

THE CAMBRIDGE AND COUNTY  
FOLK MUSEUM

2 Castle Street, Cambridge CB3 0AQ

FORTIETH ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE PERIOD 1st APRIL, 1975 TO  
31st MARCH, 1976

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FOLK MUSEUM  
(Incorporated 5th June, 1946)

COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT  
as on 31st March, 1976

*Patron:*

The Master of Fitzwilliam College

*President:*

\*Councillor P.J. Warren

*Vice-Presidents:*

Dr. G.H.S. Bushnell

Hon. Councillor Mrs. M.E. Henn

Miss D.M. Howlett

F.A. Reeve

\*G.O. Vinter

*Treasurer:*

\*P.J. Morton

ELECTED MEMBERS:

E.E. Harmer, \*R.G. Heffer, G. Pollard

NOMINATED MEMBERS:

\*C.K. Phillips, Hon. Councillor S.C. by Cambridge City Council  
Bowles, Councillors N.H. Auken, \*Mrs. J.  
Fitch, B.W. George, \*Mrs. G.M. Lipstein,  
Mrs. O.M. Nicol, M.J. Rooney, P.J.  
Warren

Councillors Mrs. D. Abbot, F.C. Symons by Cambridgeshire County  
Council

P.W. Gathercole by Council of the Senate of  
the University

G.O. Vinter by Cambridge Antiquarian  
Society

Mrs. S. Purkis by N.U.T. Cambridge Branch

B.G.W. Cash by N.U.T. Cambridgeshire  
Branch

*Curator and Secretary:*

Miss E.M. Porter

*\* Members of the Executive Committee*



# THE FORTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

for the period 1st April, 1975 to 31st March, 1976

## Proceedings of the Annual General Meeting, 1975

THE FORTIETH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Association, being the thirtieth since the opening of the Museum, was held on Thursday, 23rd October, 1975, at 2.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall, Cambridge. The President, Councillor P.J. Warren, was in the Chair.

Apologies were received from Mr. A.W. Arundale, Mr. C.K. Phillips, Councillor F.C. Symons and Mr. G.O. Vinter.

Before proceeding to the business of the meeting, the Chairman referred to the death, on 26th December, 1974, of Sir Hamilton Kerr who had been Patron of the Museum since 1967. Members stood in silence.

The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 22nd October, 1974, which were printed in the Annual Report already circulated to members, were then confirmed and signed.

The audited accounts, printed in the Report, were adopted on the proposal of Hon. Councillor S.C. Bowles seconded by Ms. A.E. Jones.

The Treasurer, Mr. P.J. Morton, reported that printing costs were now so high that the cost of a single copy of the Annual Report was nearly double the subscription of an Associate Member. The question of a cheaper form of printing was discussed; it was finally proposed from the Chair that the matter be left to the decision of the Council of Management.

The question of increased membership fees was raised by Hon. Councillor S.C. Bowles who suggested that the subscription for all new members might be raised. Existing members could continue at the present rate but be invited to give more. The Chairman proposed that the matter be left to the decision of the Council of Management.

Mr. P. Gathercole drew members' attention to the fact that the post of Museum Teacher was to be suppressed, although the present holder of the post would not be required to resign. Mr. Gathercole felt that this was a retrograde step, especially as the County Council were sponsors of a Working Party which is carrying out a detailed survey of museum resources in the county with a view to developing a co-ordinated museums policy for Cambridgeshire. The Committee of the University Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology had already protested against the decision and Mr. Gathercole thought that the Folk Museum should make a similar protest. The Chairman asked Councillor Mrs. Fitch to enquire into the matter.

The Annual Report was then adopted on the proposal of Mr. F.A. Reeve seconded by Councillor Mrs. G. Lipstein.



### Appointment of Auditor

Councillor Mrs. Nicol proposed, and Mrs. S. Purkis seconded, that Messrs. Chater & Myhill be re-appointed auditors for the year ending 31st March, 1976. The motion was carried.

