensuing year.

At the conclusion of the meeting an interesting lantern lecture on "Some Architectural puzzles in churches of Ely Diocese, with tentative solutions" was given by the Venerable S. J. A. Evans, Archdeacon of Wisbech.

A visit of the delegates to the South Midlands Museums Federation Conference at Cambridge on September 26th—28th, was an outstanding event during the year, when the visitors and members of the Executive Committee were entertained at a reception and tea, given by the President and Mrs. E. Saville Peck. It is interesting to note that the Council of Management have decided to apply for membership of the Museums Association, largely as a result of the happy relations established at the Conference. Improved status should be achieved by membership.

During the year a directional sign "FOLK MUSEUM" has been painted on the gable end facing south and has proved to be of considerable assistance.

Sir Henry McAnally, an elected member, died during the summer and Mr. W. Brereton has resigned from the Council Management after many years of quiet unobtrusive service. This leaves two vacancies to be filled.

On the financial side of the Museums work, your Executive Committee have decided to amalgamate the funds of the Abbey House and Folk Museum into one account. This was made more or less imperative by the decision of the City Council to take into account the income of the Museum from all sources when calculating the amount of grant to be paid from the rate fund. This will have far reaching effects on our finances which will be dealt with more fully by the Hon. Treasurer.

### *Abbey House*

A considerable amount of work has been done during the year at the Abbey House both inside and out. Various repairs have been carried out in all three flats but the principal work has been done in clearing up the front garden. Here Messrs. Holtum have been at work with a rotavator and cleaned up the plot which it is hoped, with the co-operation of the tenants, will present a much more neat and tidy appearance than it has done for some time past.

The autumn gales played havoc with a large fence separating the property and No. 4, Abbey Road, which it is estimated will cost something in the region of £20 to repair.

## RESIDENT CURATOR'S REPORT

It is pleasing to report another slight increase in attendance at the Museum both in the number of ordinary and of school visits. During 1952 visits were paid by students of vacation courses arranged by the British Council, by local Townswomen's Guild groups, by the W.E.A. and other local organisations and by several school groups from outside the county. Training college visits have increased in number, many students coming to the Museum to work on various subjects assigned to them by their tutors.

Four exhibitions were held during the year: *In the Kitchen, The Theatre in Cambridge, Cambridge Pictures* and *Victoriana*. In connection with the Theatre exhibition the Resident Curator is indebted to the City Librarian and the staff of the Reference Library for the loan of part of the fine collection of local playbills presented to the City in the past by Mr. W. B. Redfern.

As in other years several loan exhibitions were sent to local schools and village colleges.

In January the Local History Council held their meeting at the Museum. The City and University Room was used for the occasion and about 40 members heard a lecture by Mr. J. Saltmarsh on "Cambridge before the Colleges." After tea members made a tour of the Museum.

The Resident Curator gave a number of talks during the year—to Women's Institutes and Youth Clubs in the villages, to the R.A.F., to the American Air Force at Arrington, to Local History groups and to various organisations within the City.

The Bar Parlour, the Dairy and Laundry Room, the Domestic Crafts Room and the two staircases in the Museum have been redecorated and plaster work repaired. This was a much needed work and the exhibits gain greatly in appearance in a brighter setting.

As in former years the Museum is indebted to the Editor and Staff of the "Cambridge Daily News" for their help in giving the Museum publicity. Miss Kay Maloney, Editor of the paper's Women's Page is especially to be thanked for her articles on the various exhibitions and functions held at the Museum.

