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Past, Present & Future

RECENT PAST

I will rarely look at matters retrospectively but on this occasion I consider it necessary. Last December it was with regret that the Trustee Directors were informed that Elaine Warner was resigning her position with immediate effect. Elaine's involvement in the running of the Society goes back some considerable time and she must be thanked for the outstanding dedication that she has shown to the wellbeing and furtherance of the Society's

objectives. Thank you greatly Elaine. Following on from the AGM the Local History sub-committee was reformed and new efforts have been made, and are continuing, in re-establishing the effectiveness of the group under the temporary chairmanship of Derek Mellor and his new committee.

In January two deaths occurred. The first was very tragic as Richard Heard, the Managing Director of Birmingham International Airport, drove to work in a strong wind and had his windscreen shattered by a

branch of a tree. He was always helpful to the Society and had empathy with the views of the Society regarding the airport expansion. Then towards the end of the month came news of the death of Councillor Les Kyles. He always supported the Society and was in attendance at our meetings and as an observer at the Trustee Directors meetings. A tribute is printed elsewhere in this issue to Les who will be sorely missed.

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Events Diary

Monday 16th April
8.00pm in the Village Hall

Wednesday 2nd May
7.30pm at Longdon Road
(Jobs Close) car park

Sunday 20th May
2.30pm outside the Guild House

Monday 18th June
8.00pm in the Village Hall

Wednesday 20th June
7.30pm outside the Guild House

Monday 16th July
8.00pm in the Village Hall

Sunday 22nd July
2.30pm outside the Guild House

Cotswold Curiosities
A return visit by Alan Winterburn

Hidden Secrets—Walk
Explore the hidden footpaths and alleyways of residential Knowle

Wild Flower Walk
Led by Stella Jarman

The Monologues of Stanley Holloway
Harry Gresty performs some of the famous monologues

Canal Walk
Enjoy the long evening—includes a visit to a local hostelry

Back to Back Lives in Birmingham
Ken Hughes talks about these National Trust preserved houses

Butterfly Walk
An easy short walk with stops, led by Stella Jarman

PRESENT

However we must continue to be forward looking within the Society and with this in mind it is time for me to review the suggestions that you all made as a result of my comments in the previous Newsletter. No doubt the Chairmen of the various sub-committees must be inundated with the responses because I have only received two; yes two. Does this show that the members of the Society are all very happy and content with their own lot? I know a fair number of the membership and it certainly is not apathy. Perhaps you have not woken from your winter slumbers, and that I should wait for you to be reinvigorated by the start of spring. I will of course welcome any ideas for improvement to the area at any time.

FUTURE

The two suggestions received both related to the matter of youths and their contribution to the community. This will certainly be taken up and explored to see if the Society can be instrumental to progress any idea for them to show more involvement. How about the thought of a Junior Knowle Society?

The new Council Tax that we will be facing with effect from this April must surely mean that the present system seems not to work efficiently and it is hoped that the matter of central Government funding can be equalized in the not too distant future. However how does this affect Knowle you may wonder? It is going to be extremely difficult to obtain funding from our Council for most projects and so patience will be a prime virtue. Any productive work will therefore be linked to a community effort. The Society is continually looking for help whether it is on its sub-committees or in

manning stalls or carrying out physical duties i.e. delivering Newsletters on a quarterly basis or helping to erect the Society's gazebo. If you feel that you have a talent then please do not be shy, come forward and make any member of the Trustee Directors aware of your gift.

STOP PRESS

Just before going to print, information was received that Mister Plumb Greengrocers is due to close the business on 17 March. Andrew Allan, the proprietor, has been in charge for the past thirteen years and has stated that insufficient trade has led to this decision. The answer may not be so simple but certainly it is noticeable that Tesco has recently extended its holding of fruit and vegetables, as well as other ranges. What do the newer members of the Society feel? Do you want to see more of the existing small traders closing resulting in possible boarded up shop fronts, or an increase in charity shops? This situation has been encountered in several places around the UK already. Have the supermarkets grown to an unacceptable level? Remember the Society was founded to maintain the village life and buildings for as long as possible. Is it time that we all support our village shops as much as we can, and not allow them to be dictated to by the multiple supermarket chains?

