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Once again the issue of *Cake & Cockhorse* has extended the season, in this case 'Spring', to its limits. Fortunately history, unlike science, deals in the past, so what are a few weeks or months when we are covering the centuries!

Dr Horn's article on shopkeepers in the late eighteenth century is an important reminder of how central our town of Banbury was to all its hinterland, but how, nevertheless, statistics, in this case derived from tax returns, can be misleading. I had been tempted to marry up the list of Banbury shopkeepers on pages 257-8 with details from Banbury parish registers, showing who had died between the dates quoted, and, perhaps, who had arrived. However time precluded this – but members who have the relevant volumes of *Banbury Baptisms* and *Burials* may amuse themselves with such research – and if so, please let us know your findings.

We draw your attention to the crisis over the Cartwright of Aynhoe archives.

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