

The Society's website continues to be hosted by Cherwell Borough Council. It makes available past issues of *Cake & Cockhorse* and in due course other sources will be added.

The competition organised by the Society in 2011 for articles or other items of local historical research attracted a select group of entries. The prize was awarded jointly to the Eydon Photographic Archive and to Gareth Richard for a study of ironstone workings in Hook Norton. The money for the prize was donated by one of our early members, a Banburian who has long been resident elsewhere.

Three issues of *Cake & Cockhorse* have appeared during the year, and have included a reprint of the late Professor Harry Thorpe's study of the landscape of Wormleighton, together with a summary of recent work on the topic by Dr Della Hook, and Dr Barrie Trinder's study of Banbury's country carriers, as well as regular items by Deborah Hayter and Brian Little, and reviews of various publications on local history.

Although no records volume appeared during 2011, plans are well-advanced for the long-awaited publication of the second volume of Geoffrey Smedley-Stevenson's edition of the diaries (1849-69) of William Cotton Risley, earlier vicar of Deddington. Also near completion is an alphabetical digest to Rusher's *Banbury Directories*, 1832-1906, typed from the late Mary Stanton's card index by our member Catherine Pritchard, together with a DVD facsimile of the texts. This will make widely available an invaluable source on nineteenth-century history that has few equals in other towns. Sales of publications of all kinds have been notably buoyant.

The Annual Accounts for 2011 (with no records volume or distribution) show a comfortable surplus of £2018 on the General Fund. New digital printing methods have substantially reduced the cost of producing *Cake & Cockhorse*. The balance on the General Fund at the end of the year is more than sufficient to meet the cost of the two records volumes in preparation.

The only expenditure from the Brinkworth Museum Fund was on the two prizes of £50 for history projects, the cost of which, as mentioned above, was met by a generous donation from one of our members who wished to express his support for the competition.

### **Out-of-print B.H.S. Records Publications**

Although the Society has published over thirty volumes, most of these are now out of print, as the print-run is primarily to supply members.

We still have adequate stock of Vols. 27 (*Kings Sutton*), 28 (*Banbury Chapbooks*) and 30 (*Banbury Past*) but hardly any of others (even of the latest, vols. 29, *Risley Diary Pt.1* and 31, *Turnpike Roads*). Recently a member donated back several such, and we are always grateful for the return of others that are unwanted and are merely taking up space. These may be left at the Museum or even collected if local. Please let Jeremy Gibson know if you can help.