The Council has announced that as a result of budget pressures, it will not be funding the Christmas Lights in Knowle this year. The Knowle Society will be following up this disappointing news with the local traders whose hard work has been such a major part of the scheme in past years. Rest assured that your Society will ensure that we still enjoy a lighted Christmas tree on the green as usual.

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COUNCILLOR LES KYLES—A TRIBUTE BY PETER ELLIS

On behalf of the Society I have been asked by our Chairman to pay tribute to Les Kyles who very sadly died on 22nd January. With his sudden death Knowle Society and Knowle have lost a true friend. I knew Les from 1994 when I joined the Society. His support for the Society struck me immediately and I was to observe his unwavering service to us until he died. Les attended the Society's Meetings often, and always he gave advice based on his deep knowledge and experience as a Knowle Councillor, Chairman of the Council's Planning Sub-Committee, and other high offices he held including being Solihull's Mayor. He and his wife Moira were often seen together attending Knowle celebrations and events. Truly we were fortunate to have such a loyal and dedicated supporter and councillor. We owe him much gratitude, and we hope that it may be some consolation to Moira and their family that Les was held in such regard and affection by the Society. His work on behalf of Knowle will live in our memory. I count myself lucky to have known him.



Peter Ewin (Knowle Society) & Paul Watson (SMBC)

APPRAISALS AND APPLICATIONS

Considering the state of the weather (wet) and the day of the week (Friday) the attendance at the public meeting arranged by my committee for the night of 23rd February was very good. Approximately 80 people turned up to see a presentation by Eddie Booth of the Conservation Studio unveiling his first draft re-appraisal of the Knowle Conservation Area. After the 40 minute presentation, there was plenty of opportunity for questions.

It is fair to say that my committee very much welcomes the fact that a re-appraisal is being carried out as in principle it will make it very much harder to attack the Conservation Area and will give teeth to the Council in defending it. On a first look at the draft it is also fair to say that the highly experienced and very well thought of Eddie Booth has produced a first class document. We shall be preparing a detailed response on behalf of the Society and anybody else has the right to comment or criticise either direct to Eddie or the Council, before the 6th April at the latest. Send to Conservation Section, Planning Services, PO Box 11652, Council House, Solihull B91 3QS or to developmentcontrol@solihull.gov.uk. Copies of the appraisal may be viewed at the Library or online by following the link on our website.



Eddie Booth (The Conservation Studio)

Among his comments, Eddie Booth says that the quality of the buildings and other aspects of the Area should be maintained; strengthened powers given to the Council for enforcement

and an integrated package of traffic calming, pedestrian priority and environmental enhancement for the High Street should be prepared. He also thinks Knowle is under-represented in terms of listed buildings and several buildings should be up-graded to statutory listing and perhaps others added to the *Local List*. On this aspect he believes the Council should act *in partnership* with the Knowle Society.

Other aspects of the re-appraisal of interest are a recommendation for enhancement of the area around St John's Close and the possible addition to the Area of the terrace of shops at 33-47 Station Road. He also mentions the importance of trees, particularly in the churchyard and St John's Close, and various views, e.g. that looking towards the church from the alley at the side of the Bread Collection, formerly Curtis's.

Suggestions were made at the meeting, including the addition to the Area of the rest of Lodge Road, from the High Street westwards and the creation of a new Conservation Area around Knowle Locks. What do you think ?

On a different aspect of our area of interest, we have been looking at several new applications. The first and probably most contentious relates to 77 and 79 Hampton Road. The proposal is the demolition of two pleasant semi-detached houses and the erection in their place and in the gardens of: two 1 bed flats, two 2 bed flats, four 2 bed duplexes, one 2 bed detached house and five 2 bed terraced houses. My committee has objected on the grounds of its being over-intensive and out of character for the area.

