

# The Knowle Society



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## Facing new challenges and opportunities

Writing this as your new chairman, I am certainly aware of the challenges and opportunities facing me. I have been chairman of planning for some five years and had not contemplated for a moment becoming chairman of the Society until a couple of my fellow trustee directors suggested it. I thoroughly enjoyed my time in planning. The committee members were excellent, making my task easy, and as a then recently retired lawyer, I felt I could offer something to the role.

Nonetheless, suffice to say I decided that I would put myself forward and I ask for patience from members while I get my feet under the table. I will do my best to lead the Society well, being fully aware of the great examples of service given by previous chairmen, not least Gary Masters, just retired.

There are challenges ahead for all my fellow trustee directors. Four of them, who have given unstintingly and most effectively of their time and talents over many years, have retired – two past chairmen, Peter Ellis and Colin Smith, together with Sandra Lea and Derek Mellor. It would take more space than your

newsletter editor could allow me to set out all that they have done for the Society but we will sorely miss all of them. Those of us who remain have been joined by bright eyed and bushy tailed newcomers and we will all work hard in the interests of the village and the guiding principles of the Society.

Dare I say that there are also challenges for all of you as members. There are at least two vacancies on the board of trustee directors and a new post exists as Events Manager. As you will be aware, the Society is arranging more and more events of various kinds and an overall co-ordinator would ease the process considerably. Please contact me or any trustee director if you are interested in any post.

Reverting to the implications of the headline, new opportunities also present themselves. You may have become aware of the new Government initiative to engage the 'Third Sector' (broadly, voluntary organisations) in "community empowerment". The jargon hides what is in fact a serious intention – in other words actually to find out what local people think and so far as possible to put it into effect. Cynics

would say that this is being done at minimal cost to the authorities but that should not prevent us from being involved. The question I have asked myself is 'who should represent our community if not the Knowle Society?' To that end Gary Masters and I recently attended a meeting at the Council House chaired by our very own Dave Pinwell. Many of the areas of concern on which the Solihull Partnership wants to hear from the community are those that we already cover e.g. planning, amenity and the environment. However, there are several areas that no Civic Society to my knowledge has ever covered including health and fire precautions. So far as health is concerned, we have been able to arrange a talk on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February (details on the bottom of page 2). Our Community Services committee is already dealing with this area and is setting up links with others involved with health provision. Whether we like it or not, it seems that the future may see your Society involved in the community in more areas than of yore. I think a thriving Society with more than 3000 members should be able to grasp this opportunity with

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Take a look at the **Forum** on our website and have your say on matters that affect the Village; current subjects include:

Community Forums, Knowle Green Community Project, Marina, Paths in Park (Safe Routes to School), Recycling and Village Names.

**A copy of The Knowle Society's Programme Card for 2009 should be included with this newsletter. If yours is missing please contact Anne Smith or if you would like another copy, these may be obtained free of charge at any of the Society's meetings throughout the year.**

The card has been redesigned this year to accommodate information on all the many events now being arranged by the Society. Out with the old single colour folded A5 card and in with the full colour A4 glossy card for you to fold twice. Some people will find the larger card less convenient after many years of having a favourite place to keep the smaller card but we have to balance the need to accommodate so much more information with the need to keep the print a readable size. Let us know what you think about the change.

To view this issue with its colour images go to [www.knowlesociety.org.uk](http://www.knowlesociety.org.uk) select *Membership* then *Newsletters*, click on issue 47.1 and enter the password 9kht3b. No password is needed from 1st April 2009.

*Our Events Diary has grown so big that we have had to move it off the front page.  
Make sure that you enjoy the benefits of your local amenity society—there is so much to see and do.  
This is also our first issue with 16 pages, which reflects the current level of activity in the Society.  
This may be plenty to read for the Christmas holidays but the Editor promises to cut the waffle for the next issue!*

