

THE CAMBRIDGE AND COUNTY
FOLK MUSEUM

2 CASTLE STREET, CAMBRIDGE



THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD 1st APRIL, 1970

TO 31st MARCH, 1971



ELEVATION FROM CHESTERTON LANE CORNER

THE CAMBRIDGE AND COUNTY FOLK MUSEUM

(Incorporated 5th June, 1946)

COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT

as on 31st March, 1971

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS :

Patron:

Sir Hamilton Kerr, Bt.

President:

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

Chairman:

Alderman P. J. Warren

Vice-Presidents:

M. C. Burkitt, J.P.

*Dr. G. H. S. Bushnell

*Hon. Alderman Mrs. M. E. Henn

Miss D. M. Howlett

J. Saltmarsh

Treasurer:

P. J. Morton

ELECTED MEMBERS :

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

NOMINATED MEMBERS :

Alderman P. J. Warren, Hon. Alderman by Cambridge City Council
Mrs. M. E. Henn, Councillors Mrs. J. A. C.

Barker, A. D. Cornell, Mrs. N. R. David,
Mrs. E. L. Davison, E. E. Harmer,
D. Maltby, *C. K. Phillips

Councillor F. A. Reeve

by Cambs. & Isle of Ely County
Council

*Dr. G. E. Daniel

„ Council of the Senate of the
University

G. O. Vinter

„ Cambridge Antiquarian
Society

Mrs. C. M. Covell

„ N.U.T. Cambridge Branch

B. G. W. Cash

„ N.U.T. Cambridgeshire
Branch

Curator and Secretary:

Miss E. M. Porter

**Members of the Executive Committee*

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Proceedings of the Annual General Meeting, 1970

THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Association, being the thirty-fourth since the opening of the Museum, was held on Wednesday, 14th October, 1970, at 2.45 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall, Cambridge.

The Chairman of the Association, Alderman P. J. Warren, presided. Before proceeding to the business proper, he informed the meeting that he would convey to the Chairman of the Property Committee of the City Council the Association's thanks for the permission to hold the meeting in the Council Chamber.

He also announced that, following a decision made by the Executive Committee on 28th April, 1970, and agreed to by the Council of Management on 23rd July, 1970, the charges for admission to the Museum were to be increased, due to mounting costs. This increase, the first to be made since the opening of the Museum in 1936, would take place on 15th February, 1971, when the change to decimal currency was made. Admission for adults would be 5p; for students and school-age children, 2½p. City and County school parties would continue to be admitted free of charge, as would members of the Association. The minimum subscription for Associate Members would be raised to 50p, and that of Ordinary Members reduced from one guinea to £1.

The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 1st October, 1969, which were printed in the Annual Report circulated to members, were then confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The Treasurer, Mr. P. J. Morton, then introduced the audited accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1970. The Chairman moved their adoption and this was seconded by Hon. Alderman Mrs. M. E. Henn and carried.

The Annual Report was introduced by the Chairman who thanked the Curator, Miss E. M. Porter, for her work during the past year. Miss Porter informed the meeting that, from 15th February, 1971, the opening hours of the Museum were to be extended. From that date the Museum would be open from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays. The Sunday afternoon opening hours would remain as now—2.30 to 4.30 p.m.

On the proposal of Mr. J. Saltmarsh, seconded by Hon. Councillor E. H. Cherry, the Annual Report was adopted.

The Chairman proposed, and Councillor A. W. Arundale seconded, that Messrs. Chater & Myhill be re-appointed auditors for the year ending 31st March, 1971. This was carried. Also carried was the proposal made by Councillor Mrs. J. Barker, seconded by Hon. Alderman Mrs. M. E. Henn, that the Patron Chairman, Vice-Presidents and Treasurer be re-elected *en bloc*.

This concluded the formal business. Mr. R. A. Foster, M.A., A.M.A., Director of the Oxford City and County Museum, then gave a most interesting lecture, illustrated by slides, on the work and future plans of his museum.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The change to the new decimal coinage has gone smoothly in the Museum. The problems involved were discussed in July, 1970, and at that time it was decided to review both the admission charges and the subscription rates, details of which are given elsewhere in the Annual Report.

The excess for the year ended 31st March, 1971 was £130 compared with the previous year's excess of £7. Certain redecoration is at present in hand on the shop front in the Museum yard, and it is hoped to have further re-painting done during the year. At this stage, therefore, it is not felt necessary to transfer any further funds to the 'reserve for future repairs'.

