

THE CAMBRIDGE AND COUNTY  
FOLK MUSEUM

2 CASTLE STREET, CAMBRIDGE



THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD 1st APRIL, 1966

TO 31st MARCH, 1967





ELEVATION FROM CHESTERTON LANE CORNER



# THE CAMBRIDGE AND COUNTY FOLK MUSEUM

(Incorporated 5th June, 1946)

## COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT

as on 31st March, 1967

### EXECUTIVE OFFICERS :

*Patron:*

*President:*

\*Sir Henry Willink, Bt., M.C., Q.C.

*Vice-Presidents:*

M. C. Burkitt, J.P.

\*Dr. G. H. S. Bushnell

Councillor Miss D. M. Howlett

\*Hon. Alderman F. J. Priest, M.B.E.

J. Saltmarsh

*Hon. Treasurer:*

Hon. Alderman F. J. Priest, M.B.E.

### ELECTED MEMBERS :

Councillor A. W. Arundale, Hon. Councillor E. H. Cherry, R. G. Heffer

### NOMINATED MEMBERS :

\*Alderman P. J. Warren; Councillors by Cambridge City Council  
Mrs. W. A. Barker, Mrs. M. Davison,  
E. E. Harmer. \*Mrs. M. E. Henn,  
Miss D. M. Howlett, T. J. Littlechild,  
C. K. Phillips, A. G. Wallman

Councillor F. A. Reeve by Cambs. & Isle of Ely County  
Council

F. R. Salter, O.B.E. „ Council of the Senate of the  
University

G. O. Vinter „ Cambridge Antiquarian  
Society

Mrs. A. J. Covell „ N.U.T. Cambridge Branch

B. G. W. Cash „ N.U.T. Cambridgeshire  
Association

*Curator and Secretary:*

Miss E. M. Porter

*\*Members of the Executive Committee*

**URBAN HUTTLESTON ROGERS BROUGHTON  
BARON FAIRHAVEN  
OF LODGE AND OF ANGLESEY ABBEY**

It was with deep regret that the Folk Museum Association heard of the sudden death on 20th August, 1966 of its Patron, Lord Fairhaven. From the early days of the Museum he had been closely associated with it, serving on the Committee from 1938 to 1941, then as Vice-President until 1943 when he became Patron, and he took an unflinching interest in all its activities. His generous gift in 1946 of the Abbey House is his outstanding memorial, for although it has not been possible to adapt and use the house as a Museum it provides a source of income without which the Museum would find it difficult to function.

In many other ways Lord Fairhaven quietly and unobtrusively helped the Museum during his long association with it—by unexpected donations of exhibits or of money to purchase some much needed equipment. Among his last gifts is the collection of 17th century Cambridge Trade Tokens for which, characteristically, he had a fine display case specially made. In 1965, when the Cross collection was sold by auction in Ely it was Lord Fairhaven who made it possible for a number of interesting items to be obtained.

The visits which he often made to Castle Street and his kindly concern for the welfare of the Museum and its Curator are greatly missed.



## THE THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

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**Proceedings of the Annual General Meeting, 1966**

THE TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Association since its Incorporation, being the thirteenth since the opening of the Museum, was held on Tuesday, 21st June, 1966, at 2.45 p.m. in the large Committee Room of the Guildhall.

The President, Sir Henry Willink, Bt. MC., Q.C., Master of Magdalene, was in the Chair.

The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 24th June, 1965, which were printed in the Annual Report already circulated to members, were confirmed and signed.

Apologies for absence were received from Lord Fairhaven, Mr. J. Saltmarsh, County Councillor F. A. Reeve, Mr. R. G. Heffer, Mr. E. B. Haddon, Councillor A. G. Wallman, Mr. G. Scurfield and Councillor T. Littlechild.

The Chairman referred in sympathetic terms to the prolonged illness of the Curator, Miss E. M. Porter, who was still in Brookfields Hospital. In spite of being confined to bed she had greatly assisted in the necessary arrangements for holding the Annual General Meeting, but to their great regret it was not possible for her to give an address to members as had been hoped.

