

As a result of it being in a 'machine readable' format it is possible to build an index to the entire run of *C&CH*. Users can type in any word that interests them and the computer will provide a list of each volume, issue and page number it finds. A mouse click on any reference takes the user directly to that page, which can then be read or printed out.

Those who are familiar with the Acrobat format do not need to be told what an astonishing tool this is – those who are as yet unaware of its potential are certainly missing out on a great research tool.

*Digital Cake & Cockhorse* is available on a single CD-ROM, with instructions, and can be used on almost any type of computer. It will be available to members for the provisional price of £35, and will be updated at modest cost every year or so.

So that you can have an idea of what it *looks* like (but not of the global indexing) a sample issue is on the Society's web site at

**[www.cherwell-dc.gov.uk/banburymuseum/candc.cfm](http://www.cherwell-dc.gov.uk/banburymuseum/candc.cfm)**

In the future we hope that all the issues will be available on line, as well as on the CD-ROM.

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To enable us to estimate demand, enquiries – *without commitment to purchase, send no payment* – should be made the Hon. Secretary, Banbury Historical Society, c/o Banbury Museum, Spiceball Park Road, Banbury OX16 2PQ. In due course a pro-forma invoice will be sent and copies provided on receipt of payment.

For anyone who wants to tackle a similar problem we used CS-Image (Simplifile) Limited, 35 Castle Street, Hinckley, Leicestershire LE10 1DA; telephone: 01455 631201. They cannot be recommended highly enough.

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Whilst it will be possible to print-out articles of interest from the CD-ROM, it should not be forgotten that most back issues of *Cake & Cockhorse* are still available in their original printed version. On enquiry by letter or phone to Jeremy Gibson (see inside front cover) copies can be provided at give-away prices – effectively cost of postage and packing.

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### **Edgehill Battlefield Project**

The Battlefields Trust, working in partnership with the local community, has just begun a major new survey on the battlefield of Edgehill, the first great battle of the Civil War. The project is grant-aided by the Local Heritage Initiative, has the co-operation of the landowner (the Ministry of Defence) and the assistance of the County Council and Portable Antiquities Scheme. Over the next two years the Trust will be investigating the history and archaeology of the battle and battle field. For up-to-date information check the UK Battlefields Resource Centre:

**<http://www.battlefieldstrust.com/resource-centre>**