**Until the end of January**

Upstairs in the Library

**Then & Now**

Exhibition of comparison photographs of key buildings of Knowle

**Monday 19th January**

8.00pm at the Village Hall

**Acorns Children's Charity**

Speaker to be advised

**February to end of April**

Upstairs in the Library

**Panoramic view of Knowle High Street**

Exhibition of specially taken photographs of Knowle

**Monday 2nd February**

7.30pm at the Village Hall

**Public meeting on community involvement in Solihull NHS**

Knowle Society sponsored meeting to explore this new opening

**Monday 9th February**

10.30am at the Village Hall

**Birmingham Jewellery Quarter** (a pre-visit talk, open to all)

Kenneth Hughes - tea and coffee will be available from 10.00am

**Monday 16th February**

8.00pm at the Village Hall

**Bees and Beekeeping**

Mrs Celia Davies

**Wednesday 25th February**

11.00—3.00, Booking required

**The Pen Room & Jewellery Quarter Museum**

History visit

**Sunday 15th March**

2.00pm Car park behind church

**The Marinas Walk**

About 5 miles, viewing all the sites where marinas have been envisaged

**Monday 9th –23rd March**

Downstairs in the Library

**Henry Tonks, 1862-1937**

An exhibition about a famous Knowle resident

**Monday 16th March**

8.00pm at the Village Hall

**Shakespeare's Women—Upstairs and Downstairs**

Gillian Andrews

**Monday 6th April**

10.30am at the Village Hall

**Subject to be advised** (our 2nd Local History Group morning talk)

Tea and coffee will be available from 10.00am

**Monday 20th April**

8.00pm at the Village Hall

**The Birmingham Post moves into the Digital Age**

Marc Reeves

**HANDING OVER**

The first part of this report will be my last offering as chairman of the planning committee. First and foremost I would like to thank the members of my committee for the last five years. They are as good as they get and I know will smooth the learning curve for my successor, Leighton Jones. Peter Ellis, Peter Morton, Phil Vince, Norman Stanley and Geoff Vaughan – thank you.

Shortly before I handed over the reins, we finally saw the realisation of two to three years’ work and expectation. The re-appraisal of the Conservation Area was published by the Council to the accompaniment of metaphorical trumpets. As I have said before, the Conservation Area is the core of our ethos and was created some six years after our founding in 1962. Since then it has several times been amended and expanded. Now the 2007 re-appraisal gives us a solid base for the protection of the best parts of Knowle and the detail included enables us to ensure that those aspects that we most appreciate, however small, can be preserved. I still have a few copies of the re-appraisal available for anyone on a first come, first served basis as the Council were good enough to let us have 36 or so copies free of charge. I am pleased to say that some of our suggestions have been incorporated in the final version. Please let me or Leighton know if you would like a copy. *[There is a link to the full Appraisal on the home page of our website [www.knowlesociety.org.uk](http://www.knowlesociety.org.uk) –Ed.]*

I will now pass the ball to Leighton to make his first planning report.

**Peter Ewin**

Thank you Peter for passing such an obviously competent and enthusiastic committee, I could have asked for no more. With the *credit crunch* clearly upon us, we’ve already seen a reduction in the number of planning applications, particularly those involving re-development. I’m grateful for this, although sympathetic for those who are personally affected. It does give me a chance to get up to speed and perhaps start looking ahead to how we might deal with the proposals that the Government has for the planning regime.

That’s more than enough for now, so I’ll sign off.

**Leighton Jones – Knowle 773894**

(Continued from page 1) Please just get on the website and carry one vote only. Second, the both hands and make sure that the start ‘blogging’. I promise you the West Midlands Amenity Societies voice of Knowle is heard where it jargon hurts less after a time. Association of whom we have been needs to be. At this stage we are While referring to the A.G.M. members for many years and which merely considering our options but there was some criticism covers a wide area from my initial feelings are that we must afterwards that the usual short approximately Shrewsbury to be seen at least to be taking an reports from committee chairmen Coventry will meet in Knowle on interest. I would be interested to had been abandoned in favour of 21<sup>st</sup> February next. The meeting hear members’ views. making them (the chairmen) will be in the Village Hall and will available after the meeting to be followed by lunch at the

Moving on to more parochial answer questions. If you would like Greswolde (delegates pay for themselves). Leighton Jones and I concerns, I would like to reiterate to revert to the traditional form, will be representing Knowle but what I said at the A.G.M. i.e. in please let us know. should one or two others wish to response to requests from join us, please let me know. members a Knowle Society Forum Two other matters may be of interest. First, the trustee directors WestMASA, as it is called, is an (‘blog’) has been set up by David interest. First, the trustee directors WestMASA, as it is called, is an Bower on our website. To those after considerable discussion and a organisation of some 80 odd civic who are at least to some extent request from a local business have societies and provides very computer literate this is a simple decided to implement the powers considerable assistance in many way of letting other members and reserved in our Articles of areas, not least planning. trustee directors know what you Association to make Corporate think about what your Society is membership available. Those Lastly, I hope to be a ‘hands on’ doing or indeed giving your views eligible will be local businesses and chairman. Please contact me if you on any matter of concern where organisations. The annual fee will think the Society can help on a you think the Society can help. be £25 and the membership will matter of local concern.

