

THE CAMBRIDGE AND COUNTY
FOLK MUSEUM

2 CASTLE STREET, CAMBRIDGE, CB3 0AQ



THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD 1st APRIL, 1972
TO 31st MARCH, 1973



ELEVATION FROM CHESTERTON LANE CORNER

THE CAMBRIDGE AND COUNTY FOLK MUSEUM

(Incorporated 5th June, 1946)

COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT

as on 31st March, 1973

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS :

Patron:

Sir Hamilton Kerr, Bt.

President:

Chairman:

*Alderman P. J. Warren

Vice-Presidents:

*Dr. G. H. S. Bushnell

*Hon. Alderman Mrs. M. E. Henn

Miss D. M. Howlett

J. Saltmarsh

G. O. Vinter

Treasurer:

*P. J. Morton

ELECTED MEMBERS :

A. W. Arundale, *R. G. Heffer, Mrs. J. Northcott, C. C. Paine

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,

E. E. Harmer, Mrs. G. M. Lipstein,

R. D. V. Murray, *C. K. Phillips

Councillor F. A. Reeve

by Cambs. & Isle of Ely County
Council

*Professor G. E. Daniel

„ Council of the Senate of the
University

G. O. Vinter

„ Cambridge Antiquarian
Society

A. J. 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*

THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

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Proceedings of the Annual General Meeting, 1972

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Association, being the thirty-seventh since the opening of the Museum, was held on Thursday, 5th October 1972, at 2.30 p.m. in the Guildhall, Cambridge.

The Chairman of the Association, Alderman P. J. Warren, presided. He first asked members to stand in silence in tribute to the late Hon. Councillor E. H. Cherry who had served on the Council of Management from 1955 until his recent death, first as one of the representatives of the City Council and latterly as an Elected Member.

The Chairman then offered the Association's congratulations to the Curator, Miss E. M. Porter, on the Honorary M.A. which had been conferred on her in the Senate House on 29th April, 1972.

The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting, held on 20th October 1971, which were printed in the Annual Report already circulated to members, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Speaking on the finances of the Museum the Treasurer, Mr. P. J. Morton, emphasised that, because of the method of book-keeping used in drawing up the Statement of Accounts printed at the end of the Annual Report, reserves of cash were shown as stocks-in-hand of guide books, postcards and booklets. The cash position was further eroded by the fact that annual payments in respect of the loan repayable to the City Corporation do not appear under Expenditure as cash payments, whereas the interest paid on the loan does so appear. He was pleased to report that subscriptions to the Association had increased, as had the revenue from admission fees and sales of postcards and books. The day-to-day running costs of the Museum, however, had also increased because of the rising costs of such items as heating and lighting.

The audited accounts were adopted on the proposal of Dr. G. E. Daniel seconded by Councillor E. E. Harmer.

Presenting the Annual Report the Chairman expressed his satisfaction at the increased number of visitors who had come to the Museum during the past year, and he thanked the Curator for all her work. He said that an increase in salary was due to her and proposed that this should be agreed upon by himself and the

Treasurer. His proposal was carried unanimously. The Annual Report was adopted on the proposal of Hon. Alderman Mrs M. E. Henn seconded by Councillor F. A. Reeve.

Abbey House

The Chairman reported that, in accordance with the resolution passed at the Annual General Meeting in 1971, the possible taking over of Abbey House by the City authorities had been discussed with the Town Clerk. In a letter dated 18th August 1972, the Town Clerk had reported that the City Council had agreed to accept the gift of the property with effect from 1st April 1973, subject to the existing tenancy and lease and the release of the outstanding mortgage, provided that the Museum Council of Management were entitled to dispose of the house by way of gift.

As the Museum is registered with the Department of Education and Science under the Charities Act 1960, an Order of the Secretary of State under Section 29 of the Act would be needed, if Abbey House forms part of the permanent endowment of the Museum, before the property could be conveyed to the City Corporation. Information on this had been sought by the Museum's solicitors from the Department of Education and Science; no reply had, so far, been received.

The re-appointment of Messrs. Chater & Myhill as auditors for the year ending 31st March 1973 was proposed by Councillor E. E. Harmer, seconded by Councillor Mrs. J. Barker and carried.

Hon. Alderman Mrs. M. E. Henn moved that Mrs. J. Northcott be elected to serve on the Council of Management in the place of the late Hon. Councillor E. H. Cherry and that the Chairman, Vice-Presidents and Treasurer be re-elected *en bloc*. This was seconded by Councillor Mrs. J. Barker and carried. Mr. R. G. Heffer proposed that Mr. C. C. Paine be asked to serve as an Elected Member. Seconded by Mr. G. O. Vinter this was carried.

