

# The Knowle Society



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## From our Chairman

**O**ver the last few weeks the issue of the enlargement of Birmingham Airport has resurfaced and I am going to devote my piece in this quarter's Newsletter to the Knowle Society's position on the matter.

Like everyone else, we have to accept that the first round of consultations is over. We made our views known in the appropriate places, now we must accept the government's broad conclusions and, working within them, seek the best possible outcome for our area. The Knowle Society has a representative on the Airport Consultative Committee and through him, we shall keep up-to-date with developments. Our representative will, at an early stage, register with the Airport authorities our concern about overflying the built-up area, with any consequent noise

pollution and seek an assurance that this concern will be taken into account in the planning process.

No Masterplan is likely to emerge from the Airport for at least a year: there will be nothing definite to comment on until it does.

There are enormous financial and technical problems for the Airport to solve, not least the provision of adequate road facilities for an enlarged airport.

The whole project depends upon its financial viability. Broad-brush forecasts, which have been published by the Government, will not suffice. Much work in this area must be done.

2016 is the estimated date for an enhanced airport to come into use. Be-

fore this can happen there are many current unknowns which will have to be established and taken into account in the decision making process. These include finance, proven demand for air travel, technical developments in aircraft, technical developments in communications and the strength of competition from neighbouring airports.

Whilst we shall not be complacent, there is no need to be overly concerned by some of the alarmist forecasts which are around. Many changes from the early schemes are certain to be made over the coming years. When definite plans are produced we shall have something to respond to. In the meantime, our best policy is to watch and wait.

Colin Smith - Knowle 772981

### Events Diary

**Monday 19th April**  
8.00pm in the Village Hall  
**Wednesday 5th May**  
7.30pm outside the Guild House  
**Sunday 16th May**  
2.30pm outside the Guild House  
**Monday 21st June**  
8.00pm in the Village Hall  
**Wednesday 23rd June**  
7.30pm outside the Guild House  
**Wednesday 30th June**  
7.00pm at Temple Balsall  
**Monday 19th July**  
8.00pm in the Village Hall

**Solihull Parks & Nature Reserves**  
Illustrated talk by Tracy Churchyard, Park Ranger, Solihull MBC  
**Bluebell Walk**

**Summer Flowers Walk**

**St John's Close Project**  
Illustrated talk by Leighton Jones, Knowle Society (Pathfinder Team)  
**Local Walk**

**Visit to Temple Balsall—booking required (see attached form)**  
By invitation of Revd. Dr. J Woodward, Master of Lady K. Leveson Foundation  
**Talking Newspapers**  
Talk by Don Clark



## EXCELLENT RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FOR HELP

As you can see, we have a new look for this issue of our quarterly newsletter. Please let us know what you think about it—we hope that it will please more people than it irritates!

This change owes a lot to Paul Burley, a member and retired architect, who responded to the request for artistic help. He has specially drawn the new picture of Knowle which graces the front page and has also given the editor some useful ideas about enhancing the layout. We hope that Paul will be able to provide us with more drawings from time to time.

Maria Brown has kindly offered to join John Chaloner as a proofreader. We also hope that some of the unfortunate gremlins that slipped into the last issue after proofreading have not been repeated in this issue.

Walter Birch received an offer of help with the newsletter distribution, though the Social Committee is still hoping for its knight (or lady) in shining armour to appear. This latter role really does need a member to step forward and meet a real need, as the meetings programme is a very important part of the Society's life.

Those of you who look at the society's website will be pleased to know that as a result of the appeal in the last issue, the request for a photographer has been ably met by Roger Grainger. Roger has already brought not only the benefit of site photographs for each of the planning applications that the society is considering but also a GPS bearing that enables each site to be located precisely on web-linked maps. This will surely help those of us who confuse our Parkridges with our Redrows. Roger is also contributing some of the photographs for the newsletter where we have news that benefits from pictorial support.