**Peter Ewin - Chairman - Knowle 776381  
chairman@knowlesociety.org.uk**

**AIRPORT**

Last year the major developments for the expansion of Birmingham International Airport were published and the details highlighted in our Newsletters, so what can we expect in 2009? If the planning application already submitted to the SMBC is passed early in 2009, a completion date of 2012 for the extension to the runway is expected; this will include a new control tower, changes to the A45 and other infrastructure modifications. Running in parallel with this is the need to agree changes in the air traffic routes, both departures and arrivals, to meet the requirements of the Civil Aviation Authority. The Knowle Society is a member of the Focus group involved in clarifying these issues and a number of meetings are scheduled for the coming months. We will also continue to monitor the potential impact on local roads and Motorway traffic and keep you informed as detailed information is received.



Photo: BIA

**M42 MOTORWAY SERVICE AREA**

The public Inquiry has been completed for some time now, but at the time of going to press, the result of the inquiry into the proposed Motorway Service Area is still awaited.

**SOLIHULL LOCAL INVOLVEMENT NETWORK (LINK): LILLA BAKER REPORTS**

All councils have a timetable to set up a LINK network which commenced in April 2008, with a deadline for completion in 2009. The Solihull LINK will be an umbrella organisation to help local people and organisations to speak with one voice and influence those providing health and social care to the community. It is believed that this approach will be instrumental in improving the provision of healthcare across Solihull. SMBC has appointed HAP UK Ltd to facilitate the setting up of the Solihull LINK. Note: HAP is a *not for profit* organisation, limited by guarantee. Further meetings are scheduled which Lilla Baker will attend and further feedback will be given in future newsletters. For more information the following web sites are available: [www.nhscentreforinvolvement.nhs.uk](http://www.nhscentreforinvolvement.nhs.uk) and [www.communityvoicesonline.org](http://www.communityvoicesonline.org)

**TRANSPORT**

It is known that a review of Knowle bus services is taking place at the present moment and we have been in touch with the Council and bus providers and asked for information as to any alterations envisaged. We are expecting details to be made available very soon and will study them carefully and make any representations as required. [PS a reply has now been received and is summarised on page 13.]

**POLICE MATTERS: LORNA GALE REPORTS**

Solihull's new superintendent – Carl Foulkes – took up his post recently. I'm sure you'll join us in extending a welcome to him.

Those of you who attended the switching on of the Christmas lights will know that the police Community van was in Knowle on December 1<sup>st</sup>. This will be a regular, bi-monthly event, replacing the meetings previously held in the village hall which were so poorly attended. The next visit will be on a Monday early in February – details to be posted on the noticeboard at the Red Lion end of the high street, and in the library. The van will be on the cobbles near the church, by kind agreement of the vicar. Matters raised with PC Williams at these visits, together with issues communicated directly to the police team and via the Society, will inform the police priority-setting for Knowle.

Crime in the Knowle area is down 14% over the past 12 months. Residential burglary is the highest single crime, and PC Williams tells us that there was an upturn in burglaries following the clocks going back in October – this is fairly standard for the onset of the dark evenings. These were mainly through unsecured doors and gates - we can all ensure that doors and gates are securely locked, says PC Williams. She also says that fitting lights with timer devices, closing curtains and leaving a radio or tv on when going out can all make a house appear to be occupied, deterring opportunist burglars. There has also been the usual spate of cars being stolen when left de-icing in the mornings, with engines running and keys inside them. Again, the police ask that we all use our common sense and avoid this practice. In court early in December was a team of six thieves who were responsible for entering houses in this area, taking keys and stealing mainly high-performance cars. Once again, the police ask for common sense: don't leave keys visible, and garage cars where possible. For those of you who'd like to know more, full details of crime statistics can be found on [www.myneighbourhood.info](http://www.myneighbourhood.info). Do remember: Knowle is an area of low crime – we can all help to keep it this way.

