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## New Chairman's Letter

I write this report, my first contribution as Chairman to the Newsletter, the morning after the AGM at which I was elected to lead the Society. I take on the office secure in the knowledge of the support of all the members of the Executive Committee and gratified by the support shown by the Society members who attended the AGM. My predecessor, Peter Ellis, led the Society with distinction and sensitivity and he hands over a cohesive group of people, dedicated to making Knowle a good place to live. On behalf of all members, I thank him for his efforts and look forward to his continued contributions from the Deputy - Chairman's seat.

My report, this time, will, of necessity, be reflective rather than narrative. Future contributions may be different.

I see my role as leading the Executive team you have elected, in monitoring developments in Knowle, which might affect the well-being of all the members, using the Society's influence, where possible, to ensure that change is beneficial and participating in the wider activities which enhance the quality of life of the village.

Inevitably, much of the Society's work has been reactive. This will continue but, following the welcome accorded to the Civic Trust sponsored Pathfinder



Group with the St John's Close project, more proactive approaches will follow in the coming years. Our contact with the Civic Trust, of which we are a member, leads us to believe that this is the way forward for civic societies and, for the benefit of all, Knowle should be up to speed with the best societies.

We are fortunate in having good, co-operative relations with our Ward Councillors and Council Officers. This is a mutually advantageous situation and long may it continue.

I urge all members to participate in the activities of the Society. The Knowle Society is a mutual Society. It is what its members make of it. There is much talent among the membership and the greater the involvement of such talented people, the greater will be the attraction and success of the Society.

I close with season's greetings to all members and a wish for a happy and prosperous 2004.

**Colin Smith**  
Knowle 772981

[Please note that email address [chairman@knowlesociety.org.uk](mailto:chairman@knowlesociety.org.uk) cannot now be used for contacting the chairman directly and is currently re-directed to the Society's deputy chairman.]



## Dates For Your Diary



Monday 19th January 8.00pm in the Village Hall	<b>Trading Standards &amp; Consumer Rights</b> Illustrated talk by Michele Booth, Solihull MBC
Monday 16th February 8.00pm in the Village Hall	<b>The Spouse Girls (wives of British prime ministers)</b> Dr DM Howe
Monday 17th March 8.00pm in the Village Hall	<b>A House of Noble Poverty (visit to follow in the autumn)</b> Revd Dr J Woodward, Master of Temple Balsall
Monday 19th April 8.00pm in the Village Hall	<b>Solihull Parks &amp; Nature Reserves</b> Illustrated talk by Tracy Churchyard, Park Ranger, Solihull MBC

# Help! ... - - - ... M'aidez!

**N**o we aren't drowning but we do need a helping hand! Can you offer any of these abilities?

*organising skill or  
good circle of contacts or  
an 'ideas' person or  
just willing to help*



## **Team member to help to arrange Society events**

Despite many new faces taking on key roles in the Society, we are still short of people to help with the planning of our monthly programme of talks and occasional social evenings and quiz nights. We especially need someone willing to chair the Meetings & Social sub-committee as well. If you think you could make a useful contribution, please contact **Sandra Lea** now on **776850** or email [events@knowlesociety.org.uk](mailto:events@knowlesociety.org.uk).

We are confident that somewhere in our 1800 strong membership there are people who would enjoy this responsibility, the result of which is appreciated by so many.

Please consider whether you might be one of those people. There is time to settle into the new role as all the events for 2004 have already been planned.

## **A chance for some light exercise in a good cause!**

**Walter Birch, 770340**, who leads our distribution network for this newsletter, is also keen to hear from one or two more people who would be willing, once a quarter, to distribute a few newsletters. The job is made light work by many willing hands - please help Walter to keep it that way by offering your help too - why not give him a call now and also help that New Year's resolution to give yourself a little more exercise?