## WHAT'S NEW ON THE SOCIETY'S WEBSITE?

As described above, the planning applications page has been made more useful by the addition of photographs and maps which will help members who are not familiar with the relevant street numbers to relate to the properties in question.

The Society's constitution, as amended at the 2002 AGM, is now available online—a practice which is recommended by The Civic Trust. The Trust acts as an umbrella organisation to societies such as ours.

Recent newsletters had been archived on the website from January of this year but now back issues to 2001 have been made available as facsimile images in the popular pdf format. This means that for issues after 2003, photographs which have been made available in colour but could only be printed in monochrome, will now be available on the website in the original colour format.

If in the last few weeks you have used the links on the website to contact the History Section about tracing your genealogy or family homes in Knowle and you have not yet heard from them, please will you resubmit your query as some of those emails have been lost.

If there is something that you would like the Society to make available online please email your suggestion. If there is something that you have read about that is on the website but you cannot access it because you do not have email, please contact David Bower on Knowle 775790.



The old...



...and the new



*Meetings & Social Committee's 'knight (or lady) in shining armour'*



*Worth exploring...*

*...the website opens a window onto the society's extensive archives and demonstrates why the Local History Centre is one of the Society's busiest sections*



Peter Ewin—new chairman of the Planning sub-Committee

## DOES KNOWLE NEED MORE FLATS?

This is my first report as the new chairman of the planning sub-committee and I would like to start by thanking the Society for asking me as a new committee member to chair this committee. I would also like to thank the existing members of the committee who make my job comparatively easy.

I should like to address several themes rather than look at too many individual cases in this report. The place to go for the latter is increasingly the website which has now been considerably enhanced by David Bower and Roger Grainger who has added photographs with direction finders to assist with identification of the properties concerned.

The first theme I want to look at is the increasing trend towards redevelopment of larger properties with blocks of flats or apartments as the developers would prefer to call them. The planning authorities have identified a need for ‘smaller’ properties generally as the number of people living alone increases. Knowle cannot buck this trend and in my view must show that it is welcoming to all, not just families with ‘2 point 2’ children. However it is apparent that one of the reasons Knowle is such a popular place to live is the basic appearance of the ‘street scene’ as the planners call it and any development should reflect this above all. For that reason my committee look very hard at any proposal of this type.

Most if not all readers of this newsletter will be fully aware of the situation relative to the proposed flats to be built on the right hand side of Warwick Road coming from the M42 into the village. The first area one comes to which has been boarded up for a considerable time is becoming an eyesore while the developers decide whether to proceed with the original planning permission or not. The area of 1290 to 1300 Warwick Road further down the road now has planning permission but the proposed developers have apparently changed their minds and others will now probably be involved. Watch this space!

An application has recently been submitted for the demolition of 240 – 242 Station Road and the erection of a block of nine flats on three floors. Although the design is more sympathetic than some, the committee has objected that it is still over bearing and detrimental to the street scene. This application is still to be heard at the time of this report’s preparation and we await the outcome with interest.

Another theme of concern is the High Street shops’ fronts and signage. This has been referred to in previous newsletters and the Council has now promised to write to all shop owners reminding them of their responsibilities in a Conservation Area. It is hoped this will prevent problems of planning breach in the future.

On that subject, we are told by the Council that all Solihull’s Conservation Areas will be subject to re-appraisal over the coming years so that the guidelines are clearer and therefore easier to enforce. It is likely that Knowle will be put through that process within two or three years and this committee will be very much involved in putting forward the views of the Society at that time.

What was Thacker’s Nursery is still a subject of some concern. The Council imposed a Tree Preservation Order on many of the trees on the nursery which after further consideration was reduced in scope so that only some 17 trees are now protected. The majority of the rest have very recently been felled and it is hoped that the new owners or tenants as the case may be will now commence a re-planting programme in accordance with the only planning permission that exists i.e. that of a nursery.

Lastly it is understood that the future of the old bowling green behind the Red Lion may be decided in the near future. As far as is known no planning applications have been submitted yet but it is believed that one is likely shortly. What is planned may depend on who is the ultimate owner but the committee will be carefully monitoring the situation.