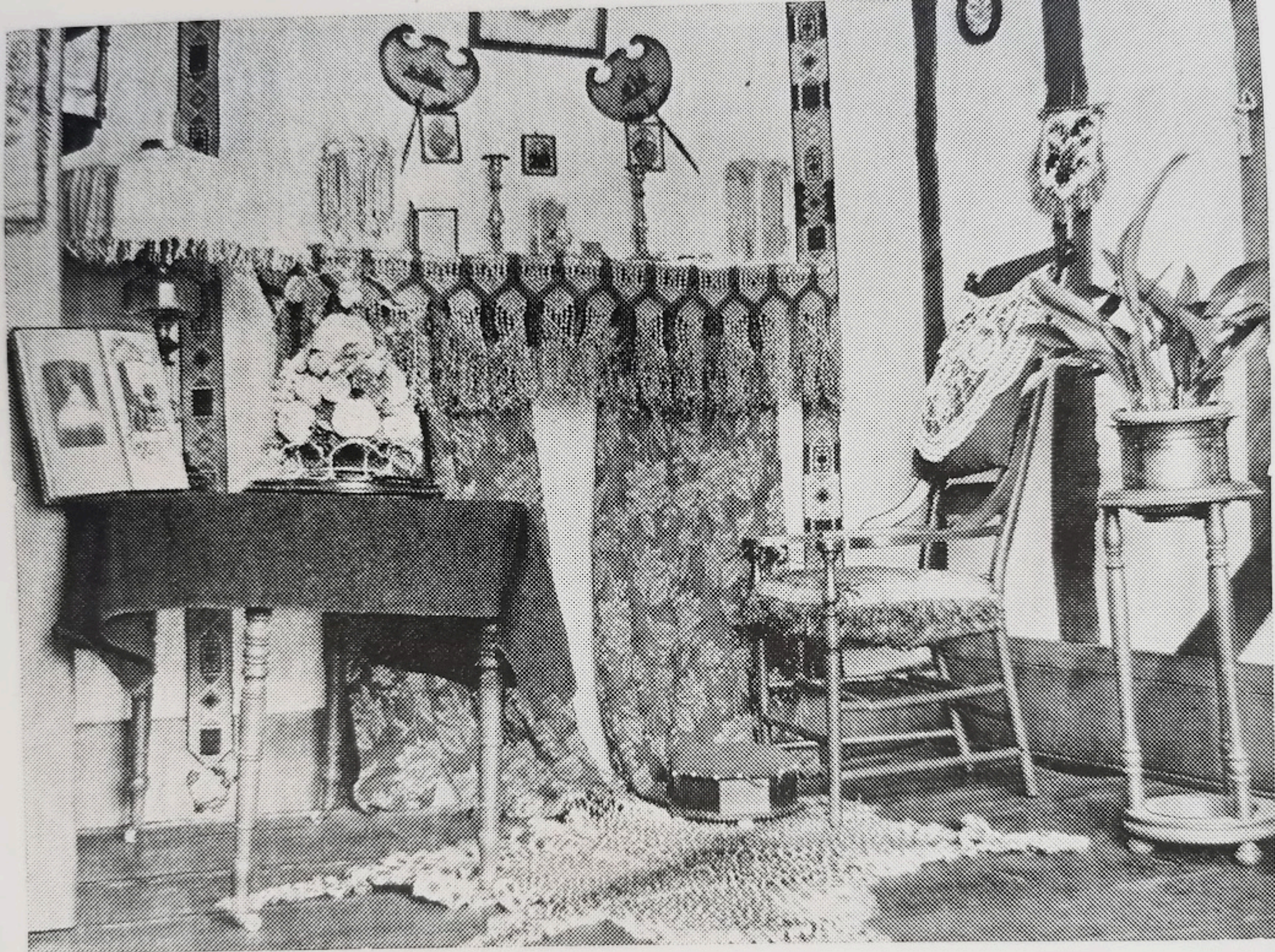
The Resident Curator would again like to emphasize the need for more books suitable for use by students while they are working at the Museum.

### HON. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Income and Expenditure Account shows a credit balance of £12 13s. 10d. This is due to the grant advanced by the City Council and the fact that the Abbey House income is now included in this account. As Treasurer I must say that I am happy at the arrangement, which simplifies the book-keeping, but above all makes our resources immediately available for the improvements which we would like to see made in the Museum and the Abbey House.