Mr. Paine asked the Chairman whether any plans for the future development and maintenance of the Museum had been formulated in view of the approaching changes in local government. Alderman Warren replied that, since 1951, the City Council had been the main source of financial assistance and he hoped that the new District Council would be so in the future. At this particular moment, however, it was impossible to say whether this would, indeed, be the case, nor was it possible to say what financial help would be forthcoming from the new County Council. He stressed that expansion of the present Museum premises was impossible.

The meeting then closed and the Curator gave an illustrated talk on *Cambridge—Then and Now* for which she was thanked by Mr. J. Saltmarsh seconded by Mr. G. O. Vinter.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The year to 31st March 1973 ended with a small surplus of £74.18 compared with a deficit, for the preceding year of £42.65. This was partly due to the fact that no heavy printing expenses were incurred; another edition of the guide book, however, will have to be paid for in the year ending 31st March 1974, and further stocks of postcards and stationery will have to be purchased. The reserve fund of £100 for repairs has not been used because the firm employed by the Museum were unable to carry out the much-needed repainting of Room 2 and the hallway and staircase by Room 1 in December, the only suitable month, when fewer visitors attend, for such work to be done.

Because of the milder winter the cost of heating the Museum premises was less during the past year, in spite of increases in the price of oil. Rates and insurance costs, however, rose considerably.

The position regarding Abbey House is still not clear, but if the property remains in Museum ownership the outlay envisaged for the recommended restoration of No. 3 would far exceed our resources.

Income from subscriptions and admission fees rose during the year. I am grateful to all those who give so generously to our funds and so help to keep the Museum going. I should especially like to thank Mr. T. W. Bagshawe for his kind renewal of his life subscription, a renewal made, as he said, in the knowledge that the original sum must long ago have been used up. My thanks go, too, to the City Council, the Cambridgeshire County Council and the Rural District Councils of Chesterton and South Cambridgeshire for their grants.

CURATOR'S REPORT

There was again an increase in attendance during the year ending 31st March 1973. A total of 11,870 visitors came to the Museum of whom 2,044 were students from universities and colleges in this country and overseas. The number of school children who came in organised parties was 1,558. The Museum was opened in the evening on several occasions for visits from various clubs and societies in the county.

Three exhibitions were held during the year: *Local Tradesmen's Accounts, 1830-1930*; *Cambridgeshire Postcards, 1903-1973* and an exhibition of paintings of Cottenham by Mr. Mac Dowdy, many of them illustrating the theme *Christ comes to Cottenham*.

Talks were given by the Curator to the Norfolk branch of the B.M.A. and the Peterborough Clinical Society and to classes in several Village Colleges. The Museum continued to serve as an information bureau, many enquiries relating to local history, identification of objects, etc. being dealt with. Photographs of some of the items in our domestic section were the only ones from British museums to appear in a comprehensive American *History of Hardware* published in 1972.

A list of the principal accessions received during the year is printed at the end of the Annual Report. The black-faced wooden Aunt Sally, once used at fêtes in Sawston, was a welcome gift from the Rev. Canon R. Bircham. So, too, was the Beer Engine presented by Messrs. Whitbread & Co. These engines are now being removed from many public houses and discarded; the Museum premises never contained one when they formed the White Horse inn.

The "Pentecon" pressure cooker of 1932 makes an interesting exhibit to stand by the 19th century Digester—predecessor of such cookers—which we already possess. Another addition to our kitchen utensils is the early 19th century Wedgwood earthenware and copper double boiler, "rescued" before it was sent to a jumble sale. A pleasing gift received for the children's room is the miniature kitchen range with its set of small saucepans, in which food could be boiled by the heat provided by methylated spirits, and its baking sheet on which tiny cakes could be cooked in the oven.

The 1932 Cambridge Telephone Directory, a slim volume (6in. x 8in.) of only 118 pages, follows on the photostat of the Cambridge entries from the 1897 National Telephone Directory received two years ago, and the 1914 local directory, printed as a single sheet, which came to us in 1960. These seem to interest large numbers of our visitors.

The notice requiring a parent's attendance in 1887 at the Coffee Palace in East Road for the purpose of having her baby vaccinated is, in its way, an interesting social document. Part of the form consists of sections which had to be filled in and returned to the Vaccinating Officer as proof that immunization had been carried out. The mother, however, was told that the baby could not be attended to that day as it had eczema; she never returned and the child, in fact, managed to escape the vaccination that was then compulsory.