**LOCAL NATURE RESERVE, THE PARK AND GRASSED AREAS**

Where they have been able to, Solihull SMBC has been very sympathetic to our requests for greater consistency with the upkeep of these areas but poor weather throughout the year has made it very difficult but they have achieved a high level of quality work. Whilst it is not this committee's brief a *safe route* is being investigated for Arden pupils, in the main using both park paths and adjacent roads and is currently under consultation. [There is a Forum on this subject on the Society's website—*Safe Routes to School—Ed.*]

**RECYCLING**

We have learnt that Solihull SMBC has not had to resort to renting space to store unwanted refuse, as it has been reported other councils have, due to the business sector turndown and the reduced generation of such waste.

Our glass kerbside collection is moving well with just a couple of hiccups along the way although we understand some 500 tonnes has already been collected, and next late August/autumn it is likely we shall have even more kerbside collections including cans, card and plastic bottles.

**SHOPPERS' PRECINCT**

The traders having worked so hard, are delighted that the shrub beds have finally been cleared and replanted with a variety of small plants and young bushes/shrubs and we are also very pleased with the result that this committee had pressed for. With the economy in such a downturn we were surprised that we were able to achieve this result with so many financial constraints on the council.

The wall lighting continues to be a source of wonderment as no one can establish who is responsible but we will continue to investigate and hope to get it up and running again especially during the winter months.

**SHOPPERS' CAR PARK & OTHERS**

A number of comments have been passed since the clock change, calling for an improvement in the car park lighting and as a result a *street works team* will be inspecting shortly and conduct maintenance where necessary. The car park remarking is now being scheduled for late January.

**TREES**

This committee through Jim Randle has been able to assist a Kixley Lane resident who has a tree problem (conservation area) negotiating with the Council although a more difficult problem has arisen with regard to a Victorian wall which the tree has damaged but he will keep a watchful eye on that situation

**TESCO TROLLEYS**

It would not be a report without a word on this subject having first been mooted just one year ago. We understand that background work is still ongoing and hopefully getting that little nearer to a survey.

**GENERAL COMMENT**

As the final quarter approaches for council budgets it is obvious that funds are not in abundance and as such patience will be the watchword in our efforts to improve the village at this time. This committee will continue to press for improvement and regular maintenance of rose beds, shrub beds, trees, street furniture and grass verges but at all times approach the council staff with courtesy and not to expect the impossible in this very difficult period.

Allan Coleman - Knowle 772237

**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCHED BY FATHER CHRISTMAS**

On what must have been one of the coldest afternoons ever for the event, the Society's Christmas Tree was lit on 1st December. The crowds however were not deterred and the Society expresses sincere thanks to the Vicar, Knowle and Dorridge Round Table for arranging the transport for Father Christmas, Knowle and Dorridge Lions for the stewarding marshals, Midway Hire for the barriers, the Ardenaires for playing their instruments in very cold conditions and finally the local Police for assistance with traffic control. An ad-hoc committee of volunteers from the Society's membership, namely John, Tony, Phil and Gary organised the event. The Traders' street lights look as beautiful as ever. This event is now becoming a must in the annual calendar, but it should be remembered that all the contributions were made voluntarily and every effort should be made to continue this tradition.



**Notes to Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 30 September 2008**

	2008	2008	2008	2007	2007	2007
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	Funds	Funds		Funds	Funds	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Costs of Generating Funds</b>						
Hire of Village Hall	248		248	248		248
Speakers	254		254	285		285
Meetings Expenses	56		56	40		40
Social Events	633		633	119		119
Newsletter	1,656		1,656	1,410		1,410
Advertising	327		327	357		357
Guides	285		285			
Gifts and Hospitality	138		138			
	<b>3,597</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,597</b>	<b>2,459</b>		<b>2,459</b>
<b>Costs of Charitable Activities</b>						
Local History Centre	796		796	449		449
Community Services	73		73	-		-
Planning	128		128	130		130
Christmas Expenses	498		498	283		283
Annual Subscriptions	200		200	194		194
Flower Tubs	340		340	340		340
Poppy Wreath Appeal	20		20	20		20
Web Site	29		29	-		-
Capital Expenditure	1,605		1,605	313		313
Plaque in remembrance of Cllr L Kyles Dec'd			-	17	36	53
Donation to Friends of Knowle Park		100	100			
	<b>3,689</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3,789</b>	<b>1,746</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>1,782</b>
<b>Costs of Governance</b>						
Insurance	230		230	230		230
Professional & Legal Costs	15		15	15		15
Guild House - Trustees' Meetings	220		220	200		200
Postage Stationery & Sundries	199		199	406		406
	<b>664</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>851</b>		<b>851</b>