### 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 included in Total.</i>
1937	4,735	692	685
1938	4,178	1,204	No Record
1939	3,975	676	588
1940	4,790	No Record	No Record
1941	4,663	2,275	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	1,428	148
1947	2,682	959	134
1948	2,655	671	426
1949	3,150	753	623
1950	3,551	970	591
1951	3,700	721	754
1952	3,882	972	771



EXHIBITION OF VICTORIANA  
*October—December, 1952*

1952

## Life Members

(Donors of 10 guineas and upwards)

Mrs. C. Armstrong  
T. W. Bagshawe  
Mrs. E. Blackman  
R. C. Blows  
Captain R. G. Briscoe  
Major the Hon. H. R. Broughton  
Cambridge Preservation Society  
Clare College  
L. C. G. Clarke  
C. M. Coote  
Downing College  
Emmanuel College  
Master of Emmanuel  
Lord Fairhaven  
Lieut.-Col. O. B. Foster  
Girton College  
Gonville and Caius College  
W. Balfour Gourlay  
E. B. Haddon  
N. O. Higgins  
Jesus College  
Miss Agnes Kenny

Miss Muriel Kenny  
Mrs. J. N. Keynes  
King's College  
Provost of King's  
L. F. Newman  
Miss C. E. Parsons  
E. Saville Peck  
Pembroke College  
Peterhouse  
Queens' College  
A. B. Ramsay  
Mme. Raverat  
Mrs. Rees Thomas  
St. Catharine's College  
St. John's College  
J. Saltmarsh  
Sidney Sussex College  
Dr. E. M. W. Tillyard  
Mrs. E. M. W. Tillyard  
Trinity College  
Mrs. Dudley Ward

### ORDINARY MEMBERS (Annual subscribers of 1 guinea and upwards)

T. W. Bagshawe  
E. A. B. Barnard  
M. C. Burkitt  
G. H. S. Bushnell  
Cambridge Antiquarian Society  
Cambridge and District  
Co-operative Society  
National Union of Teachers,  
Cambridge Branch  
National Union of Teachers,  
Cambridgeshire Association  
L. C. G. Clarke  
Miss Eddington  
Emmanuel College  
H. I. Fyjis-Walker  
Gonville and Caius College  
T. N. Gallyon  
W. Balfour Gourlay  
E. B. Haddon  
Dr. R. E. M. Harding  
Homerton College  
Jesus College  
H. S. Johnson

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King and Harper, Ltd.  
King's College  
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Lloyds Bank, Ltd.  
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Mrs. J. McArthur  
Major P. C. D. Mundy  
Pembroke College  
Perse Boys' School  
R. C. Pierce (the late)  
Dr. S. H. Pritchard  
Mrs. Rees Thomas  
Professor D. S. Robertson  
St. John's College  
J. Saltmarsh  
Dr. Z. M. Scruby  
J. K. Taylor  
Trinity College  
Mrs. Vulliamy

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS (Annual subscribers of 5/- and upwards)

R. C. Blows	S. A. Rolfe
W. Brereton	Miss A. H. Spalding
B. G. W. Cash	Miss A. M. Spalding
Sir G. de Montmorency	J. T. Spittle
Rev. R. E. Dudley	C. F. Tebbutt
R. H. Edleston (the late)	Mrs. E. Vinter
Miss A. Edleston	Women's Institutes
Lady Gray	(Cambridgeshire Federation)
Canon C. L. Hulbert-Powell	Miss D. Warrington
Mrs. K. E. Long	Dr. R. B. Whitehead
B. J. Matthew	H. Woods
Mrs. C. D. Rackham	A. H. Wooll
Mrs. R. M. Rattenbury	

ANNUAL GRANTS

Cambridge Corporation  
 Cambridge City Education Committee  
 Cambridgeshire County Education Committee

LIST OF THE PRINCIPAL ACCESSIONS, 1952

SOCIAL LIFE

*Church Music*

CONCERTINA, played in Oakington Church in mid 19th c. Mr. E. Gilder

*Banks and Money*

TRADE TOKEN, copper, current in the Counties of Cambridge, Bedford and Huntingdon, 1795. Mr. H. Brown

*Education*

NEEDLEWORK SAMPLES, worked 1854-6 by a student of Cavendish College (later Homerton College, Cambridge) who became Lady Superintendent at Homerton. Mr. A. Bull

BOOK, "The New Picture Book," by Nicholas Mohny. Illustrated in colour, 1858. Miss Brereton