### Election of Officers

Councillor Mrs. Nicol, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Lipstein, proposed that the President, Vice-Presidents, Elected Members and Treasurer be re-elected. This was carried. The Secretary reported that, because Mr. A.W. Arundale had recently left Cambridge, there was a vacancy among the elected members. Mr. Gathercole proposed that Mr. G. Pollard of the Fitzwilliam Museum be elected in his place. Seconded by Mr. F.A. Reeve the motion was carried.

The meeting was then closed and the Curator gave a talk on Cambridgeshire Calendar Customs.

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### The Year in Retrospect

The Council of Management is pleased to report that the Master of Fitzwilliam College, Mr. Edward Miller, M.A., has consented to be the Patron of the Museum in the place of the late Sir Hamilton Kerr.

The Museum has lost two faithful supporters through the deaths of Dr. G. Kitson Clark of Trinity College, who was an annual subscriber since 1948, and of Mr. T.W. Bagshaw, F.S.A. Mr. Bagshaw became a life member in 1948 and from 1947 to 1948 served on the Council of Management as Honorary Curator. He left Cambridge in 1950 but maintained his interest in the Museum and his friendship with the Curator. He presented several items to the collections — his last gift, brought when he visited Cambridge in June, 1975, is reported among the accessions at the end of this Report.

The Annual Report this year has been produced at the printing department of the County Council. The very high cost of printing the Report in its traditional form has made it imperative for a less expensive method to be adopted.

The Museums Working Group, composed of five members of the County Leisure and Amenities Committee and five representative curators of Cambridgeshire museums, has continued to meet during the past year. A detailed survey of all the museums in the county was completed to form the basis of a report, *Proposals for the Future Structure of the Museums Service in Cambridgeshire*. Chief among the recommendations of this report was the appointment of a County Museums Officer. The Folk Museum Council of Management at their meeting held on 30th March, 1975, discussed this report and appointed a committee to study it in greater detail prior to making their opinions on it known to the Leisure and Amenities Committee of the County Council.



## TREASURER'S REPORT

In the past twelve months the Museum has, again, been faced with increased costs which we have done well to contain.

The deficit for the year is £542 compared with £369 for the previous year. On a pure cash flow basis, outgoings for 1975-1976 exceed total receipts by £20, thereby increasing the net year-end bank overdraft from £583 to £603. This compares with a net cash outflow of £996 for 1974-1975, although almost £600 of this was due to costs involved in installing a burglar alarm system and in the wiring of cases, for which a special grant was received from the City Corporation. Were it not for this special item, the adjusted net outflow of cash for 1974-1975 and 1975-1976 would have been £396 and £620; on the assumption that the City Grant for 1976-1977 is renewed but not increased, a forecast deficit of £450 is shown. The thought of a bank overdraft of £1,000 is far from welcome, and to save the Museum from becoming deeper 'in the red', an approach has been made to the City Corporation for an increased grant to cover the cash deficit forecast and to eliminate the overdraft. Since this report was first drafted, we have had the welcome news that the City Corporation has granted our request and that a cash sum of £4,200 will shortly be received by the Museum.

Turning now to the accounts, expenditure on heat, light and water has increased appreciably as, too, have telephone costs, the latter also now including additional charges for rental of alarm equipment. Almost £300 has been spent on much needed interior decoration in some of the Museum rooms. The salary paid to Miss Porter has been increased in line with local government scales.

On the income side, subscription income has fallen from £118 to £96, although this was more than made up by increased revenue from donations. Entrance fees and sales of guide books and postcards have produced an income of £1,134 compared with £835 in 1974-1975.

The balance sheet now shows an insolvent position, which was anticipated. Such a situation is most unsatisfactory, but with an increased grant and the possible elimination of bank overdraft facilities, coupled with careful control of expenditure, it is hoped to have this resolved within twelve months.

We are very grateful to those members and bodies who subscribe to and support the Museum, especially the Local Authorities without whose help we could not exist. A list of their names appears at the end of this Annual Report.

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## CURATOR'S REPORT

Attendance at the Museum in the year ended 31st March, 1975 was 15,794. The record number of 2,400 children attended in organised classes from schools in the City and County and from Norfolk, Suffolk, Hertfordshire, Essex and London. On several occasions the Museum was opened in the evenings for the benefit of members of local organisations.