## **Have digital camera and email...**

*- will travel (in Knowle)!*

Would you like to submit some favourite photos of Knowle or take occasional photos of Society activities or be willing to provide specific pictures needed for a topical article on the website or in the newsletter? It would be most useful if you could work with digital images and email.

## **Artist-in-residence?**

- Have you appreciated some of the line drawings and sketches used in the Newsletter from time to time?
- Do you think you could do something similar with interesting features of Knowle or its surroundings?
- Are you a pen-and-ink artist who would like to contribute your gift to the benefit of the community?
- Or perhaps you have worked in an architect's office or garden planning and have drawing skills.

If so, the editor would also be pleased to hear from you. It would be good to establish a longer term relationship with the Newsletter, perhaps reflecting the seasonal changes in the village and developments in the built environment. There is no age barrier young or old for this opportunity.

For both the **photographic** and **artistic** opportunities please contact **David Bower** on **775790** or email: [newsletter@knowlesociety.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@knowlesociety.org.uk)

*If you see The Knowle Society as an effective agent in keeping Knowle as a good place in which to live, please consider whether you have the gifts or time that*

# Have you visited our web site yet?

[www.knowlesociety.org.uk](http://www.knowlesociety.org.uk)

**I**n addition to information about the Society and its functions, there are many useful pages including:

- Meetings and walks programmes—including any late changes
- Planning applications under review by the Society
- History exhibition news
- Contact email addresses



- Bus timetables
- Previous newsletters
- History section archive index—a wealth of local records
- Hot topics—small news items
- Online membership form
- Gift Aid declaration form

**Why not browse today?**

## Redrow wins on appeal

The main news on planning issues is that Solihull Council rejected the Parkridge plan for 78 apartments at 1266-1288 Warwick Road in September. Parkridge may well appeal or submit a new plan, or possibly revert to the earlier plan for 42 apartments, which has already been approved.

The Inspector has sided with Redrow and allowed it to proceed with its plan to build 24 apartments at 1290-1300 Warwick Road. He took the view that there is a need for smaller homes (which we accept) and he also thinks that this does not set a precedent for elsewhere.

The application for the conversion of buildings at Hall Farm (Lidgates) to make 12 new dwellings has been referred to the Secretary of State for approval

Many residents are relieved that the application by Demrstore for developments at the old Thacker's nursery has been withdrawn, but we all wait to see what the eventual outcome will be.

This is my last Newsletter report, since I will shortly be leaving the area for family reasons. I should like to thank the members of the Planning Sub-Committee who have supported me over the last few years. These include Dr. Bower, Peter Ellis and Peter Morton. The main brunt of the work has been undertaken by Norman Stanley and Phil Vince and we are all very grateful to them. Since Dr Bower and I are leaving, we are pleased to welcome two new members, Geoffrey Vaughan a retired building surveyor and Peter Ewin, a retired solicitor. I am pleased to say that Peter Ewin has kindly agreed to take over as Chairman and he can be contacted on:

776381, or email: [planning@knowlesociety.org.uk](mailto:planning@knowlesociety.org.uk)

**Ken Richards**  
**Outgoing Chairman**  
**Planning Sub-committee**

## Financial Report for 2002-3

The Knowle Society Balance Sheet and Accounts for the year to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2003 were presented at the Annual General Meeting on 24th November 2003.

Total Income for the year amounted to £4632, the main source being subscriptions of £2537. Unpaid subscriptions for the year 2002/2003 amounted to approximately £400 as at the accounting year end. Some of these outstanding subscriptions have since been paid.

There were no exceptional items in Expenditure, although it was noted that the Civic Trust subscription had risen sharply. Membership of the Trust however enables the Society to insure through them at a very competitive rate.

The deficit of £750 was transferred to the Accumulated Fund, which now stands at £3229, with a further £5000 in the Reserve Fund.

The Eva Wootton Fund now stands at £3879, with £100 having been donated to Knowle Parish Church towards the cost of bringing the Guild Register to the Village in February as part of the Church's 600 years celebration.