The balances in hand will be utilised to meet outstanding creditors and to contribute to the general running of the Museum. These were some £200 lower than at the corresponding time last year and, in general, reflect the upward trend in expenditure. There was a reprint of the Guide Book, during the year, at a cost of £162. Only those copies sold during the year, however, are reflected in the accounts; hence the rather large stock figure. The curator's salary was increased, from the start of the financial year, to a more realistic level, it having remained unchanged for several years.

A large increase was seen in admission receipts, mainly due to the increased numbers of visitors.

A further £209 was repaid to the City Corporation in reduction of the Abbey House loan, bringing the balance down to £656.

Our thanks are due to those who generously subscribe to the Museum, and to those Councils and Committees who have continued to make grants. A list of their names is included in this Report.

CURATOR'S REPORT

In the year ended 31st March, 1971, a total of 10,124 visitors came to the Museum. The number of schoolchildren visiting in organised parties was 1,267. Of these, just under two-thirds were from City and County schools, the remainder coming from Essex, Norfolk, Suffolk, Huntingdonshire and Northamptonshire. There has again been a noticeable increase in the number of undergraduate visitors.

Loans of exhibits were made, during the year, to schools, the B.B.C. and Anglia Television Ltd. The Curator gave talks at Impington Village School, the Girls' Grammar School, Burwell House, the County Centre, to two conferences of the Institute of the Motor Industry, to the Industrial Archaeology Society as well as to other organisations in the city. The Museum was featured in one of the *Bygones* programmes of Anglia Television, and it has continued to provide an information service to enquirers from this country and abroad.

A solution to the problems raised by lack of space has, unfortunately, not been found. It was hoped that the two rooms, at present used as stores, which lead from Room 9 might be adapted for display purposes, and that premises be found, away from the Museum, for storage. After inspection by members of the City Architect's staff, however, the rooms were found to be unadaptable for public use. Temporary storage premises at the top of Castle Hill were found to be unsuitable. In any case, store rooms away from the Museum are not wholly desirable without the services of a technician, with workshop, for the proper maintenance of the stored objects.

The problem is a serious one. With the present building affording no opportunity for expansion, the acceptance of objects offered to us is now governed by their size. This has led to the refusal, or diversion elsewhere, of material which ought to be retained in the city. The list of accessions is, for this reason, somewhat shorter this year, although it contains some interesting items.

The large, hand-made wooden clown-puppet, found in a cupboard in Chesterton Hospital, was doubtless made for the entertainment of the workhouse children in the last century.

Our thanks are due to the City Surveyor for kindly arranging that the hand-carved bricks bearing the name of, and the inscription on Vicar's Buildings in St Tibbs Row, should be carefully removed when the building was demolished, and saved for the Museum.

The wooden box, painted on the inside of the lid with the inscription *The Ladies Lending Society, Instituted March 13th, 1838*, was made for the storage of baby clothes which were lent to poor mothers for a fortnight after their confinement. It has not yet been possible to identify the church or chapel from which this particular box came, for there were several such Lending Societies in Cambridge in the last century. It is possible, however, that it may have come from St Andrew's Street Baptist Church.

We are grateful to the Master and Fellows of Magdalene College for placing on long-term loan a collection of copper jelly moulds, ice pudding moulds and raised pie moulds formerly used in the college kitchen. The copper moulds are displayed in a case which the Museum had made for them, and they make an attractive addition to our kitchen exhibits.

Some New Theatre programmes have been added, by Mrs Bond, to our already large collection. The same donor has also given some reminders of the silent films in the form of programmes, containing synopses and pictures of scenes of films shown at the Playhouse and the Rendezvous (now the New Rex cinema), shortly before the First World War. Another memento of a now-vanished Cambridge theatre is the souvenir picture booklet, *Fred Karno's House*, distributed at performances of one of Karno's companies at the Hippodrome, Auckland Road, in c. 1913. Yet another reminder of the Hippodrome is the first copy of the *Cambridge Free Press*, produced by the theatre in September, 1908. It gives interesting information of the Boot and Soup Fund which was raised by the lessee and staff of the Hippodrome to alleviate the poverty then existing in Barnwell.

Our folklore section has been increased by the addition of yet another safeguard against witchcraft, this time in the form of a horse's jaw bone found built into an interior wall of a 17th century house in Fulbourn.