Three exhibitions were held during the year: *Yesterday's Cambridge; Children's Books, 1907-1970* and *Saturday Pictures from the News*. Thanks are due to the proprietors of the *Cambridge Evening News* for the loan of the photographs for the last-named exhibition.

The Curator gave several talks in the City and County during the year and, as usual, answered a very large number of enquiries made by letter, telephone and in person.

Some re-decoration was carried out on the ground floor and in Room 10. Other rooms in the Museum will soon need attention.

The principal accessions received in the past year are listed at the end of the Annual Report. We are very grateful to Mr. E.A. Phillips for giving us the three pistols, made by Gallyon of Cambridge, which were used by his grandfather, Mr. Ted Phillips the rowing coach who was appointed University Waterman in 1868. The pistols were fired at the start of boat races on the Cam and were also used for signalling to the official of the course when the last boat had left the boat yards for the start of the Lent and May races. Mr. Phillips has also given to the Museum two pewter tankards presented to the winners of the Tuddenham Cup in the annual inter-Friendly Societies' boat race formerly held in Cambridge. The tankards are engraved with the names of the Foresters' crew – among them Ted Phillips – who were successful in 1875 and 1876. A third rowing trophy received from Mr. Phillips is another tankard engraved *City of London Scratch Fours Rowed at Cambridge Nov. 1875*, with the names of the crew and their colleges. The tankard was once owned by Ted Phillips who coached the four.

Three years ago the Curator wrote to the Staffordshire firm of J. Sankey to ask them to date one of their 'Pentecon' pressure cookers which had been given to the Museum. With their reply the firm enclosed a Xerox copy of an advertisement of their 'Demon' Beetle Trap, regretting that they could not send an actual example as not one had been saved. A Wiltshire visitor to the Museum in 1974 saw the advertisement displayed with the collection of household vermin traps; she recalled that she had a 'Demon' beetle trap stored in a garden shed and very kindly brought it to the Museum when revisiting Cambridge in 1975. Similarly, some cardboard discs used in a Cambridge dairy for sealing the old type of milk bottle were given by Mr. D.W. January after he had seen two of the bottles on display in the Museum.



# LIFE MEMBERS 1975-1976

(Donors of £10.50 and upwards)

Mrs. C. Armstrong	E.B. Haddon
Cambridge Preservation Society	Homerton College
Christ's College	The Leys School
Clare College	L.F. Newman
Downing College	Pembroke College
Emmanuel College	Queens' College
Gonville and Caius College	St. Catharine's College
Girton College	Trinity College
Professor W.C. Erbach	Mrs. Dudley Ward

## ORDINARY MEMBERS

(Annual subscribers of £1 and upwards)

A.W. Arundale	A.E. Jones
Dr. G.H.S. Bushnell	Jesus College
Cambridge Antiquarian Society	King's College
Christ's College	Lloyds Bank Ltd.
T.S. Culver	Magdalene College
Emmanuel College	Mrs. J. Northcott
R.J. Flood	Peterhouse
T.N. Gallyon	St. John's College
Gonville and Caius College	Mrs. F.H. Sandbach
E.B. Haddon	J.K. Taylor
C.A. Hartridge	R.H. Tizard
S.C. Humphrey	Trinity College

## ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

(Donors of 50p and upwards)

R.P. Brotherton	D.J. Muggleton
W.J. Cairns	C. Rivett
Miss S. Cullen	S.A. Rolfe
J. Death	C.C. Scott
Mrs. E.B. Gard	D.A. Stubbings
J. Gilmore	Mrs. J.V. Treherne
B.J. Matthew	

## GRANTS

Cambridge Corporation  
Cambridgeshire County Council  
South Cambridgeshire District Council

## DONATION

The Executors of the late Lady Keynes

# LIST OF PRINCIPAL ACCESSIONS

April 1975 to March 1976

## Social Life

### Auction Sales

SALE BILLS, 5 Cambridgeshire, 1803-1812. Mr. E. Mynott.

### Calendar Customs

CHRISTMAS CARD, with views of King's and Pembroke Colleges, sent in 1914 to patients and staff of the 1st Eastern General Hospital, Cambridge, by the Mayor of Cambridge and the Vice-Chancellor of the University. Mr. E.A. Rutherford.