The President, the Hon. Treasurer and Councillor Mrs. Henn had visited the hospital from time to time and had learned that it would probably be October before Miss Porter would be well enough to resume her duties at the Museum.

The President referred in terms of warm appreciation to the very great help that had been given by Mrs. Cruden who had been acting as a *locum tenens* for some weeks. Mrs. Cruden, who was present by invitation, said she was very glad to have been able to help in keeping the Museum open. She and her husband had arranged for a fortnight's holiday, but would continue to take charge upon their return if that was the wish of the Council of Management.

In view of the excellent manner in which Mrs. Cruden had discharged her duties while deputising for the Curator, her offer of continued help was received with gratitude.

The Chairman also made reference to the list of principal accessions received during the year which filled more than five pages of the report.



In presenting his annual report and balance sheet, the Hon. Treasurer reminded members that the accounts gave a picture which, at first sight, was confusing as the two sets of figures represented, on one side, fifteen months ending 31st March, 1965, and on the other twelve months ending 31st March 1966. However, the financial situation was much easier as a result of the increased Grant from the City Council.

The improved position of the Museum had enabled some additional showcases to be made and redecorations carried out. Desired improvements in the lighting of some of the rooms should, it had been decided, be left until the autumn of 1966. Further necessary work on the boundary wall and gate piers at Abbey House had also been put in hand.

The adoption of the audited accounts as presented was agreed.

A list of City Council Representatives to serve on the Council of Management was submitted by the Chairman who referred to the valuable services of ex-Councillors C. F. Rivers and G. Scurfield who had retired, and reported that Councillors E. E. Harmer and T. Littlechild had been appointed to replace them.

The Chairman then presented the Annual Report which was adopted.

#### **Appointment of Auditor.**

The appointment of an auditor for the ensuing year and his remuneration for the preceding year was raised when a letter from Messrs. Chater and Myhill was read by the Hon. Treasurer. In this communication the auditors referred to the greatly increased cost that would arise as the result of recent legislation and asked that their annual fee of seven guineas be raised to ten guineas.

It was felt that in the circumstances an annual audit fee of ten guineas was not unreasonable and a resolution was passed appointing Messrs Chater & Myhill as auditors of the Museum accounts at a fee of ten guineas.

#### **Election of Officers**

The Chairman proposed that Lord Fairhaven be re-elected Patron and Hon. Councillor E. H. Cherry proposed that the holders of the offices of President, Vice-President and Hon. Treasurer be re-appointed *en bloc* for a further period of one year. Both proposals were agreed.

This concluded the business of the Annual General Meeting.



## HON. TREASURER'S REPORT, 1966-1967

During the year under review, ending 31st March 1967, in addition to the four agreed repayments of loan and interest, amounting to just under £210, I was able to pay a further sum of £500 to the City Corporation, thus reducing our original loan of £2,000 in respect of the restoration to Abbey House to £1,250.

Other non-recurrent expenses included strip lighting in the Exhibition rooms (£120), new office equipment, including a new typewriter, three steel cabinets, a stationery store cupboard, an open bookshelf and a table for the University Room, at a cost of £52 10s.

Our printing account has increased mainly owing to the cost of producing 3,000 copies of a revised edition of the Museum Guide which cost £85. Selling at one shilling a copy the guide books show a good profit and will, in time, more than pay for themselves. The annual report, however, continues to become more expensive each year and the bill for 200 copies of the last report was £51, an increase of £10. This seems to indicate that a less expensive method of production should be considered.

As additional help for cleaning has been impossible to obtain, a small electric hand cleaner has been purchased for £9 5s., which Miss Porter says has eased the situation considerably.

### Abbey House

I mentioned in my last report that further work was necessary at Abbey House. During the year I have paid Messrs. Coulson £120 for repairs to the roof of No. 1, to a brick pillar and wall supporting the main gates and a broken casement at No. 3, blown out during a high wind. The Cambridge Water Co. replaced the main supply pipe to No. 1, after a burst, at a cost of £36. A small sum of £8 10s. has been recovered from the insurance company in respect of No. 3.

Owing to dilapidations in the Curator's cottage it will be necessary for some extensive interior re-decoration to be carried out during the coming financial year. According to the Property Manager of the Corporation this is our responsibility. The estimated cost is between £150 and £200.