We have again to thank Mr H. Culpan for so patiently touring Cambridge to photograph property under the threat of demolition. Through his efforts we now have a comprehensive photographic survey of the Kite area, Castle End, Petty Cury, the west side of Regent Street, the building of the new Chesterton Bridge, etc. We are grateful, too, to Mr D. Patrick who has overhauled, cleaned and renovated our collection of firearms, including the large punt gun which, with his help, has now been brought in from the yard and placed in the Fen Room.

LIFE MEMBERS 1970 — 1971

(Donors of £10.50 and upwards)

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

ORDINARY MEMBERS

(Annual subscribers of £1 and upwards)

Councillor A. W. Arundale	K. S. G. Hinde
B. G. Bowles	Jesus College
Mr. & Mrs. R. A. Brown	H. S. Johnson
M. C. Burkitt	Lady Keynes
Dr. G. H. S. Bushnell	King's College
Cambridge Antiquarian Society	Dr. G. Kitson Clark
Cambridge and District	Lloyds Bank Ltd.
Co-operative Society	Magdalene College
B. G. W. Cash	C. C. Paine
National Union of Teachers	B. Payne
Cambridge Branch	Peterhouse
Hon. Councillor E. H. Cherry	D. Pepys Whiteley
Christ's College	Mrs. Rees Thomas
Emmanuel College	St. John's College
T. N. Gallyon	J. Saltmarsh
Gonville & Caius College	Mrs. F. H. Sandbach
E. B. Haddon	J. K. Taylor
	Trinity College

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

(Annual subscribers of 50p and upwards)

H. Bosanquet	Mrs. L. Newman
Mrs. R. Bruns	V. Oakett
P. Ford	Mrs. L. Potter
Dr. H. Chandler Foreman	Miss S. Raynes
K. Goodman	S. A. Rolfe
Miss V. G. Langfield	C. C. Scott
I. C. Maun	J. M. H. Simon
B. J. Matthew	C. F. Tebbutt
D. J. Muggleton	

GRANTS

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

DONATIONS

Anglia Television Ltd.

The King's School, Ely

LIST OF PRINCIPAL ACCESSIONS
APRIL, 1970 to MARCH, 1971

Social Life

Education

SCHOOL BOOKS: *Pinnock's First Steps to Knowledge*, 1880; *First Steps for Tiny Tots*, 1923-35 (14 vols.). Mrs K. Meredith.

ROPE QUOITS; CHINA EGG & WOODEN SPOON, used in the Barnwell Abbey Infants' School prior to its closure in 1934. Mr D. A. Stubbings.

APPRENTICESHIP INDENTURE: Walter Littlechild of Cambridge apprenticed to Thomas Hamilton, tobacconist of Petty Cury, 1889. Mrs E. Brewer.

Entertainment

PROGRAMMES of silent films shown at the Playhouse, Mill Road, and the Rendezvous, Magrath Avenue, 1913-14. Mrs Bond.

POSTER advertising performances at the Theatre Royal, Cambridge, October, 1883. Mr K. Goodman.

PROGRAMMES of performances at the New Theatre, Cambridge, 1905-14; of visit to Cambridge of Sanger's Circus, 1919, and of Bostock & Wombwell's Menagerie, 1910; of Fred Karno's Company to the Hippodrome, Auckland Road, c. 1913. Mrs Bond.

Folklore and Folk Medicine

HORSE'S JAW BONE found in wall of Fulbourn house. Mr C. Argue.
RING, Kimball's Anti-Rheumatic. c. 1895. Mrs J. Clegg.

Lighting and Power Supplies

GAS LAMP, bracket type, removed from Cambridge street. The City Corporation.

WHISTLE, formerly steam-operated, removed from the Gas Works. Mr F. Bowman.

Sales

PHOTO-COPY of SALE BILL of freehold house in Trumpington, 1829. Mrs J. M. Carr.

Societies

BOX, inscribed *The Ladies Lending Society, Instituted March 13th, 1838.* Mrs Bond.

BRONZE MEDAL awarded, 1842, to T. Loker of Cambridge by the Royal Humane Society. Miss G. F. Loker.

Telephone Service

PHOTO-COPY of the National Telephone Company's Cambridge Directory, 1896-7. The Telephone Manager, Cambridge.

The Union

WOODEN PLATE used by casuals at Chesterton Union in late 19th and early 20th cent.; PUPPET CLOWN, painted wooden, inscribed on back S.G.L. 1887. Found in Chesterton Hospital, formerly the Union. The Governors of the United Cambridge Hospitals.