### Clubs and Societies

BADGES, President's and Past President's, Cambridge Borough Branch of the National Association of Local Government Officers. Enamel and silver-gilt, H.M. 1911 and 1921. Executive Committee of Cambridge City Branch NAGLO.

CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP of the Hearts of Oak Benefit Society, presented to Cambridge man in 1901. Mr. D. Stubbings.

TANKARDS, 2 pewter. Presented to winners of the Tuddenham Challenge Cup, 1875 and 1876, in the inter-Friendly Societies' annual boat race in Cambridge, and engraved with the names of the Foresters' crew. Mr. E.A. Phillips.

PHOTOGRAPHS of the Magpies Amateur Dramatic Society in 1920s. Mr. K.C. Williamson.

### Education

ALPHABET, letters of incised in black on small bone tablets contained in mahogany box with ivory label inscribed 'Spelling Alphabet'. c. 1860. Mr. A.W. Arundale.

ABACUS, Arnold's Nursery Class, c. 1900. Miss McNeice.

BOOKS, collection of children's, 1867-1874. Mr. T. Layng.

APPRENTICESHIP INDENTURE: Henry Hunt of Cambridge apprenticed to Adam Lyon of Downham Market, baker and confectioner, 1882. Mrs. Frost.

## The Household

### The Kitchen

BEETLE TRAP, 'The Demon', c. 1880. Mrs. Rooke.

DISH, pressed glass embossed Gladstone for the Million. Reg. Mark 31 July, 1969. Mrs. Melbourne.

BEER-MULL, brass slipper-shaped, 1890.

MEAT SKEWER, silver-plated with anchor top, 1900; MARROW SPOON, silver-plated, 1890. Mr. E. Mynott.

BABY'S PLATE, glazed earthenware with coloured transfer picture of calf, c. 1907. Purchased.

EGG BOILER, silver-plated, c. 1890. Mrs. J. Mann.



### **House Cleaning**

CARPET BEATER, coiled wire on turned wooden handle, c. 1920. Miss K. Johnson.

ECRU STARCH, packet of; POWDERED BATH BRICK, canister of, both 1920s. Mr. G. Ryder.

ADVERTISEMENTS, painted on metal, for 'Sapon' milled soap; found on derelict hawker's caravan in Cambridgeshire village. Mr. R. Wilson.

### **Family Recreation**

GAMES: Dicken' Snap. c. 1920; Squails, c. 1890. Mr. D.V. Durell.

PING PONG BATS, 2, vellum-covered. 1901. Mr. K. Parsons.

VAMPOLA for teaching pianist to vamp accompaniment to songs. c. 1902. Mr. D.R. Frost.

## **The Individual**

### **Objects of Personal Use**

SEWING MACHINE, Jones' Cylinder Shuttle, with trade label of A. Macintosh & Sons, Ironmongers, Cambridge. 1910. The Misses Hinkins.

GUINEA BALANCE, c. 1870. The late Mr. T.W. Bagshawe.

PINCUSHION, decorated with floral design in crystal and coloured beads, c. 1880. Mr. D.V. Durell.

### **Toys**

MINIATURE FURNITURE, items of modern. Mrs. V. Traherne.

MINIATURE DINNER SERVICE, WICKER FURNITURE for dolls' house, both 1910. Miss McNeice.

MINIATURE WASH BOARD, wooden, c. 1900. Purchased.

DOLL, Armand Marseille, c. 1899. Mr. D.V. Durell.

GARDEN FURNITURE: miniature canework table, chairs and settee, 1900. Mrs. D. James-Brown.

## **Occupations**

### **Bedmaker**

BONNETS, 2; fine black straw trimmed with jet beads and sequins. Worn until 1920s by a bedmaker of Trinity College. Dr. A. Roughton.

### **Brewer**

BEER JAR, glazed stoneware, incised F. Hopkins, 68 Bridge Street, Cambridge. c. 1865. Mr. K. Barton.

### **Brickmaker**

BRICK, Cambridgeshire handmade white perforated from Hildersham Water Mill. 19th century. Mr. A.P. Blair.