There is also a proposal to demolish two semis at 71 and 73 Grove Road and to erect one 5 bedroom house. We have objected on the grounds of diminution in the housing stock. I don't believe our views are contradictory here. The two applications are very different and should be seen in context.

Lastly, we have the continuing saga of what we have come to call the *Parkridge* site. Sunrise Senior Living is proceeding apace with its proposal for a two building 110 bed development for *Assisted Living*. By the time you read this, the public exhibition in the Greswolde of this proposal will have finished but please feel free to contact me with any comments or criticisms as the plans have yet to be submitted to the Council and it is that period which is the most important from our point of view.

Peter Ewin - Knowle 776381

Photos: David Bower

KNOWLE TOILET FACILITIES

Following the decision by SMBC to close the toilets at the top of Station Road, Knowle Society has made representations to the Council and it has been agreed that a unisex toilet facility will be incorporated into the refurbishment of the Library. It will be fully equipped to meet the needs of customers with disabilities as well as baby changing equipment for parents with young families. A new doorway will be created in the Library itself so that visitors will be able to access the toilet directly, rather than having to make a request to gain entry.

HIGH STREET FLORAL DISPLAYS

An alternative to making a donation to the Council to assist in the watering of the hanging baskets is being considered. We are all keen for the High Street to look as attractive as possible and any decisions made will take this into account.

POLICE MATTERS

On the 15th January the Knowle and Dorridge Area Neighbourhood Police Team gave a talk at The Knowle Society meeting held at the village hall. It was about 'Policing in the Community' and was attended by over 100 people; a fantastic turn-out. The main talk was given by Inspector Peter Wilson with Sergeant Ann Strachan and WPC Sharon Williams in attendance.

Their focus for policing will be on matters that most concern the local community, which currently are perceived to be under age drinking, anti social behaviour, speeding and parking.

There was some lively debate and concerns were raised about communications particularly when trying to make contact by telephone, which the team have taken on board.

The number below was promised for publication in this newsletter at the meeting of 15th January—Ed

COMMUNITY POLICE CONTACT
(this number is not for use for emergencies)

0845 1135000—direct dial extension 7928 6264

NEWSLETTER

This is a slimmer newsletter this quarter but that doesn't mean that the Society has been inactive, after several recent changes in sub-committee chairmen, new patterns of activity are still settling down and there is just less to report.

WEBSITE

Our website has been going through a major revision and over the next few weeks it will begin to take on a new look. The old website had become untidy and had several links that didn't go anywhere. Apologies for those problems which have all been corrected now. For those with an interest in such things, much of the new site will be database driven and enable more dynamic interaction with users.

If you do wish to talk to or meet the local team then surgeries are held every month. The next one will be at Knowle Library between the hours of 11.00am and 12 noon on Monday 2nd April. After this date the library is due to be refurbished and whilst this is happening people are welcome to attend instead at Dorridge Police Station Surgery on Tuesdays 3rd April, 8th May, 5th June and 3rd July, held between 10.00am and 12 noon in the Community Police Station vehicle at the Forest Court car park. In between times the local contact number is 0845 1135000 extension 7928 6264 (not for emergencies).

The Knowle Police Surgery will return to the library as soon as it is refurbished but that may not be until July/August 2007.

BIRMINGHAM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Following concerns raised previously at the meeting of the Airport Environmental Monitoring Working Group, new guidelines have been issued for helicopters and their approach to the airport. The results will be monitored and it is hoped that this will reduce the number of complaints about helicopter noise.

It may be of interest to members to know that Birmingham International Airport together with other Airports, National Air Traffic Services (NATS), airlines and major manufacturers, are working together under the title Sustainable Aviation to implement a long term strategy designed to ensure that the UK aviation industry meets its environmental responsibilities over the years ahead.