Mr Andrew Chadwick A. C. A. audited the accounts and was re-elected as Auditor.

It was also reported at the Annual General Meeting that the Executive Committee recommended a rise in the subscription rate. The last increase was in 1990. A proposal to increase to £3.00 for single membership, £5.00 for family membership and £10 for Vice Presidents was passed by a majority of those members present. The increase will come into effect from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2004. After the AGM it was realised that the Constitution only allows for Vice Presidents to be charged three times the rate of single membership. The V P's subscription from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2004 will therefore be £9.

**Sandra Lea**  
**Hon Treasurer**  
**Knowle 776850**

Editor - Current membership rates are £2.00, £3.00 and £6.00 respectively and are being collected now for the year to 30th September 2004

### Mollie Coton

We were all saddened by the death of Mollie Coton on December 10th after being unwell for some time. Molly, who had served as a steward at the Local History Centre for some years, was a walking encyclopaedia on the history of Knowle. She was also part of the Junior School Local History Project Team, which she particularly enjoyed. She made the effort to help this autumn, even though far from well.

Molly was a delightful person, whom we shall all miss, both for her contribution to the Local History Centre and as a friend. We shall remember her with great affection and extend our sympathy to her family. **EW**

# Local History

## DISPLAY FOR 3RD KNOWLE BROWNIES

A display of photographs was mounted for Knowle Brownies on 14th October.

## JUNIOR SCHOOL LOCAL HISTORY PROJECT

This enjoyable occasion is always near the start of the local history year. The children from Year 6 visit the Local History Centre to look at photographs from the collection and then ask long-standing residents about their memories of village life a few weeks later at the school. The two photographs below left show the first group of thirty children at the Local History Centre on 9th October and Miss Jennie Evans and Mr. Ray Morton answering questions at the school on 19th November.



Year 6 at the library



Answering questions

## DISPLAY FOR KNOWLE LIBRARY LOCAL HISTORY MONTH & SCRAPBOOK SATURDAY

This was definitely worthwhile, as it attracted quite a lot of interest and we hope to do it again sometime. We originally intended to use the standard promotional display which we have had for a number of years; but on inspection it looked decidedly old fashioned and we updated it in a more modern style - and were quite pleased with our efforts. Enough people came to *Scrapbook Saturday* on 25th October for it to be worthwhile repeating. See the photographs above. Our user guides (which were quite a lot of work, but worth it) were completed in time. There are three, which complement our existing promotional leaflet: *Using the Collection*, *Services for Societies, Schools & Businesses* and *Tracing Your House & Family in Knowle*. All of them are in the standard one third A4 format.

### DISPLAYS IN THE SHOW CASES:



Display at the library



Scrapbook Saturday

### 'FAREWELL MADDOCKS'

We hope people enjoyed *Goodbye Sodens*, which has been in the show cases since the beginning of September. It has now been replaced by *Farewell Maddocks*, which will remain until the end of February. As we are not putting on a main exhibition this year we shall be



Maddocks as a private house c. 1900

concentrating on the show case displays. Watch out for posters and details in future newsletters.

### ORAL HISTORY

John Johnson, who recently took over oral history from John Rear, has been practising on his good friend David Roe. As there is quite a backlog of oral histories which need typing on the computer, we have been doing a bit of arm twisting and are delighted to have persuaded John Chaloner to help us.

### LOCAL HISTORY CENTRE RE-ORGANISATION

Looking round the Local History Centre the other day it struck me that we have nearly got everything into the right places. One outstanding item is the maps, which are at present rolled in one of the cabinets, or folded if that was how we received them. They take up a lot of space and are not easy to access. As they are some of the most frequently wanted items, we propose to obtain some working copies which can be folded and put into the filing cabinets. The originals can then be flattened and kept in some sort of large folio case.



### COMING UP

Gillian Knight's talk, *The History of Dorridge*, is becoming popular: she has been asked to give it again next July. And Knowle & Dorridge Round Table has asked us to give a talk sometime during the year. We have settled on *Around the Square in Twenty Minutes*, to be given by John Johnson.

