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Assiduous readers of the inside cover of our journal will have noticed some changes in committee personnel. After many years as Chairman, Brian Little has moved sideways into the office of 'Research Adviser', a post first created for our co-founder Ted Brinkworth. Brian's contributions to the *Banbury Guardian* mean that for long he has been identified as 'Mr Banbury History', so no one could be more appropriate to fill this office.

In his place our Committee is now chaired by Deborah Hayter, already well-known to members from her talks to the Society and her inspiring tutoring at a number of local history courses in Banburyshire.

Kay Smith, a long-serving member, and the only one of us on the committee to be born and bred in Banbury, has stood down. Her current-Banbury-orientated attitude has always been a salutary reminder that history stopped (temporarily) yesterday, and was not something only years or centuries past.

In her place we welcome Chris Day. He too will be familiar to members from talks and tutoring local history courses. Formerly on the staff of the *Victoria County History (Oxfordshire)* he was much involved with Vol. XI, *Wootton Hundred (North)*, which covers the area from Woodstock north to Deddington (where appropriately he now lives).

Cover: Houses in Hobley's Lane, Neithrop, very similar to those in Rag Row (p.144).