Mr. H. Culpan continued to photograph for us the Petty Cury area in its final stages of demolition, so we now have a complete pictorial record of the Lion Yard site. A section of the eighteenth century "mathematical" tiles from No. 7 Petty Cury, once part of

the Falcon Inn, were preserved for us by Messrs Dickerson, the demolition contractors to whom I must express my gratitude for their permission for me to visit the Petty Cury/Alexandra Street/St Tibbs Row site so often while demolition was in progress. The simulated brick tiles, three examples of which remain in Cambridge, were often hung on older timber-framed buildings to give them a "modern" look.

Messrs. Dickerson also rescued for us a metal plaque found during demolition of No. 29 St Andrew's Street and adjoining property. This advertises Billiard Rooms, Stables and Stock Rooms owned by J. Winship and "conducted on Strictly Temperance Principles", and advertises a service of "Buss and Trams every 10 Minutes". It undoubtedly came from the Bird Bolt Hotel of which J. Winship was the proprietor from c. 1880 to 1893.

The City Surveyor very kindly arranged that the name plaques of Alexandra Street, Falcon Yard, Downing Court and Banks Court should come to the Museum. He also presented one of the four pinewood carvings of satyrs removed from No. 17 Petty Cury, and gave us a photograph of all of them. These carvings replaced those of negroes' heads which adorned the fascia of No. 17 when it was occupied by J. Kittridge Ltd., tobacconists, from 1940 to 1953. One of these is already in the Museum.

Yet another of the protective objects placed in buildings to defend the occupant from witchcraft has joined our collection of similar safeguards in the folklore section. It is a cat's skull, found recently during restoration of a fireplace and chimney in a seventeenth century house in Great Abington.

I am grateful to all those who have given or offered us exhibits during the year. Some have had to be refused on account of their size, among them an early 20th century horse-drawn stonemason's trolley and a very early electric washing machine. The latter would not fit into Room 3, the only room with a floor suitable for bearing its exceptionally heavy weight. My disappointment at not being able to accept it has, however, been assuaged by the recent acquisition of an even more interesting hand-operated washing machine of c. 1912.

LIFE MEMBERS 1972 — 1973

(Donors of £10.50 and upwards)

Mrs. C. Armstrong
T. W. Bagshawe (renewed)
Cambridge Preservation Society
Christ's College
Clare College
C. M. Coote
Downing College
Emmanuel College
Gonville and Caius College
Girton College
E. B. Haddon

N. O. Higgins
Homerton College
The Leys School
L. F. Newman
Pembroke College
Queens' College
Mrs. Rees Thomas
St. Catharine's College
J. Saltmarsh
Trinity College
Mrs. Dudley Ward

ORDINARY MEMBERS

(Annual subscribers of £1 and upwards)

A. W. Arundale
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Mrs. P. Broadbent
Dr. G. H. S. Bushnell
Cambridge Antiquarian Society
Cambridge Branch—National
Union of Teachers
Cambridge and District
Co-operative Society
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Christ's College
Emmanuel College
P. Ford
Dr. H. Chandlee Forman
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K. S. G. Hinde

Jesus College
Lady Keynes
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Lloyds Bank Ltd.
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C. C. Paine
Peterhouse
D. Pepys Whiteley
St. John's College
J. Saltmarsh
Mrs. F. H. Sandbach
J. K. Taylor
Trinity College
Mrs. F. Walls

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(Annual subscribers of 50p and upwards)

H. Alexander
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Mrs. C. M. Covell
R. S. Hammans
Miss J. Hewitt
B. J. Matthew

D. J. Muggleton
V. E. Neuberg
V. Oakett
Miss A. A. Paul
Miss S. Raynes
C. C. Scott
J. M. H. Simon

GRANTS

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

LIST OF PRINCIPAL ACCESSIONS

April 1972 to March 1973

Social Life

Banking

BANK NOTES (2): Wychett Bank (James Hill & Son), 1825. Wt. H. Vowet.

Calendar Customs and Folklore

CHRISTMAS CARDS, collection of, 1870s. Wts. J. Steele.

CAT'S SKULL, found in chimney breast in house at Great Abington. Wt. G. W. Searman-Turner.

The City

STREET NAME PLAQUES: Alexandra Street, Falcon Yard, Downing Court, Banks' Court, CARVING, one of four pine-wood signs from front of 17 Petty Cury, with PHOTOGRAPH of the four. The City Surveyor.

Electrics

JUG: cream and brown glazed earthenware with black transfer portraits of the Liberal candidates for Cambridge, North, East and West Cambridgeshire elected 1906. Wt. D. Fuller.