**Elaine S. Warner**  
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## Meetings and Social

**A** Very Happy New Year to you all. I hope that you have all enjoyed the Christmas Festivities.

Two members of this committee were involved in organising the Knowle Society Christmas Tree. Gary Masters has been at the forefront of this event for a number of years. This year, additional time has been spent as new lights have been purchased, after many months of obtaining quotes and deciding on the best ones for our use. Gary's involvement will cease after this year and I am sure you would like me to thank him on your behalf for his contribution to this event. Leighton Jones, the other member, has agreed to continue in this roll for 2004. However we need to replace Gary. Although this is a very important part of the Society's Programme, it is after all a 'once a year job'. Is there anyone who feels able to help? Please telephone me on the number below and I would be pleased to give you more detailed information.

The Boxing Day Walk does not happen without a great deal of organisation. As I write this report, plans are in hand for Leighton Jones to lead the walk, with Susan Trucchi as his back marker. But then what would the walk be without the refreshments half way round? As usual Diane and Ted Reville have kindly agreed to organise the liquid refreshments and to them I give my sincere thanks. Many members have agreed

to donate mince pies and by the time you read this newsletter I trust all the walkers will have enjoyed the exercise etc.

Over the last year this Committee has selected a programme for 2004 that it is hoped will be both interesting and informative. A new sound system has been installed at the Village Hall, and it is hoped that this will increase the enjoyment for many of you who have had difficulty in hearing speakers over the last few years. A loop system is also available now for those of you who have hearing aids.

I am preparing this report as a member of the Meetings & Social sub-committee, having resigned from the Chairmanship at the Annual General Meeting in November. Those of you who attended that meeting will recall that the retiring chairman Peter Ellis appealed for help on this Committee. Please see Page 2 for details of the help that is required.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible over the next few months. We had very good attendance at our meetings last year and I hope to see this continue during 2004.

**Sandra Lea**  
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## Pathfinder: St John's Close

**S**ince the last Newsletter, the Pathfinder group has held a second Open Day in October, in the Village Hall. The team presented the findings from the first Open Day and posed a set of recommendations. Again the community's views were sought on the material presented but this time the responses were gathered less formally than by a questionnaire.

Some might consider that the community response was poor but actually there were only slightly fewer people than the first time. The team felt that the quality of interest was very high and was encouraged that the proposals were generally 'scratching where it itched'! In addition some interested new members were recruited and we hope to be able to build on the contacts made then.

In the presentations made at the second Open Day, proposals were made about one-way systems around the green and linking the car parks by Tesco and the Village Hall. Radical rearrangement of these car parks was also proposed. Improvements to the appearance of the path from Lodge Road, past the Scout Hut to the green were suggested, as were other pedestrian routes in the central area. Partial parking restrictions were

proposed for the section of St John's Close between the green and Lodge Road. Changes to the junction with Lodge Road and Longdon Road were proposed to slow the traffic in Lodge Road, ease the exit from St John's Close and enable easier pedestrian crossing of Lodge Road.

In the light of the encouraging responses and the absence of significant disagreement, the team feels justified in moving to the next stage, which is to prioritise and clarify the objectives and present them to Solihull Council.

Anybody wishing to raise questions or contribute ideas is invited to contact us. We are continuing our contacts with individual residents as they are requested and these are very welcome.

**David Bower / Malcolm Brain / Leighton Jones**  
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# Amenities

## ***A GREEN REVOLUTION?***

At the Planning Sub-Committee meeting of the Council on 15<sup>th</sup> October, a group of residents made several objections to the provision of skateboarding facilities within Jobs Close Park, also known as Knowle Park. It also came to the Society's attention that the proposed sighting of the facility had been changed from that shown on previous consultation plans. On this basis the Society objected. It is to be made clear that the Society is in favour of additional provisions being made for the benefit of children within the park, subject to them being considered appropriate to the positioning, and not becoming an eyesore.