Peter Ewin - Knowle 776381

**SCANNING OF PHOTOGRAPHS**

We are indebted to Geoffrey Dean, who has volunteered to scan in all the photographs. Computer-generated images have all sorts of uses, quite apart from the convenience of having them available on screen. From the few we had already scanned we have created permanent displays, produced prints of different sizes and inserted them in the newsletter and *Knowle Parish Magazine*. We shall not stop using ordinary film, at least not yet. At present nothing matches a black and white negative/print: some prints are 150 years old and still going strong, whilst the longevity of CDs is quite short (we shall have to re-write them every four years). We have taken professional advice as to best practice from the National Monuments Record, who have advised us on resolution, type of CD, etc.

**THE WILSON PAPERS**

You may remember (or have read in *Knowle Parish Magazine*) that we have a deed box of papers relating to the Wilson family of Knowle Hall. They really belong with the rest of the Wilson archives, which have been at Warwickshire County Record Office since 1948. Having copied those we want for our own collection we have given the originals to the Record Office. The present display in the show cases is based on them (see below).

**SHOW CASES: 'GUMLEY WILSON, SQUIRE OF KNOWLE'**

This latest display will remain until the end of May - you may have read our article in the *Knowle Parish Magazine*. William Henry Bowen Jordan Wilson ('Gumley' Wilson) inherited the Manor of Knowle in 1831. He is best known for his gross extravagance, resulting in bankruptcy and the sale of the estate in 1849. But there was more to him than that. He was charming, clever, well-read and a good landlord, who earned the affection of his friends and tenants - and of his ruined family. This small exhibition, much of it in his own words, traces his life from his birth in a country rectory, school, the army and life as the Lord of the Manor of Knowle. He fled to America to escape his debts in 1852, returning in 1868 to twenty years of penury and an ignominious end in a pauper's grave. Acrimonious family arguments followed - the succeeding two generations showed all the same signs.

**60TH ANNIVERSARY OF D DAY: JUNE 2004**

We have been asked to provide a display for the British Legion's open day on June 5th. This is still under discussion, but by the next newsletter will have been and gone. One idea is to base it on places in the village relating to the war, but it may turn out differently. Our standard display about the Local History Centre will also be on show.

**FUTURE DISPLAYS IN THE SHOW CASES**

Concentrating on the showcase displays seems to be working well, particularly with the extra publicity. (Thank you to Sydney Bryson for telling us we need it.) We have a few ideas for future ones, but events have a habit of overtaking us: it has happened twice this year already. Some possibilities are *New to the Archives (A Selection of New Accessions)*; *The Knowle Medical Services*; *The History of Johnson's Garage*; *Grimshaw Hall*.

**ORAL HISTORY**

John Johnson has finished interviewing David Roe.

**NEW STEWARDS**

We have two gaps in the stewards' rota: Mollie Coton died recently and Barbara Davies, who has served for several years, cannot continue. We are very pleased to welcome Pam Turner and Chris Weir in their place. Both have been in Knowle for a long time and will be able to help enquirers. We hope they enjoy it. Thank you to both of them and to Barbara.

*Henwood Mill, 1930s (?)**The deed box**Old Knowle Hall, 1829**On Go Easy, 1838**Old swing bridge, Grove Farm**Helping a reader*

Elaine S. Warner  
Knowle 775887

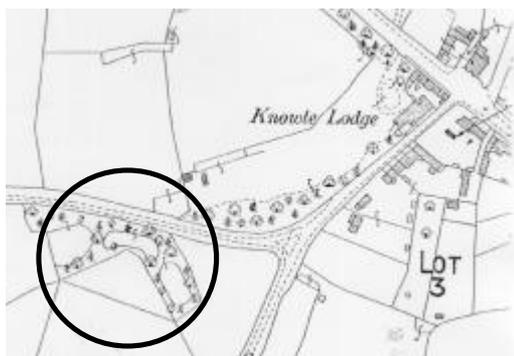
## JOBS CLOSE PARK



*Toilet block demolition—September 2003*



*Mike Bignell clearing the pond—November 2002*



*1938 map showing three ponds in Jobs Close*



*The pond at Jobs Close—November 2002*

**Stella Jarman—Knowle 774528**

**Local Nature Reserve (LNR)** - At long last the Council Ecologist is ready to send the Nature Reserve papers to Council Cabinet for scrutiny and for recommendation to English Nature for LNR status.