The Inn

METAL PLAQUE advertising Billiard Rooms, Snook Rooms and Sniffing from the former Bird Bolt Hotel, Downing Street. Wessrs. Dickerson.

BEER ENGINE, c. 1950. Wessrs. Whitbread & Co.

Post Office & Telephones

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY for Cambridge, 1971. Wt. and Wts. Penn.

Public Health

VACCINATION, notice of requirement for, Cambridge 1867. Wts. A. Bond.

Public Transport

ADVERTISEMENT of commencement of the Cambridge Omnibus Company's services, 28 April 1896. Wt. H. Rogers.

LICENCE NUMBER PLATE, Cambridge: busson car driver's, 1940. Wt. J. C. Webb.

River Transport

MEASURED DRAWINGS (3) of Bunting's Chain Ferry, 1971. Wt. C. Holman.

Social Games

"MOUNT SALLY" wooden table-footed. Made by F. H. Wyres, Ball Clay turned in clay with marks for standing on clay pipes inserted in board. Formerly used at Sawston Glee. Early 20th cent. Rev. Canon R. Bickham.

Societies

ADMISSION TICKET to Cambridge meeting of the Council of the Aerial League of the British Empire, 1910. Mr. B. G. W. Cash.

Water Supply

PLAN of the Trinity College Conduit, drawn by donor and based on survey made in 1891. Mr. C. H. Hereward.

The Household

Family Entertainment

STEREOSCOPIC VIEWER and collection of 45 STEREOSCOPIC PHOTOGRAPHS, c. 1880. Miss N. Balderson.

The Kitchen

JELLY MOULDS (3), glazed white earthenware, c. 1890; DIVIDED DISH, trailed slipware, c. 1890. Mrs. A. Bond.

DOUBLE BOILER, Wedgwood glazed earthenware and copper, c. 1840. Purchased.

HOT WATER CAN, enamelled tin, c. 1920. Miss N. Balderson.

PRESSURE COOKER, Sankey's "Pentecon", 1932. Mrs. J. Whiting.

MS COOKERY BOOK, 1825. Mrs. A. Copeman.

The Individual

Objects of Personal Use

MATCH BOX CASE, embossed silver front, HM 1903; RIBBON THREADER with mother-of-pearl handle, 1890; Patent NEEDLE CONTAINER, 1898. Mr. W. J. Chambers.

BOOK MARKS (2), perforated card embroidered in coloured cross stitch and mounted on ribbon. c. 1880. Mrs. A. Bond.

Toys

MODEL SOLDIERS, purchased in Cambridge in 1934. Mr. B. M. Scott.

DISSECTED PUZZLE, c. 1870. Mrs. Burkitt.

RAG DOLL, "Sunny Jim", advertising Force Wheat Flakes. Modern. The Curator.

COOKING STOVE and UTENSILS, child's. Operated by methylated spirits. c. 1900. Mrs. J. Whiting.

Burial Customs

GRAVE ORNAMENT: white unglazed china wreath of flowers with dove and clasped hands under domed glass case. Early 20th cent. Mr. and Mrs. Brown.

Occupations

Agricultural Worker

BEEF HOOK, early 20th cent. Mr. C. H. Hereward.

TURNIP CUTTER, c. 1890. Mr. D. Stubbings.

Brewing

BEER BOTTLE, inscribed *Bailey & Tebbutt Cambridge. 3rd Prize. Brewers Exhibition 1907.* Mr. B. G. Bowles.

Brickmaking

BRICKS: 1. Machine-made white, inscribed *DRAIN*; from Cawdle Fen Pumping Station. c. 1890. Mr. C. H. Hereward. 2. Red, inscribed *R. Harris*, from bridge over watercourse near Sluice Wood, Abington. Mr. C. H. Hereward. 3. and 4. Two bricks made, c. 1900, by Swann Bros., Cambridge and by the Cambridge Brick Co. Mr. D. Stubbings. 5. Cottenham white, c. 1870. Anon. 6. Machine-made red, Whittlesea Brick Co., 20th cent. The Curator. 7. White, inscribed *Farrington, March*, 1895. Mr. D. Aveling. 8. Floortile, Coldham Brick Co. 1900. Mr. Toate.

"MATHEMATICAL" BRICK TILING from 7 Petty Cury (formerly part of the Falcon Inn). 18th cent. Messrs. flickerson.

Chemist

INHALER, Hoskin's "Acme", c. 1900. Decorated porcelain. Anon.

Shopkeeping

ADVERTISEMENT: enamelled metal from Chesterton shop. Fry's Chocolate. c. 1912.

Soda Water Manufacturer

SODA WATER SYPHON, Wadsworth & Sons, Cambridge. c. 1930. Mrs. J. Webb.