**Bottlemaker**

BEER BOTTLE, half pint; embossed A. Jackson, Hills Road, Cambridge. c. 1912. GIN BOTTLE, square-shouldered, c. 1860. Mr. R. Wilson.

SPIRIT BOTTLE, glazed earthenware in form of man astride barrel. c. 1840. The Curator.

**Chemist**

PILL BOX with dated label of Orridge & Sussum, chemists, Cambridge, 1882. Dr. Forbes.

**Clockmaker**

WALL CLOCK, Striking; made by the Ansonia Brass and Copper Co., Connecticut, U.S.A., c. 1880. Mrs. M. Snazle and Miss Scott.

**Confectioner**

TRADE CARD, c. 1870, of W. Thurston, confectioner and fruiterer, Market Street, Cambridge. Anon.

**Dairyman**

MILK MEASURES, 2, tin and brass, quart and pint sizes. c. 1910. Mr. R. Wilson.

CARDBOARD TOPS for the old-type wide-mouthed milk bottle. Inscribed Bull & Son, Beach Dairy, Hills Road, Cambridge. Mr. D.W. January.

**Draper**

PINS, paper strip of, printed with name of Robert Sayle, draper, Cambridge. Given, c. 1920, as farthing change. Miss K. Johnson.

**Gunsmith**

PISTOLS, 3 muzzle-loaders made by Gallyon of Cambridge, c. 1870. Mr. E.A. Phillips.

**Painter and Grainer**

PAINT-GRINDING STONES AND SLAB; STENCILS; GRAINING BRUSHES; GOLD LEAF; GOLD LEAF BURNISHERS used by R.W. Hardy, painter, grainer, heraldic artist, 9 East Road, Cambridge, early 20th century. Mr. G. Reece.

**Photographer**

FASCIA, copper, c. 1906, embossed Hills & Saunders; formerly on 19 King's Parade. Mr. E. Leigh.

**Ropemaker**

SAMPLES, mounted on wood, of rope, twine, packing cord, rick cloth and netting made and sold by C.S. Gall & Sons, Shelford, early 20th century. Mr. E. Mynott.



### Tobacconist

TOBACCO JAR, glazed stoneware, c. 1902. Incised: Colin Lunn & Son, Cigar Importers, 3 Bridge Street, Cambridge. Mr. G.T. Windmill.

### Woodcarver

CASKET, oak; replica of the one presented in 1946 to the 8th U.S. Air Force by the Mayor of Cambridge. Executors of the late Mrs. Harding.

STOOL, oak, with shield-shaped top carved with arms of St. Catharine's College by donor's uncle in 1910. Mr. A. Eastwell.

OAK FIGURE, 17th century. Formerly on front of J. Milligan's tailor's-shop, Market Hill. Purchased.

### Etchings

Four etchings of Cambridge by E.J. Shillington Scales: The Three Tuns Inn, Castle Street, 1921; Northampton Street, 1928; Sussex Street, 1925; Fish Market, Peas Hill, 1928. Mrs. Cather.

### Printed Material

*Huntingdonshire* (County Geographies Series), 1911. The Curator.

*The Country Cousin at Cambridge* by L. Clark. 1920. Miss K. Johnson.

*The Church of St. John, Duxford*, by L. Cobbett, 1926. The Curator.

*Gradual Renewal in the Kite*. 1976. Kite Community Action Group.

*Order of Service* at the funeral of Frederick Gale, brewer, at Great St. Mary's, 1929; *Song of the Cambridge Streets*, published as supplement to *The Cambridge Review*, 27.1.1898. Mr. L. Waters.

*Programme* of the Puritan Bazaar held in 1903 in aid of St. Andrew's Street Baptist Church Building Fund. Mrs. Williams.

*Poster-Programme* of Gillespie's Band Concert in the Guildhall, Cambridge, 1869. Purchased.

*Public Notice* issued, 1911, by Ely Board of Guardians, recommending vaccination because of smallpox outbreak. Mr. S. Bates.

*Public Notice*, March 1886, of times of despatch and delivery of letters to and from Cambridge. Mr. C. Green.



## Photographs

Collection of photographs taken in 1975 and 1976 of Cambridge and village properties threatened with alteration or demolition. A.E. Jones.