John Rowley - Knowle 778289



Panoramic view of the Scout Hut and alleyway—photo: Roger Grainger

DR BOWER

This group continues to work with the COLEBRIDGE TRUST (a non profit organisation which works on community development projects) and its subsidiary WATERLOO WOODWORK (an environment landscaping and timber projects workshop which gives work experience to adults with learning disabilities) on the development of a proposal for Dr Bower's memorial. These plans are now centred on the library courtyard and a range of ideas which would include additional seating to enhance any said memorial. The outline has been discussed with SMBC who would also like to see improvements in the courtyard to correct a potential safety hazard of uneven paving around the tree; it is hoped that these plans can be brought together and the work undertaken at the same time. However further discussions are anticipated before any new options can be investigated, these parties to include SMBC (planning and library staff) and our very own Peter Ewin. At a later date when the project is firmed up the Bower family will be advised and asked to comment, not only on the design but on the proposed location.

TELEWEST CABINETS

We have now made contact with the maintenance arm of Telewest and have jointly agreed that reports of damage/graffiti etc. should be passed on for a schedule of corrective work to be done. Anyone wishing to highlight any problem cabinets should contact DAVID WAIN on 0780 888 3116 option 1 giving as much location detail as possible (some cabinets have reference numbers) or alternatively e-mail this environment group who will pass on the information.

FINGER POSTS & CAR PARK NAMES

It would appear that the finger post plan and the car parks renaming has been shelved for the time being but we are assured that this group will still be the first point of contact should it be restarted in the future, which will possibly be later this year.

SHOPPING PRECINCT

The new litter bins are in place and the more up to date centre lighting is being installed with an easier system for long term maintenance. However on viewing, it looks on the surface that it just may not be powerful enough, wait and see.

THE SCOUT HUT & SURROUNDING AREA

This sub committee has been informed that SMBC is investigating the possibility of one-off financing to improve this rather sad area on the understanding

that it is then maintained to an agreed acceptable standard and that the agreement will be legally binding. Work to include resurfacing, new turf and an external uplift. By agreement between SMBC and the Scouts, SMBC will not be involved by way of grass cutting etc. again (unless contracted to do so), as the Scouts will then take that responsibility. With regard to the passageway from Lodge Road to St Johns Close this has been litter picked, strimmed, new lighting installed and placed on a regular maintenance schedule by the Council; our thanks to Mrs C Baggaley who highlighted this problem some while ago; such reports help us to attain the level of care through SMBC that we are currently achieving.

SHOPPERS CAR PARKS 1 & 2

An area of great concern, this continues to be a problem, we have nothing to report in respect of rerouting improvements. We do believe that a decision will be to hand shortly regarding when or even if the scheme goes ahead although well supported by Diana Holl-Allen and Jeff Potts our local ward councillors.

GRASS VERGES (ST JOHNS CLOSE GREEN)

Opposite the passageway to Lodge Road this verge is almost beyond repair but SMBC has now placed the problem with the appropriate department at least to try and make some improvement very soon. We have also been asked to support a proposal to make the road around the green into a one way system and should this be accepted it may just eliminate the regular mounding of the grass verge with all traffic moving in the same direction.

Although we believe that this is really a residential matter we will continue to support the council where we believe it is beneficial to the local residents.

TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS (TPO)

This committee has discussed this subject at length and is of the opinion that TPOs are a matter for property owners/residents where trees are on private land, however should this not be the case we would be happy to assist initially to look at any request and help in whatever way is appropriate.

C.C.T.V.

The CCTV proposal for what is commonly called ONE-STOP passageway is still under review and is in the hands of Wayne Claridge (SMBC—Anti Social Behaviour Coordinator) who continues to assess whether it could be useful in the ever running problem with large gatherings in the area.

Allan Coleman - Knowle 772237

During the last few months there have been a number of changes in the Knowle Society Local History Centre (LHC) and so I thought it appropriate to write a few words summarising what we do.