It is with regret that I have to announce my retirement from the office of Hon. Treasurer, having served in that capacity for about 10 years I feel that, in my 85th year, it is time to make way for someone younger.

The work of the Hon. Treasurer could be much simplified if recurrent payments such as rent, rates, water charges, telephone, fuel oil, window cleaning etc. could be paid through the Bank direct. Apart from salary and wages other expenses could be met from petty cash. I put this idea forward in order to make the work of my successor practically negligible.

I hope to maintain my close interest in the work of the Museum in my capacity of Vice-President, through the Council of Management and the Executive Committee.

### **CURATOR'S REPORT, 1966-1967**

Attendance at the Museum (6,390 with 890 school children) since April 1st, 1966 was well up to average, Most of the school attendances were made by County and City schools. The Museum looks forward to co-operating in the Schools Museum Service inaugurated by the Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely Education Authority. A specialist Museum Teacher has been appointed who will, from September 1967, take classes in the Museum and also take loan exhibits to the schools. A specimen display case has already been made by the Authority and the Folk Museum has lent a small initial display of Victoriana. It is hoped to build up a suitable collection of material which can be circulated to schools and displayed in portable glass-fronted cases for use as visual aids to teachers.

A number of improvements have been made in the past twelve months at the Museum, chief among them the installation of fluorescent lighting. Although this may seem, in print, to be out of place in a building such as ours, it is in fact far less obtrusive than the unshaded lights formerly in use and certainly far more efficient. Visitors are now able to view exhibits and to read the accompanying labels without standing in their own light, and all the rooms are greatly improved in appearance. A new typewriter has also been purchased for use in the office. This replaces a second-hand one bought in 1948 which almost merited a place among the exhibits. A new hand vacuum cleaner is proving very useful for cleaning the interiors of cases, walls, staircases, etc. and is much appreciated by the cleaner.



Because of my absence from the Museum for some months I was unable to give the usual number of talks; some, however, have been given since my return in November. It was possible, too, to arrange only one exhibition—Cambridge Menus—during the year.

Among the accessions listed on pages 14 to 16 of the Report mention should be made of the turf barrow, formerly used at Burwell, presented by Mr. G. Dyson together with turf-cutting tools. The Museum has long wished to possess a barrow and this one is in excellent condition.

We are grateful to Commander Craig-Jeffreys for giving the bronze medallion engraved, on one side with the head of Sixtus IV, who was Pope from 1471 to 1484, and on the other with the Sistine Bridge which he built. The medallion, which is pierced at the top for suspension on a chain, was dug up in 1913 in a field at Stapleford and has been expertly cleaned.

Among accessions for the Children's Rooms the dissected puzzle is exceptionally noteworthy since it portrays a number of coloured pictures of mid-19th-century tradesmen at work. Details of tools being used and costumes worn are most interesting.

A welcome addition to our large collection of local tradesmen's accounts is a number of bills for goods supplied by Cambridge shops in the 1850's. These were found in the attic of a house in Malcolm Street and are mainly for materials bought by a local straw hat maker. They have been given by one of our members, Mr. B. G. Bowles.

An interesting addition to our rural collection is the wool stapler or wool-sheet fastener which was used for drawing together the tops of the sacks into which wool was packed so that the final sewing of the ends of the sacks was made easier. This specimen, found in an attic in Harston, formerly belonged to a local farmer and wool dealer.

A quantity of glass bottle tops, discovered recently by builders under the floor boards of Magdalene College property in Cross Keys Yard, are now in the Museum. They are of assorted sizes and colours—blue, white and green—and the site of their discovery suggests that they were for use in William Kidman Bird and Sons' pickle, mustard and potted meat factory and vinegar brewery which was in existence between 1887 and 1915.



The Museum has purchased from the Henry E. Huntington Library, San Marino, California, which possesses the only known copy, a Xerox copy of the pamphlet "Strange and Terrible Newes from Cambridge" published in 1659. This, referring to a case of witchcraft in Longstanton, was answered in a pamphlet of the same year, written by local Quakers, a photostat of which was presented to the museum in 1964.