Not so with **Jobs Close Park!** - Incredibly we are now in the 6th year of Consultation yet still without resolution on the main issues. The Society's initial two-page response of 1<sup>st</sup> December 1998 stated: "**Jobs Close Park should continue to be maintained as a special haven for quiet enjoyment away from traffic fumes and noise pollution - however it is recognised that a park is for everyone to enjoy provided that the activities are not detrimental to the quality of the environment and are directed away from sensitive areas.**" Since that date, council officials - and grant opportunities - came and went with little action. Vandalism of the toilets has resulted in the official demolition of the block. Our two splendid new Park Rangers have worked wonders, including putting up ten nest boxes around the park. The Rangers say that the rubbish dams that appeared in the brook during half-term will be cleared promptly!

**Jobs Close Pond** - is due to be part-dredged following a meeting with the Ecologist, the Rangers - and the Territorial Army! Can anyone add to the following brief history?

The Park pond, and two further pits up the hill (now the deep glade), do not appear on the 1816 Enclosure map. This land belonged to Rev'd Blyth's great Lodge estate purchased 1806, and by 1841 the Tithe map does show our Park pond (but not the pits behind) plus two more ponds on his land on the north side of Waste Lane (Longdon Rd). The 1887 6" OS map is very interesting. Those two ponds have disappeared under a narrow Arboretum of mixed trees which continues on our park side and climbs the hill where our two pits are now shown. Was Rev'd Blyth creating a 'Pleasance' here, influenced by his family connection with the Boultsbees of Springfield whose new 'Pleasance' with large pond and boat is now a Warwickshire Wildlife Nature Reserve?

There was a boathouse on the Jobs Close pond whilst at Cedarhurst School in the big house (Jobs Close), built 1904 and acquired by Solihull Council 1943, "The pits were dug for clay to build some early houses in Knowle". Mr. Huson (last Parks Superintendent) remembers that storm water fed into the lower pond where a pipe now trickles water through. His workmen in waders cleared the pond several times in the 1970/80's. The edge was concreted, the first steps built, the high banks shored up with vertical poles, and pondweed and Typha introduced.

The Lodge's Arboretum was felled for the 1950's housing on Longdon Road but the great trees on our side remain with the pond and glade as a legacy of that early 19thC Arboretum and Pleasance. Rarities include Small-leaved Lime, Italian Maple and Bhutan Pine.

We have appealed for sensitive management around the pond as any opening up of the undergrowth on the vertical side will expose the nesting and roosting sites - hopefully the mallards and moorhens will also survive the proposed dredging!

## 'ELLO, 'ELLO, 'ELLO

Those famous music hall words should soon be heard resonating along our own High Street, as well as other parts of the village scene. The initiative implemented by Chief Superintendent McGinty as a result of the Home Office publication "Policing: Building Safer Communities Together", is to result in some substantial changes. The Police need to encourage more effective use of the skills and knowledge within the local community and to encourage and enable more people to become involved, even the smallest contribution can make a difference. The intention is that people recognise problems in their area and become part of the solution in partnership with the police, local businesses, public services and community groups. To show that your Society is taking this matter on board a representative of the local force under Sergeant Ann Strachan is now being invited to attend meetings of this sub-committee, when relevant points of concern are raised. Currently points raised are the drinking of alcohol in Jobs Close Park, and car parking abuse in and around the village.