If you would like to visit the Local History Centre Archive, go up the stairs in Knowle Library. In the display cabinets you will find an exhibition showing the history of some aspect of Knowle. At present it shows Curtis's Bakery. We do not anticipate putting on another display until after the library refurbishment later this year.

Maybe you have a query you would like help in answering possibly relating to family history or to a particular building. In this case it is best to go to the Library on a Saturday morning between 10.30 until 12.00, when you should find one of our team of stewards there to offer help should you require it. We have twelve stewards who operate on a rota basis. They are: Carol Gessey, Janet Erzen, Tricia Franks, Shirley Harris, Margaret Hinton, Lorna Gale, Mary Giles, Eunice Macneill, Pat Manson, Mary Nejedly, Pat Middleton, and Gretta Scriven. If the steward on duty cannot help you to find the answer to your question, then if you leave a contact 'phone number, someone will ring you back hopefully with the answer to your query.

Please note that the Centre is not manned on holiday weekends.

The Centre has an extensive range of artefacts but

donations of material, or copies of material, are always welcome. If you are able to donate something, could you please either drop it in to the Centre on a Saturday morning or ring Elizabeth Stanley (our Chief Steward) on 773283. We have a further army of volunteers waiting to file and catalogue any extra material.

The Centre also holds a collection of scrap books which are maintained by Jennie Evans. We obviously see the local papers but if you should come across anything relating to Knowle which you think we might miss, it would be appreciated if you could let us know.

We are currently helping the pupils of the local school with their projects by displaying information about Knowle for their perusal.

The Knowle Society Local History Sub-committee is made up as follows: Derek Mellor (chairman), Kathy Jephcott (secretary), Elizabeth Stanley (chief steward), Susan Trucchi and Alan Jayne. Maintaining the archive is our main concern; other activities include deciding on future displays to present in the show cases, our ongoing commitment to the school and in the future producing booklets and DVDs. It should be stated that this is long term and further announcements will be made when there is something to report in later issues of the newsletter.

In conclusion, we look forward to welcoming you when you visit the Centre.



Elizabeth Stanley (chief steward—circled) and pupils from Knowle C of E Primary School at a recent visit



Visits to the LHC at Chester House enjoyed by pupils and Knowle Society stewards alike

[Another picture and a brief report of the visit by children to the LHC may be seen on our website—Ed]

Derek Mellor - Knowle 205129

Photos: David Bower



Photo: Leighton Jones

Well, I must say that I was very pleased (and relieved) that the last event of 2006 – the Boxing Day walk – went so well. My appeals for stewards were answered (thanks very much to Philip Brown, David Bower, Dave Pinwell, Andrew Marston, Derek Mellor and my son – I must sign him up as a member!) and as a

result we were confident that the walkers were well shepherded. It was just as well, because we had an excellent turn-out with 105 participants. I was about to say walkers, but the 105th was a 9 weeks old baby who obviously didn't walk but was carried by Dad and slept through it all. Thanks also to the Reviles, Gwen Masters and the rest of my family for dealing with the refreshments of which there were ample, thanks to the generosity of Society members.

The Christmas tree also turned out well, but I was disappointed when we took it down to see how many of the lights had been removed. Despite this we are determined not to resort to the actions of some communities, where their tree is surrounded by fencing, quite spoiling the effect.

We are now well into the 2007 programme of talks. The first of the year was a very lively one, with Police Inspector Peter Wilson & Sgt. Ann Strachan explaining what they were doing to keep the village such a good place to live. Not everyone is convinced by their efforts, so we had a very lively but good natured discussion with Society members making their points and the speakers responding in like manner. One of the issues aired was related to the activities of our younger residents, many feeling that there was not enough to keep them occupied and therefore from becoming a nuisance.