The Trustees of Hobson's Conduit have very kindly promised to hand over to the Museum the two old inscription panels removed from Hobson's Conduit Monument during the recent restoration. These panels were found to be covered with paint which, when scraped away, revealed the inscriptions which were thought inappropriate in the present setting of the Monument in Lensfield Road.

Our photographic collection has been increased by the gift by Mr. C. F. Tebbutt of over 40 photographs of Fen skaters, skating championships, etc. of the late 19th and early 20th centuries.



1966—1967

## LIFE MEMBERS

(Donors of 10 guineas and upwards)

Mrs. C. Armstrong	E. B. Haddon
T. W. Bagshawe	N. O. Higgins
R. C. Blows	Homerton College
Cambridge Preservation Society	L. J. Newman
Christ's College	Pembroke College
Clare College	Queens' College
C. M. Coote	Mrs. Rees Thomas
Downing College	St. Catharine's College
Emmanuel College	J. Saltmarsh
The Lord Fairhaven	Mrs. P. B. Tillyard
Girton College	Trinity College
Gonville and Caius College	Mrs. Dudley Ward

## ORDINARY MEMBERS

(Annual subscribers of 1 guinea and upwards)

Councillor A. W. Arundale	R. G. Heffer
B. G. Bowles	Jesus College
Alderman S. T. Bull	H. S. Johnson
M. C. Burkitt	B. M. Keane
Dr. G. H. S. Bushnell	Lady Keynes
Cambridge Antiquarian Society	King's College
Cambridge and District	J. Kingsley Lewis
Co-operative Society	Dr. G. Kitson Clark
National Union of Teachers	Leys School
Cambridge Branch	Lloyds Bank Ltd.
National Union of Teachers	Magdalene College
Cambs. Association	Perse Boys' School
B. G. W. Cash	Peterhouse
Hon. Councillor E. H. Cherry	Hon. Ald. F. J. Priest
Emmanuel College	Mrs. Rees Thomas
T. N. Gallyon	St. John's College
Dr. W. Balfour Gourlay (the late)	J. Saltmarsh
P. J. Ginn	Mrs. F. H. Sandbach
E. B. Haddon	Trinity College

## ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

(Annual subscribers of 5/- and upwards)

Miss N. Bozie	D. Pepys Whiteley
Mrs. R. Bruns	Miss S. Raynes
P. Ford	S. A. Rolfe
B. J. Matthew	C. C. Scott
Mrs. M. E. McArthur	Mrs. Slater
D. J. Muggleton	C. F. Tebbutt
Mrs. W. Mulford	Miss J. Wardill
Miss O. Peck	

## GRANTS

Cambridge Corporation  
City Education Committee  
Cambridge & Isle of Ely County Council  
County Education Committee  
Chesterton Rural District Council  
South Cambridgeshire Rural District Council



# LIST OF PRINCIPAL ACCESSIONS

APRIL 1966 TO MARCH 1967

## Social Life

### Education

CHILDREN'S BOOKS: Beatrix Potter: *The Tailor of Gloucester*, 1st. ed. privately printed, 1902; *The tale of the Faithful Dove*, 1st. ed. 1946; *Wag-by-Wall*, 1st ed. 1944. Mr. L. Linder.

### Feasts and Fairs

WHISTLES (5) formerly played by the late Harry Day of Cambridge at Stourbridge Fair etc. and in public houses. 19th century. Dr. R. Wortley.

CONCERTINA, 19th century; formerly played by Herb Day for dancing at Stourbridge Fair. Dr. R. Wortley.

### Folklore and Witchcraft

PAMPHLET: Xerox copy of *The Strange & Terrible Newes from Cambridge*. 1659. Purchased from the Henry E. Huntington Library California.

### National Celebrations

ADMISSION TICKETS to the Coronation Dinner on Parker's Piece, 1838. Mrs. M. Fromant.

COMMEMORATIVE MEMENTO of the Old Folks' Dinner and Children's Tea on Parker's Piece, Diamond Jubilee, 1897. Mrs. M. Fromant.