## GREEN, GREEN GRASS OF HOME

This is not intended to start you all singing a famous hit song, but to emphasise the importance of the area looking as it should. Over the last few months many motorists, some living locally, have been witnessed driving over the grassed land, mostly in St Johns Close. Arrangements are in hand to have the ~~grass~~ area opposite the rear entrance to the Red Lion extended in view of the difficulties of the lorries servicing the public house. The footpath to the latest extension of the car park at the northern side of the village hall is being used by some motorists as a short cut onto the service road, instead of driving back round the car park and using the correct entrance/exit. This is potentially dangerous, as well as inconsiderate. Why are so many drivers so blatantly ignoring the Highway Code these days? Parking on pavements is also becoming an increasing problem around all parts of the village, even in residential roads.

Our greenest 'lung' is Jobs Close Park, and it is noted that your Council will now be asking residents what they would like to see as facilities in the park in the future. Instead of "ideas" being put forward for consultation, it has now been acknowledged that if a majority are seeking some increased facilities then this should be the way forward. A far less confrontational, and more English, way of procedure.

## ROUND THE CORNER



I have been disappointed in not receiving any opinions concerning the road junction at Warwick Road/Lodge Road/Hampton Road, as requested in my previous article. If no one feels that this is a priority, then your committee's attention will be moved onto more relevant matters.

Gary Masters - Knowle 779955

## A note from Sergeant Ann Strachan:

It is with great pleasure that I write my very first article as your area Police Sergeant and one of many articles I hope. Just to briefly introduce myself, my name is Ann Strachan and I have been a Police Officer for 22 years. I am a married mother of two young children and live in Shirley. I joined Solihull rural police sector at a very exciting period and one where I was involved in shaping the new rural sector to make a difference to the community.

In brief the changes are more than 30% increase in police resources giving great enhancements. There are now three teams of officers headed by a Sergeant with specific remit for the policing of named areas. My team and I are responsible for Knowle, Dorridge, Bentley Heath, Hockley Heath and Chadwick End. Sergeant Geraldine Clifford and her team are responsible for Balsall Common and Berkswell area and Sergeant Bernard McEl-downey and his team are responsible for Hampton and Meriden area. Police coverage will extend to 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The teams will be based initially at Solihull Police Station until a suitable rural base can be established.

The rural sector is currently awaiting delivery of a state of the art mobile police station which will be used by the rural teams to deliver their policing services to within the heart of communities. It is my intention for myself and my team to get to know our community. Unfortunately I cannot pledge a promise to you to have no crime or disorder within the community we police, but what I do pledge is that we will do our best to police your area to the best of our ability. I am looking forward to policing your community and I have great expectations that together we can make a difference.

If you would like to get in touch with me please telephone 0845 113 5000 and ask for Sergeant Strachan or email me:

a.strachan@west-midlands.police.uk

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Despite further computer problems I am still in business and I wish to thank those members who responded to my request in the last newsletter to send in completed Gift Aid forms. I am repeating my request in the hope of a further deluge ending up on my desk. A copy of the form is printed on the fold-out sheet of this newsletter. Maybe, you might find it possible to casually mention our website and all the useful information it contains to your neighbours and who knows we might get a few more enquiries for membership.

Derek Mellor—Knowle 205129

## MEETINGS AND MONEY

**MONDAY APRIL 19<sup>th</sup> 2004: SOLIHULL PARKS AND NATURE RESERVES.** An illustrated talk by Park Ranger, Tracy Churchyard. Solihull Council's aim is to 'Maximise the benefit derived from our parks and open spaces by creating accessible, attractive, clean, safe, varied and welcoming environments which contribute to the quality of life of people who live in, work in and visit Solihull'. Do come along, listen and contribute to the evening, by voicing your opinions.

**MONDAY JUNE 21<sup>st</sup> 2004: THE ST. JOHNS CLOSE PROJECT.** An illustrated talk by Mr Leighton Jones of the Knowle Society. Members will remember the efforts made over the last twelve months by the society, to engage in public debate over the St Johns Close area. Please come along so that you can hear the final conclusions, and discover how it is hoped that the ideas and thoughts of residents may be used in the future.