**NEW YEAR - NEW FACES**

Following my appointment as Honorary Treasurer at the recent AGM, my first task is to thank Sandra Lea for all her work for the Society both as Treasurer and in other roles over many years. Her management of the Society's finances has been exemplary and the trustee directors have been grateful for her advice on numerous occasions.

The Accounts for the year to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2008 have been Independently Examined, approved by the Trustee Directors, and presented to the members at the AGM. They are also printed on these pages and are available in full on the Society's web-site. You will recall that as we are both a registered charity and a limited company the Accounts have to be laid out in a proscribed manner but I hope you are able to follow them and find them of interest. If you have any queries, then please feel free to speak to or e-mail me.

Both our Income and our Expenditure increased during the year in line with our growing membership and expanding activities. Our income included for the first time the proceeds of the sales of the new 'Guide to Central Knowle'. There were also useful increases in our subscription income and in bank interest. Expenditure included the cost of new equipment for the Local History Centre in the Library in keeping with the increased activity of the Centre and the recent refurbishment of the building.

Overall we generated a surplus of £2,272 increasing our General Reserves to £16,612. Whilst this figure is higher than in previous years it should be borne in mind that we have committed £5,000 of this towards the cost of the Knowle Green Community Project, subject to it proceeding, and have also already made additional purchases of equipment for the LHC. Other running costs will no doubt increase and the trustee directors will continue to monitor the figure to ensure that it remains appropriate for our future needs and in line with our Reserves Policy.

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**Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 30 September 2008**

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2007</u>
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	Funds	Funds		Funds	Funds	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Incoming Resources</b>						
<u>Voluntary Income:</u>						
Subscriptions	7,043		7,043	6,364		6,364
Taxation Refund	1,017		1,017	1,267		1,267
Donation from members re Cllr L Kyles Dec'd			-		36	36
Donations	5		5			
Competition Prize from SUSTAIN		200	200			
	<hr/> 8,065	200	<hr/> 8,265	7,631	36	<hr/> 7,667
<u>Activities for Generating Funds</u>						
Walks	59		59	111		111
Collections			-	16		16
Social Events	605		605	151		151
Local History Centre	15		15	65		65
Guides	937		937			
DVD's	29		29			
	<hr/> 1,645	-	<hr/> 1,645	343		<hr/> 343
<u>Investment Income</u>						
Bank Interest	512	33	545	270	26	296
<b>Total Income Generated</b>	<hr/> <b>10,222</b>	<b>233</b>	<hr/> <b>10,455</b>	<b>8,244</b>	<b>62</b>	<hr/> <b>8,306</b>
<b>Less: Resources Expended</b>						
<u>Costs of Generating Funds</u>	3,597	-	3,597	2,459		2,459
<u>Costs of Charitable Activities</u>	3,689	100	3,789	1,746	36	1,782
<u>Costs of Governance</u>	664		664	851		851
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<hr/> <b>7,950</b>	<b>100</b>	<hr/> <b>8,050</b>	<b>5,056</b>	<b>36</b>	<hr/> <b>5,092</b>
<b>Surplus of Income over Resources Expended</b>	<b>2,272</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>2,405</b>	<b>3,188</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>3,214</b>
Brought forward from Previous Year	14,340	861	15,201	11,152	835	11,987
<b>Funds Carried Forward</b>	<hr/> <b>16,612</b>	<b>994</b>	<hr/> <b>17,606</b>	<b>14,340</b>	<b>861</b>	<hr/> <b>15,201</b>