The objections have been acknowledged by the Council, and at the time of writing, (late November); it appears that some benefit is to come from the concerns expressed in the form of a new group being formed, called the Friends of Knowle Park. It is hoped that the Society can work closely with this new group to ensure that the beauty of our landscaped area can be protected, and maybe enhanced, so that ALL the residents and visitors can be proud of our heritage, not only for the present, but for the future as well.

## ***SPEED KILLS!***

The provision by the Council of a mobile speed monitor around the village in Browns Lane, Longdon Road, Tilehouse Green Lane, and Lady Byron Lane, is to be applauded. It is a stated fact that the majority of offenders exceeding the 30 mph speed limit are the local inhabitants of the area concerned. It is to be hoped that the residents of Knowle heed the warnings issued by the equipment, before the Police are in attendance and issue the necessary fines.

West Midlands Police have issued their winter warning in connection with vehicle theft, both from the vehicle and of the vehicle itself. The Special Constabulary have been targeted to ensure that areas of vulnerability are made less attractive, i.e. hotel and public house car parks, unlit private and council car parks, and the active policing of hotspots. Residents are reminded to be diligent when first starting their vehicles in the morning. Do not leave the vehicle "warming up" on the drive without an occupant. In addition be aware of key theft from the premises by moving the keys away from sight, and ensure that the car is garaged where possible. Vehicle crime in our area is the highest crime figure. Please be careful.

## ***IS IT A BIRD, OR IS IT A PLANE?***

Your sub-committee had the opportunity to attend the offices of the Birmingham Airport Environmental Monitoring unit. Before attending we were of the opinion that a substantial increase in over flying, and

the subsequent increase in noise, was occurring above Knowle. The equipment shown to us was impressive, and to receive a demonstration was even more staggering. In total we spent nearly two hours witnessing the effects of the equipment and asking questions, with the result that we are now convinced that apart from the odd occasion the sky above the village is not being used more frequently by aircraft. It was also explained that the direction of the wind in the atmosphere can also have a significant effect on the noise element. An excellent visit which has been recommended to the Meetings and Social committee for it be included in their future programme.

## ***WHAT NEXT?***

Liaison with the group responsible for the Pathfinder project, in order to look at the results and prepare recommendations to be included in a report to the Council. If anyone would be interested in this work, please make contact.

Monitoring the traffic situation will receive special attention, and maybe it is about time for the Lodge Road/Warwick Road/Hampton Road junction to be investigated again. In this connection I look forward to receiving your comments and any proposals you may have to rectify the increasing problems that occur at this junction. I would point out that if few accidents have occurred around this junction in the last three years then the Council will not consider the need to take any further action. I appreciate that some people are of the opinion that because of the way that the junction is, then it is to be considered an advantage; and is in itself a traffic calming measure. These views will equally be appreciated.

The removal of the public conveniences in the park have pointed out more strongly that there is a need for a more central modern toilet in the village. This matter will also be explored with the Council, and if you have any observations then please forward them.

Around the corner you have the early part of spring to look forward to, and just think, it will soon be April, when you read my article again.

**Gary Masters**

**779955**

**amenities@knowlesociety.org.uk**



## Freeze or Burn?

**I**t was  $-3^{\circ}\text{C}$ . with a Siberian wind when this report was written last year! Today, after last week's cold and stormy spell, it continues very mild at  $10^{\circ}\text{C}$ . with alternating heavy rain showers and bright sunshine. Today is typical of the turbulent weather patterns of climate change. Swans and geese are appearing far to the north of their normal range, the famous Glencoe Ski Centre is closing down for this winter, and Severn Trent is going to take vast quantities of water from the River Severn to mix with our local supplies. So much of our present rainfall rushes directly from storm-water drains in roads and built-over flood plains and is lost out to sea, instead of filling the underground aquifers so needed in times of drought.