**MONDAY JULY 19<sup>th</sup> 2004: TALKING NEWSPAPERS.** A talk by Mr Don Clark. The Talking Newspapers Association of the UK (TNAUK) is the UK's leading charity providing national and local newspapers and magazines on audio tape, computer disc, email, internet download and CD-Rom for visually impaired and disabled people who find reading a strain.

*Please see the fold-out page for details of a visit to Temple Balsall on 30<sup>th</sup> June.*

We are still looking for new members for this sub committee. If you have time to spare please telephone me and offer your help. Without help we cannot continue indefinitely to hold the monthly meetings as at present.

At the last Executive Meeting in February, I was able to report that we were at that time showing a small profit of £205 for the year. This is after some considerable unusual expenditure. The new Christmas Lights cost £536, but I hope members feel that it was money well spent, as the tree looked particularly attractive this Christmas. We have also paid for amplification equipment for use in the village hall amounting to £325. Those members who attend our Monday meetings have received a great deal of benefit from this investment. The amount received so far in respect of subscriptions for the year 2003/2004 is £2182. My sincere thanks go to Walter Birch, Derek Mellor and the distributors, for all their hard work in collecting these.

Sandra Lea—Knowle 776850

## PATHFINDER UPDATE

The St Johns Close initiative of the Society's Pathfinder group has been quiet for a few months with other commitments but is in motion again and is currently preparing a report to Solihull Council on the findings of our public consultation. We are grateful for the interest shown by many members and the wider community. A report has been sent to the Civic Trust, thanking them for the initiative and the training received by the Society—we will continue our efforts within the existing structures of the Society.

Welcome to our new members...

Mr & Mrs M Atherton  
Mr & Mrs T Bayliss  
Mr Bray  
Mr & Mrs Coane  
Mr & Mrs D Grant  
Miss J Hill  
Mr H Jerwood  
Ms C Keeley  
Mr & Mrs G Loughran  
Mr & Mrs N McLauchan  
Ms P Meaking  
Mr & Mrs K Messenger  
Mr & Mrs J Partridge  
Mr & Mrs D Pinwell  
Mr P Reynold  
Mr & Mrs Rosier  
Mr & Mrs A J Ryder  
Mrs E Simpson  
Mr D S Stephen  
Mr B Stevens  
Mr & Mrs G K Taylor  
Mrs J Tindall  
Ms P Wells  
Mr & Mrs Wilkes  
Mr J Wood  
Mrs M Wood

*Can you encourage your friends and neighbours to join the Knowle Society? This may be done either by contacting the membership Secretary or through an application form on the website:  
[www.knowsociety.org.uk](http://www.knowsociety.org.uk)*

In the next issue...

1st Knowle Scouts received a £500 cheque on 10th March from the Eva Wootton Fund. Report and picture of the Society's chairman handing over the cheque in a short ceremony at the Scout Hut. More information on the Society's website.

## KNOWLE SOCIETY (R)AMBLERS

To be truthful we are more than *amblers*, but I wouldn't describe us as fully fledged *Ramblers*. We enjoy our walking because the distances are modest; the terrain not difficult; and above all, the company is excellent. If you've not done so before, why not join us on one of our walks this year.

An amazing number of people did just that on Boxing Day 2003, over 90 turning out for the traditional walk from the Church via Kixley Lane to the canal, then through Waterfield Farm and down to Elvers Green ford. It was a great sight to see the crocodile of walkers stretching over three fields, all chatting away to the friends and family they had brought along, or the strangers they'd just met. The refreshment point, amply supplied with hot mulled wine and mince pies, was manned by the Reville and Masters families. There was no shortage of supplies, but we eventually wandered off, returning to the Church in good time to get home for our lunch-time meals.