Coincidentally the next talk was all about one organisation that does a great deal to relieve this situation and provide boys (and girls now) with useful but fun activities. I'm talking of course of the Scout Association (Boy Scouts to those of my era!) We were very lucky to have Ian Carnell, the Assistant District Commissioner and Piers Bennett, who leads 1st Knowle Scout Group telling us all about the centenary of the movement and the events being held to celebrate it. We have been particularly lucky in Knowle to have in 1st Knowle one of the very oldest Groups, having been in continuous existence for very nearly 100 years itself. There were quite a number in the audience who had personal memories of the

Group over a large portion of that time, although none who could go back all the way.

We have more talks coming up that I'm sure will be of wide interest. On March 19 we had John Beddington, who was a fount of knowledge on windmills. On April 16 we have Alan Winterburn back, 'by popular demand'. This time he's going a little further afield than his usual Warwickshire, to expound on *Cotswold Curiosities*. I'm sure we'll find these as fascinating as his previous presentations.

We also have our Walks programme that started on Sunday March 25 with a local walk that set off from the car park of Widney Manor Station. That's the one on the side where the trains go towards Birmingham. In railway language this is the 'down' line as opposed to the 'up' line which is always the one going to London! On Wednesday 2 May we have an evening walk exploring the hidden footpaths and byways of Knowle itself. This one starts from the car park in Longdon Road at 7:30pm. Come along and see if you really know your village.

These walks are not designed just for those who are keen walkers, although they are more than welcome, but for the 'ordinary' member of the Society. They are typically about 3 miles long and we take our time, usually taking a couple of hours to stroll along the route. These have not been well attended lately and I'd be sorry if we had to decide that they are not worth organising, so let's see a good turnout this year.

On Sunday May 20 we have what is listed as another walk, but is really much more of a nature ramble, with Stella Jarman leading and identifying a host of our local wild flowers. Come along and learn to recognise them, it'll add a lot to your walking in our beautiful countryside.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our events.

Leighton Jones – Knowle 773894



There may be a height limit to the car park used for serving the mulled wine and mince pies but there seems to be no limit to the numbers that join our Boxing Day Walk Photo: David Bower

Ms J Aktas	Elizabeth Greenhalgh	Mr & Mrs J Pulley
Mr & Mrs J Allen	Mr & Mrs D Grimmett	Mr & Mrs Race
Mrs E Ashby	Mrs E P Harper	Mr & Mrs A J Ridgway
Mr & Mrs C Atkins	Mr & Mrs A Harris	Mr & Mrs J Rigby
Mrs C Baldi	Mr & Mrs J Harrison	Mr & Mrs C Rimmington
Mr & Mrs D Barnett	Mr & Mrs G Heaps	Mrs H Rivett
Dr R Bill	Mr & Mrs J Hedges	Mr & Mrs M Roskell
Richard Birkin	Mr & Mrs W Hemming	Mr & Mrs N Round
Mr & Mrs A Bott	Mr & Mrs P Herd	Judith Rouse
Mr & Mrs N Brenton	Mr & Mrs A Holbrook	Mr & Mrs J Rutledge
Mr & Mrs E Brown	Mr & Mrs R Holtham	Mr & Mrs M Sherry
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Mr & Mrs M W Grant	Mr & Mrs M J Prottey	

PLUS ÇA CHANGE?

Another look at the Society's minutes of ten years ago:

- Knowle Junior School was reported to be planning a £3m Arts and Sports Centre adjacent to the school.
- The Social Committee was asked to consider having collections at the Society's meetings—*at the suggestion of members at the AGM in 2006 the Society agreed to discontinue those collections this year.*
- 20 new members had joined in the last quarter—*slow going by today's standards!*
- The Finance sub-committee was asked to consider worthy causes on which some of the Society's reserves might be spent—*the same issue is currently under consideration again today.*

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A warm welcome to 171 new members this quarter including those listed opposite.

The Knowle Society has over 2500 members, can you encourage your friends and neighbours to join too? This may be done either by contacting the Membership Secretary or through an application form on www.knowledgesociety.org.uk

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