

Our speaker, who had been involved since 1998, and become head of a specialist team working on twentieth century lives, reckoned that the current 60 volumes would possibly be the last large print run. We have now entered the 'on line age'. This change will permit constant updates and the associated search engine will enable easier access to those with connections with a specific place. Those of us with an Oxfordshire library ticket can consult the *Dictionary* free of charge via the Oxfordshire County Council's web site by keying in our library number.

The meeting scheduled for 8th February, on the *Battle of Naseby*, by **Martin Marix-Evans**, had to be postponed because of snow and ice, but in an extension of our lecture season will now be held on **Thursday 12th April**.

**Thursday 8th March 2007**

***Sanderson Miller of Radway, Gentleman Architect* – Will Hawkes**

As editor of Miller's *Diaries*, Will Hawkes' gave us a knowledgeable and well-illustrated talk. Nicholas Cooper's admirable book review (*C&CH.16.9*, Summer 2006) renders any further report superfluous.

## **BANBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

### **ANNUAL REPORT, 2006**

Your Committee have pleasure in submitting the 49th Annual Report and Statement of Accounts, for the year 2006.

During the year Dr Helen Forde was first co-opted and then elected to the committee. Otherwise officers and committee members continued unchanged. Membership of the Society remains close to three hundred, most as records members. Attendance at meetings and new membership has been variable, due partly, it is suspected, to the advancing years of some normally regular attenders. Posters (fresh for each meeting) are distributed by Deborah Hayter for display at a wide number of key places.

We were saddened to lose two of our staunchest long-term members, Dr John Rivers and Penelope Renold. Obituaries have appeared.

For his final season of arranging meetings (since 1995), Nick Allen has maintained their accustomed entertaining variety. Reports on most, generally prepared by Brian Little, have appeared in *Cake & Cockhorse*. Julian Hunt's talk on the Civil War in Buckinghamshire was based around a collection of portraits of participants, Nat Alcock demonstrated the evolution of Warwickshire houses, and our own 'local historian in residence' Brian Little, in describing the Beale and Blinkhorn photographic archive, gave us a fascinating visual introduction to his recently published history of Banbury.