BOOKS, Children's reading and poetry books, 1836-1840. Mrs. R. H. Adie

*Customs*

BLOOD LETTING KNIFE, used by mother of Haslingfield woman to bleed farm workers in early 19th c. Mrs. Bond

*Fighting Services*

EPAULETTES, chain metal; SPURS, plated; both from the uniform of the Cambridge Legion of Frontiersmen, 19th c. Mr. G. Lister



## THE HOUSEHOLD

### *The House*

CARVED TIMBER, piece of, from Madingley Hall, 18th c. Mr. G. Wood  
RAFTER ENDS (2), with green oak pegs, from 17th c. cottages recently  
pulled down in Hythe Lane, Burwell; CLUNCH, piece of, with  
embedded fossil, part of wall of 17th c. cottages pulled down in  
Burwell. Miss Williams

### *Contents of House—Parlour*

WALL PLAQUE, hand painted on porcelain, plush frame, c. 1880. Mrs. A. Smith  
NEEDLEWORK PICTURE, worked in wools, 1843. Mrs. Coulson  
STEREOSCOPE, in walnut box, 15 ins x 10 ins. x 9 ins. with 50 photo-  
graphs in revolving holder. Miss Doggett  
MANTELSHELF BORDER, worked on canvas in blue silk tent stitch  
and crystal beads, 1885. Miss I. Mitchell

### *Contents of House—Bedroom*

WATCH HOLDER, lead, in form of shoemaker with tools of his craft,  
19th c. Mrs. Kidd  
BED WARMER, square brick, 19th c. Mrs. W. F. Thorne

### *Table Ware*

CHEESE DISH, circular. White glazed earthenware with blue design.  
Willingham, 1850; DECANTERS, pair of cut glass, 1880. Mrs. W. F. Thorne  
PLATE, white china with perforated edge. On centre a black transfer  
print of the Backs and Trinity Library and inscribed "Siggs  
Emporium on the Cam, Cambridge." Rev. C. Perowne  
CRUET, silver plated with cut glass bottles, 1885. Mr. J. Reed  
CUSTARD RING, silver plated. Late Georgian. For placing round  
dish of baked custard. Mrs. A. Eaden

### *Dairy Furnishings*

THREE LEG, oak, for extracting whey from curd; BUTTER MARKERS  
(4); SCOOP, wooden; STRAINER, wooden; CHURN, glazed earthen-  
ware with wooden podger. All from Cottenham, 19th c. Mr. A. Bull

### *Laundry Furnishings*

CHARCOAL BURNING IRON, with ladle for heating charcoal, 1885.  
Mrs. C. North

### *Kitchen Furnishings*

BRINE JAR, stoneware, 19th c. Mr. A. Bull  
SPICE BOX, cylindrical boxwood. Mrs. Morgan  
KNIFE CLEANER, wheel shaped. Late 19th c. Mrs. A. Smith  
STRAINER MOULD, white porcelain. Mrs. Bond

### *Lighting Equipment*

CANDLE LAMP used by undergraduates, late 19th c.; OIL BURNING  
LAMP, brass with green glass oil container. Mr. J. Reed  
CANDLESTICK, iron, blacksmith-made. Ribbon-shaped upright on oak  
base. Early 18th c. Miss E. P. Denny

## THE INDIVIDUAL

### *Toys*

CHEST OF DRAWERS, wooden. From a Victorian dolls' house.  
Miss A. Short

### *Dress*

BONNET, pale brown padded silk lined with turquoise silk. Made for wear on honeymoon, 1873.  
Miss Howard

SHOES, pair of lady's black calf Oxford, 1909; BOOTS, pair of lady's black calf lace up, 1909.  
Miss Braithwaite

## OCCUPATIONS

### *Agriculture*

SEED SOWER, iron, kidney-shaped. From Cottenham, 19th c.  
Mr. A. Bull

### *Cart Building*

CART AXLE, wooden, from tumbrel cart. Burwell, c. 1860.  
Mr. D. G. Frost

### *Carver*

NECKLACE of 24 beads carved in Fens from local bog oak. Mid 19th c.  
Miss Plesance