**Balance Sheet as at 30th September 2008**

	2008	2008	2007	2007
	£	£	£	£
<b>Current Assets :</b>				
Debtors	144		344	
Lloyds TSB	1,110		1,518	
National Savings Bank	16,191		14,550	
Stock of Guides	1,032			
	<hr/> 18,477		<hr/> 16,412	
<b>Less: Current Liabilities</b>				
<b>Creditors:</b>				
Amount falling due within one year	871		1,211	
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	<hr/> <b>17,606</b>		<hr/> <b>15,201</b>	
<b>Accumulated funds</b>				
Unrestricted Funds	16,612		14,340	
Restricted Funds	994		861	
	<hr/> <b>17,606</b>		<hr/> <b>15,201</b>	

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Our new year has started well and the Distributors have again 'turned up trumps' by already collecting 68% of the 2008/09 subscriptions. We are grateful to them, as always.

**Peter Johnson**  
**Hon. Treasurer**  
**Knowle 770268**

**YOUR SOCIETY**

The AGM on 24th November 2008 saw several long-standing Trustee Directors retire or change roles after many years of committed service to the Society. These changes of leadership come after The Knowle Society has enjoyed a period of significant growth and new activity. It is therefore an appropriate time to look at the many initiatives that your Society has been taking in the last two years and to meet the Trustee Directors, those who are moving on, those who are taking up the reins and those who are continuing.

**WHO'S WHO?**

The Society has four officers and three of these have changed at the AGM:

- Peter Ewin moves from Planning to take over Chairmanship of the Society from Gary Masters.
- Colin Smith retires as Deputy Chairman and as a Trustee Director, to be replaced by Leighton Jones. Leighton has handed over Meetings & Social but will continue to help with the Walks for another year. The Trustee Directors recently decided that they would reverse the previous pattern whereby a past Chairman usually became the Deputy Chairman, to one in which it was expected that a Deputy Chairman would stand for Chairman in due course and in so doing aim to commit for a period of three years maximum in the Chairman's role. In making this change it was hoped that the roles of Chairman and Deputy would become ones in which the Deputy was preparing in advance and the Chairman had a period of office that gave both relative stability to the Society but also a clear end in view. It was hoped that the role would be more attractive in this light.
- Sandra Lea retires as Honorary Treasurer and as a Trustee Director, to be replaced by Peter Johnson.
- Andrew Marston continues as Honorary Secretary.



*Peter Ewin [Moves]*

Peter is a retired solicitor and also Chairman of the Trustees of Jobs Close Residential Home in Knowle.



*Colin Smith [Departs]*

Colin a past Chairman saw the Society through its conversion to a Limited Company and has given several talks to the Society recently.



*Sandra Lea [Departs]*

Sandra has given over ten years service to the Society, for many years in Meetings and Social and latterly as Treasurer and Company Secretary.



*Andrew Marston [Stays]*

Andrew continues for the second year as Honorary Secretary. He also kindly makes his secure storage space available to the Society.

There are five Committees within the Society (previously referred to as sub-Committees), these report to the Trustee Directors of the Society (who prior to incorporation these were known as the Executive Committee).

**PLANNING**



*Leighton Jones [Moves]*

Leighton gave the Society its most successful year of meetings recently.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**



*John Rowley [Stays]*

John uses his aeronautical interest to good effect in this committee.

**ENVIRONMENT**



*Allan Coleman [Stays]*

Allan previously served the Society in its former Amenities sub-Committee.

**LOCAL HISTORY**



*Janet Eržen [New]*

Janet is also a steward at the LHC and being brought up locally is well versed in Knowle.

Meetings, Social and Walks is the fifth Committee, this will be led by Charles Robinson. There are several other functions within the Society which are operated by individuals rather than committees. Derek Mellor steps down from Local History Centre (LHC) which he took over at short notice for two years and also steps down as a Trustee

MEETINGS & SOCIAL



*Charles Robinson [New]*

Charles has worked hard to improve advertising of the Society's meetings with recent good effect.

LHC & MEMBERSHIP



*Derek Mellor [Departs]*

Derek thankfully continues his very successful role as Membership Secretary.

PUBLICITY



*Dave Pinwell [Stays]*

Dave brings a great deal of valuable experience to the Society especially on Third Sector matters.

DISTRIBUTION



*Anne Smith [Stays]*

Anne ensures that you get your newsletter promptly through a large distribution team.