The Household

The House

BRICKS, each hand-carved with a letter forming the words *Vicars Buildings and Peace to This House*. Removed from Vicar's Buildings, St Tibbs Row. Per The City Surveyor.

The Kitchen

DISH COVERS, two large silver-plated, c. 1890. Mrs E. English.

JUG, brown salt-glazed with relief decoration. Early 19th century. Mrs. Bellamy.

ICE PUDDING MOULDS, COPPER JELLY MOULDS, RAISED PIE MOULDS, collection of. 19th and early 20th century. Placed on long-term loan by the Master and Fellows of Magdalene College.

Lighting

SPOUT LAMPS, 2. Brass. Late 18th century. Purchased.

CANDLESTICKS, pair of brass with scroll handles. Mid 19th century. Purchased.

MATCHES, boxes of Bell's Wind Vestas, Bryant & May's Wax Vestas. c. 1920. Mrs J. Clegg.

The Parlour

DRINKING VESSEL for bird cage. Glass, c. 1880. Purchased.

The Individual

Mementos

In Memoriam SAMPLER worked, 1880, in black silk on perforated card. Miss E. A. Bunn.

CHRISTENING MUG, silver plated. Engraved *Winifred Ida Bellamy, May 26th, 1901*. Mrs Bellamy.

Sewing Accessories

WOOL WINDER, wooden. Early 20th century. Mrs D. Duval.

PIN CUSHION, heart-shaped, decorated with sequins, beads and texts. 1914. Mrs Bond.

Objects of Personal Use

- CALABASH PIPE, silver mounted. Purchased in Cambridge, c. 1910.
Mr C. C. Scott.
- DRESSING CASE, fitted leather, for traveller's use. 1896. Mr G.
Bronson.

Occupations

Apothecary

- MEASURING GLASS marked in drachms and fluid ounces. c. 1870.
Mr T. W. Bagshawe.
- POMADE POT with transfer picture on lid. c. 1880. The Curator.

Coal Merchant

- BILL, hand-written, for coals supplied in 1767. Mrs Latimer.

Mangle Woman

- ACCOUNT BOOK kept by Cambridge manglewoman in 1890's.
Mrs Bond.

Topography

- REPRINT (Sheet 54 Cambridge) of O.S. MAP, Sheet 51, embodying
material from 1836 to post 1870, with notes. Mr H. Bosanquet.
- PHOTO-COPY of PLAN of the Cavendish Park Estate developed by the
Rock Freehold Land Society in 1880's. Mr W. Allen.
- DRAWINGS (2) of cottages in Queens' College grounds, 1935. Mrs
D. P. Cather.
- DIRECTORIES: Photo-copy of Pigot's Cambridge Directory, 1830;
Craven & Co.'s Directory of Huntingdonshire and the Town of
Cambridge, 1855. Purchased.

Printed Material

- Great Shelford Parish Guide*, 1970. The Clerk to Shelford Parish Council.
- Guide Book to Soham*. The Curator.
- Poems and Ballads* by Timothy Loker of Cambridge, 1861. Collection of
Songs by T. Loker 1865-6. Miss G. F. Loker.
- The King's School, Ely, 970-1970*, by R. G. Saunders. The Author.
- St Columba's Church, Cambridge*. By Edith Macalister. 1950. Rev R.
Spiers.

History of Wisbech High School, 1904–1970. By C. Mahony. The Curator
A Postal History of Cambridge. By D. J. Muggleton. 1970. Purchased.
Mineral and Aerated Waters. By C. Ainsworth Mitchell. 1913. Purchased.
NEWSPAPER: *The Cambridge Free Press*, published by the Hippodrome,
Auckland Road, September 1908. Mrs Bond.

Photographs

- Mass baptism at Isleham, c. 1900; last collection of toll at Ness Road tollgate, Burwell, c. 1900; Fordham Sunday School outing, c. 1900; chapel outing on river at Isleham, c. 1904; Soham Sunday School outing, c. 1923. Mr and Mrs Brown.
- Statute of Jonas Webb prior to its removal from Corn Exchange. Purchased.
- Consecration of additional land at St Andrew's, Chesterton, 1912. Anon.
- Nine photographs of interior of former Police Station in St Andrew's Street. Superintendent, B. Division, Mid Anglia Police.
- Three photographs of the fire at Grantchester Mill, 1928. Mr A. F. Truelove.
- Collection of photographs of Russell Street and neighbourhood, 1969–70. Mr R. C. Joyce.
- Eight tinted postcard photographs of Stretham, 1904. Mr R. Holmes.
- Barges taking in gas water at Gas Works, c. 1927; Gas Works quoits team, c. 1910; bat and trap players on Midsummer Common, 1907. *per* Mr F. Bowman.
- Collection of 180 photographs of Cambridge taken between April 1970 and March, 1971. *Per* Mr H. Culpan.