**Black Poplars** - Inexplicably, none of last year's cuttings have survived, whether in tree-wardens' gardens, the Council's old tree nursery, or in water. We shall try again, with more advice from the Biological Records Centre.

**Trees** - overhanging ash trees in Hillmorton Road have at last been pruned back following complaints by the residents. If anyone is concerned that future development or even driveway work could endanger the root system of an old-established tree, the Council may consider making a Tree Preservation Order. We will pass on any of your concerns.

**Warwick Road** - All the London Plane trees in the Warwick Road between Knowle and the M42 are being felled for safety reasons. Solihull Council wants to replant with non-native Red Oaks, but there was an overwhelming vote at the Society's A.G.M. in favour of Small-leaved Lime, one of Britain's oldest native



trees which, unlike the Common Lime, does not drip honeydew.

**Nature Reserve** - Our Nature Conservation Committee celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a very jolly party for present and past members and helpers at the Red Lion. Our guest speaker was David Lowe, Solihull Council Ecologist, who told us that the boundaries of the proposed Local Nature Reserve had now been extended outwards from Purnells Brook into the Park, and that a partial dredging of the pond would safeguard the resident moorhen family and the mallards.



David Lowe (Solihull Council's Ecologist), Stella Jarman and Peter Ellis at the 30th anniversary celebration.

**Brueton Nature Centre (Solihull)** - is very popular with school parties and children's activities, and it will soon promote environmental education for adults. The cafe has a new franchise and is now open every day of the week.

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## Help The Knowle Society to 'bloom'—why not invite a friend or neighbour to join!

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**Jobs Close Park** - From a nature conservation point of view, this lovely park is quite unique. Its wonderfully open aspect and its gentle downward slope over the still just visible outlines of ancient ridge and furrow ploughing, to the equally tree-lined Purnells Brook as it meanders through its little valley—all this makes our Park a very special place indeed, whether wandering with the family, walking the dog, playing games on the way to the village or just to the Play Area. And there is no traffic to spew out its polluting fumes and noise! A big Thank-you, here, not only to the Rangers, but also to the dads and mums—and to the dog walkers—who regularly pick up other people's litter and are meticulous themselves, in their own dog care.

The Concept Plan fills our Park with imaginary trees and shrubs that would hide its open aspect—as well as its glorious sunsets! And, having been drawn on to a blank map, it does not identify the existing treescape of named tree species as shown on the Tree Officer's computerised map. Would not the Plan have been more useful to the public as an overlay on this computer map? There are in fact many anomalies in the Concept proposals which we hope to discuss with

the Council in the New Year, such as trees in front of the Jobs Close hedge and shrubbery over the traditional toboggan run!

**Britain-in-Bloom for Knowle?** - Stella attended a seminar in Oswestry for all Heart of England villages, to discuss the possibility of each hosting its own *In Bloom* event. Despite much enthusiasm, the huge amount of organisation and commitment needed from the whole community, let alone sponsorship, makes for a very brave decision to 'go it alone', especially as Knowle benefited enormously from the Council's wonderful floral displays all down the High Street and around the village. But we will pass on the information to other Knowle organisations!

**Stella Jarman**  
**Nature Conservation**  
**Knowle 774528**

Photos: John Jarman

## First report from the new Membership Secretary

**M**y ancient computer has been reprieved from the scrap heap, serviced, upgraded and is now fully functional. This makes it possible for me to give my first report as membership secretary. I am very pleased to start my term of office by reporting a net increase of eight in our numbers. This means that the total number of members now stands at 1774.

I would like to say thank you to all who have filled in and returned their Gift Aid Forms. The total number of households now signed up stands at 393 representing 663 members. I am hoping that some more members will see their way clear to returning the form on the back page, as every completed and returned form is a help to the Society.

Our website, managed by David Bower is bringing the Society to the notice of more potential members and we are receiving some useful enquiries.