GARY MASTERS



*Gary Masters [Moves]*

Gary steps down as Chairman but still leads the Knowle Green Community Project.

PETER JOHNSON



*Peter Johnson [Moves]*

Peter a retired banker continues as a Trustee Director but is now Honorary Treasurer.

NEWSLETTER & WEBSITE



*David Bower [Stays]*

David and his computer have provided new website facilities and a popular newsletter.

COMPANY ARCHIVIST



*Peter Ellis [Departs]*

Peter, a past Chairman is resigning as a Trustee Director but will still archive Society papers.

### RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS

The last two years have seen unprecedented growth, not only in the Society's membership but also in the number of activities and developments undertaken by the Society—all for your benefit. We list **some** of them here.

- Growth to over 3000 members
- Record subscription collection
- Excellent relations with new SMBC Planning head
- Increasing and effective consultation by developers before submitting major applications
- Most successful season of talks with large attendances
- Popular restart of daytime history talks and visits
- Newsletter continues to receive many plaudits
- Distribution of newsletters ensures delivery by the publication date
- Publicity via local press bringing extra visitors to Heritage Open Day and Carl Chinn meeting
- Exhibiting at more local events
- Website rebuilt to provide timely news and pictures with a modern look and feel
- Programme Card restyled
- Society advertising in local shops much more attractive
- New representation on outside bodies recognises the importance of The Knowle Society within the community
- Conversion to a limited company
- Lead organisation in a new project to redevelop the old toilet block
- Online forum established for discussion of local matters
- Huge backlog in History Archive cataloguing completed, increasing index entries from 6500 to 11500.
- Local History Centre removed from library during library refurbishment and returned with new filing cabinets, furniture and attractive prints on display
- Popular photographs displayed and new historical exhibitions researched and prepared for 2009
- Highly successful new edition to the Guide to Central Knowle with all new photographs and greatly enlarged text
- First ever DVD launched
- All past newsletters now available on the website
- All past agendas, minutes and accounts scanned for storage
- All photographs and electronic records stored on computer plus two separated external drives

**LITTER**

The Chairman of The Knowle Society recently wrote to Society member Miss Ann Peasegood on behalf of the Society to express its appreciation for the daily diligence with which she addresses litter problems within the centre of the village. The village is well served by Solihull Council’s street cleaning programme and especially our local cleaner, Ted Milburn, but in a busy village with lots of passing traffic and visitors it is a lot for one person to keep under control. Ann shows her care for the village in a very practical way.



The illustration here is of an alleyway on one of the estates this summer and is a prime example of anti-social behaviour. Someone else cleared it after a few weeks—thank you to that anonymous person, though it is now returning to the same condition. There are many other people who also show that same practical care for the area around their local streets and paths—this helps to make the community of Knowle such a satisfying place in which to live.

**SCOUT HUT REFURBISHMENT**

The appearance of the area around the Scout Hut, just off St John's Close, has long been a concern to The Knowle Society; Solihull Council made a welcome improvement to the land fronting the hut recently, however this still left the scout hut itself which is showing its age. The Society was pleased to hear that 1st Knowle Scout Group has launched a fundraising campaign to pay for the complete refit and refurbishment of the existing hut. The new building has detailed planning permission and the Society has been told that care has been taken to ensure that the hut will enhance the area both in its construction and ease of maintenance.

2009 is the Group's centenary year, so it is very much a part of Knowle life and many villagers have either had boys who have been through the beavers, cubs and scouts or been actively involved in leading the sections. Approximately £250,000 is needed and at the November meeting of The Knowle Society’s Trustee Directors, it was decided to give £250 from the Eva Wootton fund towards this project. A comparable donation was also made a few years ago from the same fund. Eva was an active Guide leader and the Directors felt that this was a highly appropriate use of the fund. The Scouts advise us that donations are welcome and should be sent to 1st Knowle Scout Group - Building Fund c/o 15 Austrey Close, Knowle, Solihull B93 9JE, if possible with a Gift Aid form, which is available on [www.1stknowlescouts.com](http://www.1stknowlescouts.com).