### Religious Organisations

MEDAL, commemorative. Bronze. *Obv.* Head of Pope Sixtus IV. *Rev.* CURA RERVM PVBLICARVM and engraving of the Sistine Bridge. Found in field at Stapleford in 1913. Commdr. L. Craig-Jeffreys.

### Theatre

PROGRAMME of the Doyle Carte Opera Company's productions at the New Theatre, Cambridge, January 1921. Mr. G. Cruden.

PROGRAMME: Cambridge Theatre Group's production of *The Magistrate* at the A.D.C., May 1947. The Hon. Treasurer.

## The Household

### The Kitchen

POTATO MASHER, turned wooden. 1870. Mrs. A. Baker

FLOUR SCOOP, horn. 1860. Mrs. Hodder

HOOK, iron: for lifting sides of beef, etc. Formerly in use in Magdalene College kitchen. The Master & Fellows of Magdalene College.



**BOTTLE JACK:** clockwork. *Geo Salter & Co's Improved*. Purchased by donor from the ironmongery shop of H. Gilbert in Newmarket on its closure in 1966. Mr. E. F. Saltmarsh.

### Family Games and Recreations

**GAME:** *Mixed Pickles*; issued by J. Jaques & Son in 1900. Anon.

**DISSECTED PUZZLE.** When completed forms 20 small coloured pictures of tradesmen at work. 1860. Mrs. M. Fromant.

**AUTOHARP.** C. 1860. From Gt. Shelford. Mrs. Orris.

## The Individual

### Toys

**DOLLS (2).** c. 1870. Wax faces and limbs; sawdust-filled jointed bodies. In original clothes; one in satin ball-gown. Bequest of the late Miss Kenny.

**DOLL:** Wax face and limbs; sawdust-filled jointed body. In original clothes. 1880. Mrs. M. Campbell.

**DOLL:** China face; plaster jointed body. In original clothes. 1900 Mrs. Jackson.

**DOLL'S CHAIR.** Cane 1900. Miss A. Pitman.

**NEWSPAPER:** miniature facsimile of *The Times*. Anon.

**SEWING MACHINE:** Child's. Metal. c. 1910. Miss A. Pitman.

### Dress and Accesories

**BABY CLOTHES,** collection of, mid 19th century. Mrs. Gowing.

**BRACELET** of plaited human hair; gilt clasp. 1880. Mrs. Hodder.

**FAN:** lace-edged muslin painted with flowers. Mounted on pierced ivory sticks. 1840 Mrs. Orris.

**SPECTACLES:** steel-framed in maple wood case. c. 1880. Anon.

### Sewing Accessories

**SEWING MACHINE.** James & Weirs Patent. On marble base. c. 1870 Mrs. Mailer.

## Occupations

### Coach Builder

**ENGRAVING** of the patent coach designed by Hunnybun & Venden of Cambridge in c. 1850. Mrs. M. Fromant.

### Pickle Manufacturer

**BOTTLE TOPS:** collection of assorted glass. 19th and early 20th century. found under floor boards in Cross Keys Yard and probably for use in Kidman Bird's factory, 1887—1913. Mr. D. Strachau.



### **Potter**

BOTTLE, glazed stoneware. Dug up at Ely and probably made there in Sibley's Pottery. 19th century. Mr. Titmarsh.

### **Shop Keeper**

TRADESMEN'S BILLS, collection of. They concern mainly materials for straw hat making. 1850-6. Mr. B. G. Bowles.

### **Turf Digger**

TURF OR PEAT BARROW formerly used in Burwell, with TURF BECKET, KNIFE AND SPADE. c. 1900. Mr. G. Dyson.

### **Wool Merchant**

WOOL BALER or WOOL-SHEET FASTENER for drawing together the tops of filled wool sacks. Formerly used in Harson. 19th century. Mr. J. Creek.

## **Photographs**

Collection of photographs of Fen Skaters, Skating Championships, etc. 1890's to early 1900's. Mr. C. F. Tebbutt.

Collection of photographs of King's College and St. Catharine's College property prior to the new buildings now being erected. Mr. Edward Leigh.

The Electricity Generating Station showing the chimney prior to its demolition in 1966. Mr. C. A. Swann.