This is my first opportunity to extend a warm welcome to the new members of this Society and we all hope to have the pleasure of their company at some of our future meetings. The following are the new members who have joined us since the last newsletter.

### New Members

Mr P Bertrand  
 Mr & Mrs Finch  
 Ms P Gomez  
 Mr & Mrs M E Harper  
 Mr & Mrs J Keown  
 Mrs C Lewis  
 Mr & Mrs S Lockwood  
 Mr P & Mrs S Muir  
 Mr J W Potts  
 Mr & Mrs A L Pritchett  
 Mr & Mrs Roberts

**Derek Mellor**  
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## Officers & Committees 2003/2004

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Mr Peter Ewin	46 Chantry Heath Crescent	776381
Mr Adrian Emsden	42 Widney Road	774511
Mrs Stella Jarman	229 Station Road	774528
Mr Leighton Jones	23 Newton Road	773894
Ms Chris Keeley	24 Kenilworth Road	770267
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Dr Peter Morton	18 Barnbrook Road	778688
Mr Colin Smith	102 Tilehouse Green Lane	772981
Mrs Elaine Warner	17 Blackdown Road	775887

### Planning Sub-committee

<u>Mr Peter Ewin</u> *	Mr Peter Ellis *
Dr Peter Morton *	Mr Norman Stanley
Mr Geoffrey Vaughan	Mr Phil Vince

### Amenities Sub-committee

<u>Mr Gary Masters</u> *	Mr Paul Blackman
Mr Allan Coleman	Mr James Randle
Mr John Rowley	

### Local History Sub-committee

<u>Mrs Elaine Warner</u> *	Mrs Julia Brain
Mr John Johnson	Mrs Gillian Knight
Mrs Valerie Morton	Mrs Elizabeth Stanley
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### Nature Conservation Sub-committee

<u>Mrs Stella Jarman</u> *	Mr Mike Bignell
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Mrs Sue Owen	Mr Tony Rowe

### Meetings and Social Sub-committee

<i>Vacant</i>	Mr Leighton Jones *
Mrs Sandra Lea *	Mrs Gary Masters
Mrs Sue Trucchi	Mrs June Vaughan

<b>Local Walks:</b>	Mr Leighton Jones *
<b>Membership:</b>	Mr Derek Mellor *
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Messrs David Bower, Malcolm Brain, Leighton Jones	

### REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

#### Birmingham Airport Environment Working Group

Mr John Rowley

#### B'ham & Solihull Transport Users' Advisory Cmte

Mr Lewis Edwards \*

#### Conservation Area Advisory Committee

Mr Phil Vince

#### Solihull South Police Authority Consultative Cmte

Mr Paul Blackman

#### West Midlands Amenity Societies Association

Mr Peter Ewin\*

\* Member of Executive Committee  
*Sub-committee chairman* (+ Acting)

Jan 04

## The Knowle Society - Gift Aid Declaration

Surname..... Forenames.....

Address.....

Post Code.....

I want The Knowle Society (Registered Charity No 238524) to treat as Gift Aid, all donations and subscriptions that I have made since 1st October 2000 and all donations and subscriptions that I make in the future, until I notify you otherwise. I must pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that the Charity reclaims on my donations in each relevant tax year.

Signed..... Date.....

Please return this form when completed to the Membership Secretary, Mr Derek Mellor,  
 92 Chantry Heath Crescent, Knowle, Solihull, B93 9NJ, or to your Newsletter Distributor.

Along with this newsletter, each member's household should receive a copy of a green 2004 Programme card with details of all activities for the year.

A large print copy of the Programme can be supplied on request to the editor.

Copies of past newsletters from and including January 2001 (always excepting the current issue) are available on the website in a text-only format.

The committee list on page 9 has been produced in a different format this year.

If you require additional copies, these can be made available on request, preferably by email to [newsletter@knowlesociety.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@knowlesociety.org.uk)

The Gift Aid form on page 9 may also be printed from the website.