

A REMINDER:

THE SOCIETY'S 2011 PRIZE FOR LOCAL HISTORY

Last year Banbury Historical Society offered a prize for the best piece of local historical research submitted by an individual or a village society. We were very pleased with the response, and received many excellent entries, several of which have already been published in *Cake & Cockhorse*, whilst others have been passed on to the Oxfordshire Family History Society for publication. After much deliberation, the prize was awarded jointly to the Steeple Aston Village Archive Group and the Aynho History Society.

Given the degree of interest, and the fact that many societies did not put in entries last time as their research was not far enough advanced, we are proposing to offer this prize again in 2011. This will be for the best piece of local historical research submitted by 30 April 2011. Again, there is the possibility where appropriate of publishing results in a future issue of *Cake and Cockhorse*. The competition is open to all and the result will be announced at the annual general meeting of the Society in July 2011. We hope to receive entries from local history societies in the area, and also from individual historians.

As before, such work could be the transcription of probate documents, research into old houses, the recording of gravestones and memorials in and around a parish church, the history of a village school, the creation of a photographic archive, or any other of the many topics which local historians, in societies, groups and singly, are investigating. Some of this work may not be suitable for full publication in such a journal as *Cake & Cockhorse*, but could be written up as a report and recorded as such. If on a large scale, it could be published in full as a records volume in the BHS series.

Entrants are requested to submit two copies of the details of their current or completed research to the Honorary Secretary of the Banbury Historical Society, c/o Banbury Museum, Spiceball Park Road, Banbury OX16 2PQ by 30 April 2011. Completed work should be submitted in its entirety and if it takes the form of an article the text should conform to the guidelines for authors recommended by the editor of *Cake and Cockhorse*. If it is in the form of current research a sample of the text should be submitted, together with the likely date of completion and the anticipated final format of the work – e.g. as an article, as a submission to a degree awarding body or as a book. The panel of judges, formed from the committee of the Banbury Historical Society, reserves the right to decide the final format for publication.

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