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First I must apologise for the delayed appearance of *Cake & Cockhorse*, and now as a 'double' number. At forty pages that might seem reasonable, except that I am aware the Spring issue was of equal length. Still a total of eighty pages for the year seems good value for a subscription of only ten pounds (with other benefits as well). One coincidental advantage is that our main article, on cricket in Banbury, coincides with most exciting and triumphant test series against Australia for many years.

Which brings me to another matter of concern. Having passed three score years and ten, I am aware of my increasing reluctance to go out of a night, especially when it inevitably involves driving in the dark. I was 23 when Ted Brinkworth and I founded the Society. After almost fifty years I still feel I am one of the younger members! So it doesn't surprise me that years are catching up on us, and despite excellent talks this autumn, attendance is sadly down. We need new younger members.

Cover: Marston St Lawrence Church, from *A Short History of Marston St Lawrence*.