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(Incorporated 5th June, 1946)

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1971

12 months to 31/3/70		EXPENDITURE				12 months to 31/3/70		INCOME			
£	To/	£	p.	£	p.	£	By/	£	p.	£	p.
755	Rent, Rates and Insurance ..	790	27			57	Ordinary Subscriptions ..	58	30		
226	Heat, Light and Water ..	225	74			4	Associate Subscriptions ..	6	92		
	Repairs, Redecorations and Mainte-										
20	ance: General ..	6	43								
430	Museum Cottage ..					51	Donations ..			65	22
14	Abbey House ..					460	Rents Receivable ..			16	30
91	Cleaning and Cleaner's Wages ..	110	82				Grants:—			460	00
57	Loan Interest ..	47	44			250	Cambs. & Isle of Ely C.C. 1970/71	250	00		
3	Museum Fittings ..	86	81			50	City Education Committee ..	50	00		
				1267	51	50	County Education Committee ..	50	00		
832	Resident Curator's Salary ..	1000	00			10	South Cambs. R.D.C. ..	10	00		
150	Pension Allocation ..	150	00			5	Chesterton R.D.C. ..	5	25		
	National Insurance and Graduated									365	25
	Pension Contributions ..	118	08				Admission Fees, Guides, Postcards				
41	Less S.E.T. Refunded ..	56	39				Royalties, and Donations				
				61	69		to Museum Box ..			280	91
26	Honorarium to Treasurer ..	26	25			210	Interest on:				
	Printing, Postages, Stationery, Tele-					52	Lloyds Bank Deposit Account ..			29	79
113	phone and Sundry Expenses ..	152	81				Balance, Deficit for Year, carried				
20	Audit and Accountancy ..	20	00			1743	down ..			1619	94
				1410	75						
52	Museum Purchases ..	84	58			£2942				£2837	41
12	Museum Guides and Postcards ..	74	57								
				159	15						
100	Reserve for Future Repairs ..					£	By/			£	p.
						1750	City Corporation Grant ..			1750	00
£2942				£2837	41						
£	To/										
1743	Deficit for the year, brought down			£	p.						
	Balance, Excess of Grant over Deficit			1619	94						
	for year, carried to General										
7	Fund ..			130	06						
£1750				£1750	00						
						£1750				£1750	00

BALANCE SHEET 31ST MARCH, 1971

1970 £		£ p.	£ p.	1970 £		£ p.	£ p.
	ACCUMULATED FUNDS AND RESERVES				FIXED ASSETS		
	General Fund at 1st April 1970	3766 24		3750	The Abbey House		3750 00
3766	Add Excess for Year	130 06			Investments		
		-----	3896 30		Commercial Union Insurance Co.		
	Reserve for Pension (Curator)		1800 00	1650	Deferred Annuity Pension (Curator)	1650 00	
	Loan: City Corporation as at				Add Premium paid during Year	150 00	
	1st April, 1970	818 08			-----	1800 00	
	Add Interest for Year	47 44			CURRENT ASSETS		
		-----			Balance at Bank—Current A/c No. 1	65 32	
		865 52		112	Current A/c No. 2	103 25	
818	Less Repayments during Year ..	209 30		915	Deposit Account	545 22	
		-----	656 22	3	Cash in Hand	11 40	
	Reserve for Future Repairs		100 00	64	Sundry Debtors and Prepayments ..	82 72	
100	Sundry Creditors	42 50		38	Stock—Museum Guides etc.	137 11	
105	Overdraft at Bank - Current A/c No. 1		42 50		-----	945 02	
93		-----					
			£6495 02	£6532			£6495 02
£6532			-----	-----			-----

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

In our opinion, the Accounts set out herewith give a true and fair view of the state of the Society's affairs at 31st March, 1971, and of its Deficit for the year ended on that date, and comply with the Companies Acts 1948 and 1967.

CHATER & MYHILL
Accountants,
10 Jesus Lane, Cambridge

15th June, 1971