GINGER BEER BOTTLE, glazed stoneware inscribed Woods & Son, Cambridge. c. 1920. The Curator.

Tobacco Pipe Maker

Fragment of CLAY PIPE STEM, inscribed J. Casey, Cambridge, c. 1885; CLAY PIPE BOWL, inscribed Saul, Cambridge. c. 1830. Mr. Oates.

Veterinary Surgeon

MS BOOK of horse remedies, 1881; TOOTH EXTRACTOR for use on sheep, c. 1880. Mr. H. Vawser.

Topography

OIL PAINTINGS (3), by—Goodchild, of The Limes, Town End, March, c. 1890. WATER COLOUR by M. H. Vawser of drainage mill on Sixteen foot Bank near Upwell, 1914. Mr. H. Vawser.

Printed Material

Books & Pamphlets

Inventory of Historical Monuments in the County of Cambridgeshire, vol. II. N. E. Cambs. Purchased.

W. Smith: *The Waterman of the River Cam*. Reprint (1972) of tract published in 1825. Mr. J. Nicholson.

S. E. Butler: *A Personal View of Meldreth*, 1971. Mrs. Butler.

MENU CARD: *Trinity College Kitchen Staff Party*, 1914. Mr. B. G. W. Cash.

Photographs

Fort St. George Ferry, 1906; Camden Terrace, 1920; Jolly Waterman Inn, Chesterton Road, 1904. Mrs. C. Fields.

Interior of Cambridge Instrument Co. offices, 1902. Mr. H. Culpan.

St. John's Street, 1862 (3 views). *per* St. John's College.

Fenner's pavilion before demolition in 1972. Mr. D. Pepys Whiteley.

Floods in Whittlesey, 1920. Mr. D. Winterton.

Deck's chemist shop, King's Parade, 1902. Mr. S. J. Hopkins.

Aerial view of Parker's Piece, 1966; collection of views of the Perse School, Free School Lane; photograph of print of dinner on Parker's Piece, 1814. Prof. R. G. W. Norrish.

Set of photographs of all the buildings on the N. side of Petty Cury, 1972. Mr. E. Leigh.

Cambridge Corporation horse-drawn dust cart, 1910. Mr. D. Stubbings.

The *Viscountess Bury* in 1888. *per* Mr. A. F. Leach.

The Poplars farmhouse, Christchurch, Upwell, 1880. Mr. H. Vawser.

Castle Street, 1912. Mr. D. Butler.

Friends' Meeting House, Jesus Lane, 1888; Warrington's butcher's shop, Sidney Street, 1910. Mr. H. Smith.

Dyke cleaning at Upware Engine Outfall, 1910. *per* Mr. K. S. G. Hinde.

Collection of 60 photographs taken by Mr. H. Culpan before and during demolition of Alexandra Street, Post Office Terrace, Regent Terrace, Falcon Yard, Chesterton, Castle Street, St. John's Place, etc.

(Incorporated 5th June, 1946)

12 months
to 31/3/72

12 months
to 31/3/72

£ To/£

£	By/		£	p.
1750	City Corporation Grant	1750	00
	Balance being Deficit of:-			
42	Income & Expenditure for Year		—	—
<u>£1792</u>			<u>£1750</u>	<u>00</u>

BALANCE SHEET 31ST MARCH, 1973

1972 £		£	p.	£	p.	1972 £		£	p.	£	p.
	ACCUMULATED FUNDS AND RESERVES						FIXED ASSETS				
3896	General Fund at 1st April 1972	3853	65			3750	The Abbey House			3750	00
(42)	Add Excess Expenditure over Income	74	18				Investments				
				3927	83		Commercial Union Insurance Co.				
1950	Reserve for Pension (Curator)			2100	00		Deferred Annuity Pension (Curator)	1950	00		
—	Loan: City Corporation as at					1950	Add Premium paid during Year	150	00		
	1st April, 1972	483	99							2100	00
	Add Interest for Year	26	06				CURRENT ASSETS				
							Balance at Bank—Current A/c No. 2				
		510	05			102	Deposit Account			101	64
484	Less Repayments during Year ..	209	32			420				30	66
				300	73	3	Cash in Hand			8	30
100	Reserve for Future Repairs ..			100	00	100	Sundry Debtors and Prepayments ..			347	98
40	Sundry Creditors	37	65			222	Stock—Museum Guides etc. ..			155	00
119	Overdraft at Bank - Current A/c No. 1	27	37								
				65	02						
				£6493	58					£6493	58
						£6547					
£6547											

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, 1973, 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

5th July, 1973