

Once again our start-of-season reception was held at the new Museum, organised by Fiona Thompson, Kay Smith and Simon Townsend, and as always much enjoyed.

Only two issues of *Cake & Cockhorse* appeared, the second being a 'double' number, with contributions from Nick Allen, Ruth Brown, Penny Carey, Geoff Clifford, Colin Cohen, Maurice Cole, Clare Jakeman, George A. Smith, Margaret Spufford and Barrie Trinder, as well as from regulars Brian Little and Jeremy Gibson.

We had expected to publish at least the first volume of Geoffrey Smedley-Stevenson's edition of the diaries of William Cotton Risley, 1836-1869, covering his time as Vicar of Deddington 1836-1848. This is indeed almost ready for production, only requiring some minor work on the indexes, so we hope will appear during the first half of 2006. Volume Two, for the remainder of his continuing residence at Deddington Manor during the notorious incumbency of his successor the Reverend James Brogden, is also well advanced. They cover a wide variety of matters relevant to Banburyshire and further afield, and make absorbing reading – members are in for a treat. In the circumstances, the delay with *Turnpike Roads to Banbury* continues, but it *will* be completed in due course.

Our general income comfortably covered the cost of our monthly meetings and the publication of *Cake & Cockhorse*, and made a useful contribution to our end-of-year balance. This balance should be sufficient to cover the publishing costs of the records volumes in the pipeline. There were no calls on the Brinkworth Fund during the year.

The published accounts record the gift of £50 the Society made towards the repair of Hanwell church clock.