This year's walk will be on 26th December, which is a Sunday, so we will meet in the car park at the rear of the Church. (Also known as the school car park, or 'the one behind the library'.) Let's see if we can break the record for the number of walkers, it only needs a few more to turn up. All are welcome, so if you have visitors, bring (or send!) them along to join us. We'll make sure we have enough refreshments.

By the time this Newsletter appears, we will have done our first walk of this year. We are hoping for a good display of daffodils around Packwood House, but judging by the early spring we are already into (despite the snow coming down as I write this!) we'll be more likely to have just the last stragglers. Never mind, it's a nice area for a walk anyway.

There are two walks in May; an evening one on Wednesday 5th May when we hope to get the benefit of some attractive bluebells; and the 'Summer Flowers' walk on Sunday 16th May. To be honest, even with the early seasons, this is more likely to be a 'Late Spring Flowers' walk, but we'll find some good specimens, no doubt.

I haven't yet decided where to go for the 'Midsummer' walk on Wednesday 23rd June, except that it'll start from the Church, so any ideas, please let me know. The Butterfly walk has been moved this year to September, in the hope of seeing a different range of species from previous years. We finish the summer season with what is becoming a fixture in the programme, the Temple Balsall 'Tea & Cakes' walk on Sunday 26th September.

There's a good variety of walks to choose from so why not make a point of joining us on one or two - or even the lot. Hoping for some good weather - we've always been lucky so far.

**Leighton Jones - Knowle 773894**

## LAST WORD—B93 TO GET A PAT ON THE BACK

The Society has been informed that a *B93 Community Awards Programme* has been launched to recognise and encourage significant contributions to the B93 community. Although this initiative looks to be wider than just Knowle, the Society commends the venture and you are encouraged to consider nominations for the awards. More information from the Parish Magazine, the local press and [www.aboutB93.com](http://www.aboutB93.com) or contact Dave Pinwell on Knowle 772348, [dave@aboutb93.com](mailto:dave@aboutb93.com)



*Snaking along the canal bank on Boxing Day*



*A welcome 'site'!*



*Cheers!*

*Photos Richard Lea*



**KNOWLE SOCIETY VISIT  
TO  
THE FOUNDATION OF LADY KATHERINE LEVESON  
AT  
TEMPLE BALSALL**

Following the fascinating insight at the March meeting into the past and present of the community set up by Lady Katherine Leveson in 1674 and still thriving today, we have arranged a visit to see it for ourselves.

The visit has been arranged for the evening of Wednesday 30 June, starting at 7pm and lasting for about two hours. The Rev'd Dr James Woodward has agreed to host our visit himself, and we are sure he'll make it a lively and interesting event. We will be taken on a tour of the ancient buildings and shown how they have been sympathetically updated to meet the needs of today's community. Liquid refreshments will be served at the end of the visit and a donation to the charity's funds would be appreciated.

Numbers will be limited to 30 and if the demand is sufficient we will arrange transport for those who do not have their own. Those who are able to make their own way there should take the Kenilworth Road past the Church, continuing on past Springfield House until reaching the Lady Katherine School on your right hand side. Turn right into Fen End Lane and park in the car park opposite the school entrance. You will be met there.

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**THE KNOWLE SOCIETY**

**VISIT TO TEMPLE BALSALL  
WEDNESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2004**

Mrs S V Lea  
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Solihull  
B93 9LP

Please forward to me.....ticket(s).  
(If the visit is over-subscribed a maximum of two tickets will be allowed per application)

**YOUR TRANSPORT PLANS**

**(please tick one box for each statement)**

**YES**

**NO**

I shall require transport	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I can help with transport	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Name: ..... Telephone: .....

Address: .....

**PLEASE RETURN PROMPTLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT  
PLEASE ENCLOSE A STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE**

*If you have not already completed a copy of the form below and you are eligible to do so, please consider enabling The Knowle Society to benefit from the recovery of tax on your subscriptions and donations.*

Apr 04

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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 if you are ALSO returning the visit response form overleaf,  
please return the form to Mrs Sandra Lea (address as overleaf) instead of to Mr Derek Mellor.**