Flybill (N.D.) announcing an exhibition at the Nelson Coffee House House, Cambridge. The Librarian of Downing College.



# THE CAMBRIDGE AND COUNTY FOLK MUSEUM

(Incorporated 5th June, 1946)

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1967

12 months to 31/3/66	EXPENDITURE	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	12 months to 31/3/66	INCOME	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
£	To/			£	By/		
710	Rent, Rates and Insurance ..	725 2 8		48	Ordinary Subscriptions ..	49 1 0	
160	Heat, Light and Water ..	167 9 10		4	Associate Subscriptions ..	11 9 6	
	Repairs, Redecorations and Maintenance: General ..	173 19 7				-----	60 10 6
75	Abbey House ..	161 1 3		5)	Donations ..		
—	Cleaning and Cleaner's Wages ..	102 9 8		550	Rents Receivable ..		460 0 0
93	Loan Interest ..	112 7 7			Grants:—		
119	Museum Equipment ..	4 5 0	1446 15 7	250	Cambs. County Council ..	250 0 0	
20	Resident Curator's Salary ..	832 0 0		50	City Education Committee ..	— — —	
	Pension Allocation ..	150 0 0		50	County Education Committee ..	50 0 0	
	National Insurance and Graduated Pension Contributions ..	45 8 5		5	South Cambs. R.D.C. ..	4 15 0	
32	Honorarium to Temporary Assistant ..	49 8 0		5	Chesterton R.D.C. ..	— — —	304 15 0
32	Printing, Postages, Stationery, Telephone and Sundry Expenses ..	109 10 8			Admission Fees, Guides, Postcards and Donations in Museum Box ..		149 5 7
120	Audit and Accountancy ..	10 10 0		157	Interest on:		
9	Museum Purchases ..		1196 17 1	14	Lloyds Bank Deposit Account ..		57 9 6
			24 5 6		Balance, Deficit for Year, carried down ..		1635 17 7
			-----	1192			-----
			£2667 18 2	£2375			£2667 18 2
			-----	£			-----
			£ s. d.	2250	By/		£ s. d.
1192	Deficit for the year, brought down ..		1635 17 7		City Corporation Grant ..		2000 0 0
	Balance, Excess of Grant over Deficit for year, carried to General Fund ..		364 2 5				-----
1058			-----	£2250			£2000 0 0
£2250			£2000 0 0				-----



BALANCE SHEET 31ST MARCH, 1967

1965/6 £			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	1965/6 £			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS AND RESERVES</b>					<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>				
2834	General Fund at 1st April 1966	2834	4	0	3750	Freehold Property at cost:—			
	<i>Add</i> Excess for Year .. ..	364	2			The Abbey House .. ..			3750 0 0
				3198					
				6					
				5					
1050	Reserve for Pension (Curator)			1200					
				10					
	Loan: City Corporation as at								
	1st April, 1966 .. ..	1844	5	10	1050	Commercial Union Insurance Co. Deferred Annuity Pension (Curator)			
	<i>Add</i> Interest for Year .. ..	112	7	7		Premium paid to 1st April, 1966			1050 0 0
				1956		<i>Add</i> Premium paid during Year			150 0 0
				13					
				5					
1844	<i>Less</i> Repayments during Year ..	709	6	0					1200 0 0
				1247					
				7					
				5					
—	Sundry Creditors .. ..			49					
				13					
				4					
				£5695					
				7					
				2					
£5728				£5728					£5695 7 2

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CAMBRIDGE AND COUNTY FOLK MUSEUM

We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our Audit. In our opinion proper books of Account have been kept by the Society so far as appears from our examination of those books. We have examined the above Balance Sheet and annexed Income and Expenditure Account which are in agreement with the books and Accounts. In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us the said Accounts give the information required by the Companies Act 1948 in the manner so required, and the Balance Sheet gives a true and fair view of the state of the Society's affairs as at 31st March 1967, and the Income and Expenditure Account, gives a true and fair view of the Excess for the the period ended on that date.

10th May, 1967

CHATER & MYHILL  
Accountants,  
10 Jesus Lane, Cambridge