

We also identified several which we hope will prove the subject of talks to the Society in the future or which might be exemplars of research methodology to encourage others.

Ultimately a choice had to be made, but we were unable to identify an out-and-out-winner, so we divided the prize equally between two local societies – **Aynho History Society** for its report on the on-going work on the Aynho tunnels and the Sydenham Quarries Research Project, and **Steeple Aston Archive** for its publication on Steeple Aston Business and Trade and an analysis of census data; each receives a cheque for £50.

The fact that two societies are the winners merely reflects the work of many individuals sometimes working on their own but also working together collaboratively and we hope that the publicity which they receive as a result of the competition will encourage others to join in and contribute too.

We are very encouraged by the enthusiasm shown for this competition and the committee has decided that it should be held again in two years' time, partly to give intending authors or societies time to work on their projects and partly to allow the Society to enjoy the results of this year's competition. We have lots of ideas about how to involve members in this way and will be announcing some when the programme for 2009/2010 is published.

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A Short History of King's Sutton Primary School 1909 - 2009, June Smith
Aynho Village Tunnels Research Project, Aynho History Society
Sydenham Quarries Research Project, Aynho History Society
Dashwood School 1901-2008, a Souvenir History, Rebecca Mileham
Banbury's Lost Castle, E.M Sparkes, from *Times Gone By*
Lost Streets and Public Houses in Banbury, E.M. Sparkes, from *Times Gone By*
Pre-war Babies, Post War Spenders, 1950s Consumerism, E.M. Sparkes, from *Times Gone By*
Sir Winston and the Western, Alan Donaldson
The Story of Mary Vane Turner [Deddington historian], Jill Tustian
Holy Trinity Church, Sibford Gower, Maureen Hicks
Bloxham Village Museum - Churchyard Project
A Banbury Printer, Tony Newman
Weedon Pinkney, September 1593, David Adkins
Steeple Aston Business and Trade, S.A.V.A.
The fiddle-making squire of Steeple Aston, Geoffrey Lane
Steeple Aston census analysis and database.