### *Chimney Sweep*

BRUSH, designed by George Smith, 13, Sidney Street, Cambridge, c. 1860, so that he should not have to employ climbing boys; SILVER MEDAL, presented to G. Smith by the Climbing Boys' Association for his efforts to suppress the climbing system; TRADE CARD of G. Smith.  
Mrs. Davis

### *Gamekeeper*

TRUNCHEON, turned boxwood, used by gamekeeper on Lower Hare Estate in early 19th c.  
Mr. H. B. Gawthrop

### *Glazier*

STAINED GLASS PANEL, with arms of St. Catharine's College. The work of the late Mr. T. C. Eastwell of Cambridge.  
The family of Mr. T. C. Eastwell

### *Locksmith*

PADLOCK, iron, ball-shaped. Found in Tan Yard, Northampton Street. Late 17th c. HANDLE, lead, foliated ends, 18th c. Found in Chalk Grove, Cherry Hinton.  
Mr. J. Blows.

### *Mill Dresser*

MILLWRIGHT'S BILL, made 1910 for use at Swann's Lime Mill; MILL STONE DRIVING WHEEL TEETH (4) made 1947 by Hunts of Soham.  
Mr. C. Swann

### *Shepherd*

SHEPHERD'S CROOK, dug up in grounds of Little Manor, Hauxton.  
Mr. P. Sidney

*Shoemaker*

SET OF SHOEMAKER'S TOOLS, with LAP IRON, FOOT RULE, used at Swaffham Prior, 19th c. Mr. B. Day

*Sports Trade*

ROLLER SKATES, pair of three-wheeled, specially made for A. E. Tebbit for exercise on roads in preparation for ice skating.  
Mr. T. W. Bagshawe (former loan, now gift)

TOPOGRAPHY

- PHOTOGRAPH: BRAZIER (1702) in Trinity College. Cambridge, taken by donor to illustrate an article by him in *Country Life*, January, 1952. Mr. Edmund Vale
- PHOTOGRAPH: CHESTERTON ROAD BRIDGE, c. 1890. Mr. H. B. Gawthrop
- DIRECTORIES (14) of Cambridge and Cambridgeshire, 1882-1935. Mr. T. W. Bagshawe
- GAZETTER, HISTORY and DIRECTORY of Cambridge, 1850. Mr. T. W. Bagshawe
- PHOTOGRAPH, "Degree Morning, 1863," of oil painting by R. Farren in Trinity Hall Combination Room. Miss Bell
- PHOTOGRAPH, of KEY to above picture. Purchased.
- PHOTOGRAPH: BURWELL MILL, 1890. Mr. H. B. Gawthrop
- PHOTOGRAPH: JESUS TERRACE, New Square, c. 1910, taken before the building of the through road from Square to Clarendon Street. Mr. C. C. Scott
- OIL PAINTINGS (5); Free School Lane, 1949; Christ's College Gateway, Hobson Street; N. side of St. Edward's Passage; Emmanuel Street before erection of new college buildings; Red Lion Yard with Cardinal's Cap Inn. Bequest of the late Miss M. Greene
- PRINTS (5); Sidney Street, 1880; Trinity College Dining Hall, 1880; Trinity College Kitchen, 1880; Petty Cury, 1880. Miss Chapman
- PHOTOGRAPH: SPOTTED COW INN, Northampton Street, c. 1890. Mr. H. Rodger
- PAMPHLET ACT for the effectual Drainage and Preservation of certain Fens, 1737. Mr. F. P. White
- DOCUMENT relating to admission of John Reed to the Manor of Rampton Lyles, Willingham, 1685. Mr. J. E. Few
- PHOTOGRAPH: Catholic Church, Cambridge, nearing completion, 1890. per Mrs. Pryor
- PHOTOGRAPH: CHESTERTON ROAD BRIDGE in floods of 1880. Mr. E. F. Lewis
- PRINT: STAR COACH leaving London for Cambridge, 1870. Mr. E. F. Lewis
- WATER COLOUR: TRINITY BOAT, 1846. By Leach. Mr. T. W. Bagshawe (former loan, made gift)
- PHOTOGRAPHS: SIDNEY STREET, 1923, showing the first Dorothy Cafe; HOBSON STREET, 1923, showing the Nag's Head Inn. Mr. G. Hawkins
- BOOKS: Cambridge Town Planning Proposals; The History of Truncheons, E. R. H. Dicken, 1952. Purchased

