



An Award for our Society

At the 'History Day' meeting of the British Association for Local History, on Saturday 6th June 2008, at Friends' House, London, our Society was effectively honoured. Professor David Hey presented Jeremy Gibson with an **Award for Personal Achievement**, "for more than fifty years' commitment to local and family history as editor and author; founder member of Banbury Historical Society; generous with his knowledge and encouragement to others."

Asked for comment by local press, Jeremy remarked that the Society (and his 'Gibson Guides' directories to records for use by family and local historians) had been team efforts. "It was very gratifying to be there for all the work everyone has put in either for Banbury or the Guides."

Jeremy may be the 'front man' but, just to remind the many members who have supported us over so many years, here are the names of the 57 who have served to date as officers and/or on the committee since 1957:

Allen, Allitt, Asser, Barbour, Barnett, Basten, Beeson, Beeston, Bigwood, Bloxham, Bowes, ERC Brinkworth, Gwladys Brinkworth, Bromley, Carter, Clifton, Cohen, Day, Donaldson, Ellacott, Essex-Crosby, Fearon, Fiennes, Fillmore, Forde, Foster, Fothergill, Gardam, Gibson, Gosling, G. Griffiths, N. Griffiths, Hart, Hayter, Hitchcox, Hudson, Jakeman, Judge, Little, Lock, Loveday, Nicholson, Pain, Parmiter, Renold, Rivers, Roberts, Rose, D. Smith, K. Smith, Stanton, Thompson, Townsend, Trinder, White, Willy, Woodcock.

One other name, though two people, has been with us throughout, that of our first and of our current President, Saye and Sele, from whom we have had such constant benefit and support.