Members of the Phillips family of University Waterman in eight on river, 1897. Mr. E.A. Phillips.

Pupils of Miss Keen's school, North Terrace, Cambridge, c. 1910. Miss K. Johnson.

Collection of 36 Cambridge and Cambridgeshire photographs, 1880s to 1920s. Mr. F.A. Reeve.

Front of New Theatre, Cambridge, and adjoining cafe, 1908. Mrs. D. Scott.

Vine Cottage and Vine Nurseries, Mawson Road, Cambridge, c. 1900. Miss C. Dunn.

Albert Institute Rowing Club, 1901 and 1909 and the Institute Gymnastic Squad, 1909. Mr. K.C. Williams.

Northampton Street, 1920; Trinity Street, 1891; Fish Market, Peas Hill, 1920; King's Parade, 1925; Theodore Roosevelt and Vice-Chancellor driving along Downing Street, 1910. Mr. R. Hammans.



# CAMBRIDGE AND COUNTY FOLK MUSEUM

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## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

For the Year Ended 31st March 1976

1974/75		INCOME		
£	£		£	£
105		Ordinary Subscriptions . . . . .	84.92	
13		Associate Subscriptions . . . . .	12.51	
				97.43
40		Donations . . . . .		113.73
		Grants:—		
	350	Cambs. & Isle of Ely C.C. 1975/76	400.00	
350		South Cambs. R.D.C. . . . .	50.00	
				450.00
837		Admission Fees, Guides, Postcards, Royalties and Donations to Museum Box . . . . .		1,133.59
72		Interest on: Lloyds Bank Deposit A/c		56.72
1,417				1,851.47
		Less Expenses:		
951		Rent, Rates, Insurance	930.25	
378		Heat, Light and Water	447.52	
235		Repairs, Redecorations and General Maintenance . . . . .	391.61	
47		Cleaning and Cleaners Wages . . . . .	58.19	
			1,827.57	
2,012		Resident Curator — Salary . . . . .	2,678.00	
144		National Insurance and Graduates Pensions	143.70	
26		Honorarium to Treasurer	50.00	
237		Printing, Postage, Stationery, Telephone and Sundry Expenses	410.79	
32		Audit and Accountancy	32.40	
			3,314.89	
40		Museum Purchases . . . . .	29.75	
184		Museum Guides and Postcards . . . . .	108.04	
4,286				137.79
£2,869		Balance being Deficit for the Year		5,280.25
				£3,428.78
2,500		By City Corporation Grant . . . . .	2,886.77	
2,869		Less: Deficit for the Year . . . . .		3,428.78
£ 369		Balance being Deficit for the Year		£ 542.01



**CAMBRIDGE AND COUNTY FOLK MUSEUM**  
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BALANCE SHEET as at 31st March 1976

1974/75	£	£	EMPLOYMENT OF CAPITAL	£	£
			<b>Fixed Assets:</b>		
			<b>Investments:</b>		
		2,250	Commercial Union Insurance De-		
			ferred Annuity Pension (Curator)	2,250.00	
	2,250		Add: Premium paid during year		2,250.00
			<b>Current Assets:</b>		
			Balance at Bank—Current A/c No. 1		
	2		Current A/c No. 2		1.64
	3		Deposit Account		61.10
	4		Cash in Hand		4.70
	642		Sundry Debtors and Prepayments		139.14
	217		Stock — Museum Guides etc.		216.40
		3,118			2,672.98
			<b>Liabilities:</b>		
		2,250	Reserve for Pension (Curator)	2,250.00	
		100	Reserve for Future Repairs	100.00	
		54	Sundry Creditors	69.72	
		589	Overdraft at Bank—No. 1 A/c	670.91	
		2,993			3,090.63
	£ 125		<i>Net Capital Employed</i>		£ (417.65)
			<b>Represented by:</b>		
		494	General Fund at 1st April 1975	124.36	
		369	Less: Excess of Expenditure over		
			Income	542.01	
	£ 125				£ (417.65)

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 1976, and of its Deficit for the year ended on that date and comply with the Companies Acts 1948 and 1967.