PERMANENT LOAN

KNIFE, table; late 16th c.; WITCH BOTTLE, 18th c. Found at Christ's College. The Master and Fellows of Christ's College

# THE CAMBRIDGE AND COUNTY FOLK MUSEUM

Incorporated 5th June, 1946

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the Year ended 31st December, 1952

1951	To	EXPENDITURE	1952	1951	By	INCOME	1952
£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.
70 4 11	Rent, Rates and Insurance	..	59 4 4	73 19 0	Ordinary Subscriptions	..	57 17 0
44 15 5	Heat, Light and Water	..	72 13 4	6 9 6	Associate Subscriptions	..	7 19 0
318 9 2	Repairs, Redecorations and Rebuilding	..	280 17 10	144 10 8	Abbey House Subscriptions	..	146 17 10
61 12 9	Cleaning, including Cleaners' Wages	..	67 4 3	250 0 0	Rents Receivable (Gross)	..	212 13 10
495 2 3			479 19 9	60 0 0	Grant from Cambridgeshire County Council	..	20 0 0
281 15 4	Assistant Curator's Salary	..	284 3 0	15 0 0	Grant from City Education Committee	..	15 0 0
6 9 1	National Insurance	..	9 4 2	350 0 0	Grant from Cambridge Corporation	..	300 0 0
288 4 5			293 7 2	425 0 0	Admission Fees, Sale of Guides and Postcards and Donations from Visitors	..	55 3 0
82 0 11	Printing, Postages, Stationery, Telephone and Sundry Expenses	..	53 17 0	52 0 6	Interest on Deposit Accounts	..	9 6 3
4 3 0	Bank Charges and Cheque Books	..	3 18 0	5 13 8	Dilapidations Received	..	64 9 3
16 8 9	Legal Aid Audit	..	5 5 0	18 19 0			
13 1 9	Commission	..	13 1 6				
115 14 5			76 2 4				
77 11 3	Balance Surplus for the year		12 13 10				
£976 12 4			£862 3 1	£976 12 4			£862 3 1

BALANCE SHEET, 31st December, 1952

1951 £ s. d.	ACCUMULATED FUNDS AND RESERVES:—	1952 £ s. d.    £ s. d.		1951 £ s. d.			1952 £ s. d.    £ s. d.			
251 12 9	Reserve for Life Members— Subscriptions at 1st January, 1952 .. .. .	251 12 9		3750 0 0	FIXED ASSETS:— Property (Freehold) at cost— The Abbey House .. .. .			3750 0 0		
4012 9 0	Income and Expenditure Account at 1st January, 1952 ..	4180 15 4		68 18 5	CURRENT ASSETS:— Sundry Debtors and Payments in Advance .. .. .			136 11 3		
168 6 4				62 10 0	Rents Accrued .. .. .			62 10 0		
4180 15 4	Add Surplus for the year 1952	12 13 10		1 0 5	Cash in Hand (Petty Cash)			5 12 8		
4432 8 1				128 8 9	Do. (Hon. Treasurer)			2 8 0		
29 4 1	CURRENT LIABILITIES:—	4193 9 2		229 5 9	Cash at Bank, Current Account Cambridge and District Trustee Savings Bank Deposit Account			272 19 4		
	Sundry Creditors as per list			4445 1 11			Cash at Bank on Deposit Account .. .. .			234 19 9
		19 19 1		711 12 2				715 1 0		
£4461 12 2		£4465 1 0		£4461 12 2				£4465 1 0		

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

In accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1948 I report to the Members of the Cambridge and County Folk Museum that I have examined the foregoing Balance Sheet together with the annexed Income and Expenditure Accounts, dated 31st December, 1952, 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 Income and Expenditure Accounts, 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, 1952, and of the Surplus for the year ended on that date.

R. CHATER BLOWS, Auditor.

Chartered Accountants (J. CHATER AND SONS) Cambridge.

26th January, 1953.