**NEW COMMITTEES**

Following the AGM in November, The Knowle Society’s committee structure has been updated to reflect the latest changes and is listed below, along with representatives on bodies outside The Knowle Society:

**COMMITTEES**

- Planning**
  - Leighton Jones \*      Peter Ellis
  - Gill Griggs              Peter Morton
  - Norman Stanley        Geoffrey Vaughan
  - Phil Vince
- Community Services**
  - John Rowley \*        Lilla Baker +
  - Lorna Gale              Gary Masters \*
  - Annette Rawlins        Lynne Steyn
- Environment**
  - Allan Coleman \*       Margaret Birch +
  - Graham Bishop        Jim Randle
  - Martin Warr
- Local History Centre**
  - Janet Erzen \*            Bill Bohanna
  - Kathy Jephcott +        Derek Mellor
  - Bryan Smart              Susan Trucchi
  - Anne Wiles
- Meetings & Social**
  - Charles Robinson \*    Gill Bibb
  - Gwen Masters           Susan Trucchi
  - Martin Warr

**NON-COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES**

- Company Archivist:      Peter Ellis
  - Company Secretary:    Peter Johnson \*
  - Membership:            Derek Mellor
  - Newsletter & Website:   David Bower \*
  - Newsletter Distribution: Anne Smith \*
  - Publicity:                Dave Pinwell \*
  - Walks:                    Leighton Jones \*
- Many members also act as stewards for the Local History Centre, help with and distribute newsletters and help at particular events.

**REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

- Airport Consultative Committee & BIA Environment Monitoring Working Group      John Rowley \*
- Conservation Area Advisory Committee              Phil Vince
- Knowle Village Hall Association Council            Susan Trucchi
- Solihull Local Involvement Network (LINK)        Lilla Baker
- West Midlands Amenity Societies Association      Leighton Jones \*
- West Midlands Police Rural Assembly                Lorna Gale

\* Trustee Director      Committee chairman      + Committee secretary

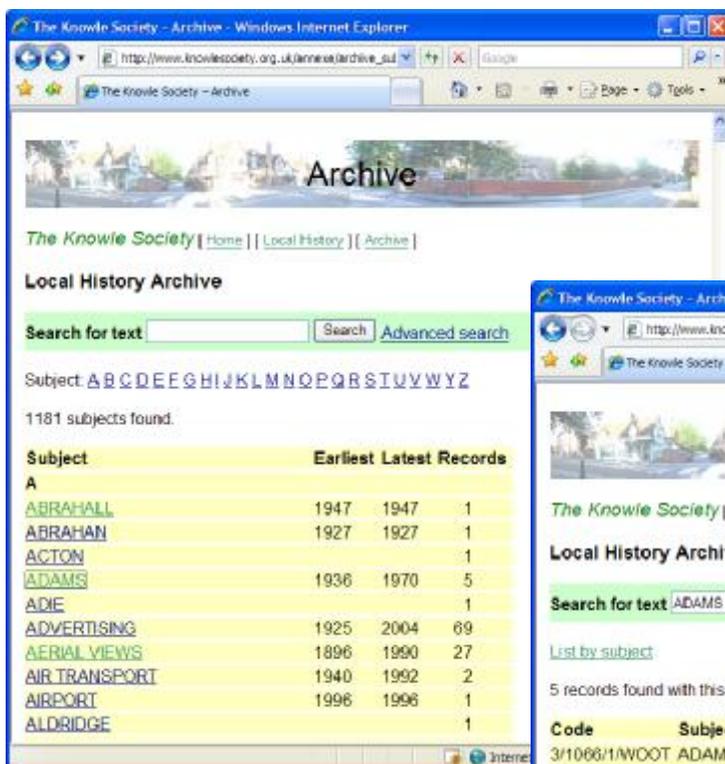
## LOCAL HISTORY CENTRE AND THE ARCHIVE

Members are reminded that the Local History group of **The Knowle Society** manages the Local History Centre (LHC), upstairs at Knowle Library, every Saturday morning that the Library is open—stewards are usually available there to help you. At other times you are welcome to telephone or email for direct assistance or simply to enquire how we might be able to help you—details are on the Programme Card delivered with this newsletter or are available on [www.knowlesociety.org.uk](http://www.knowlesociety.org.uk) (follow the Local History link). Perhaps you have a picture that you want identifying, perhaps some help with a family connection or an old family home or you would like to offer something to the Archive, we are always pleased to try and help.

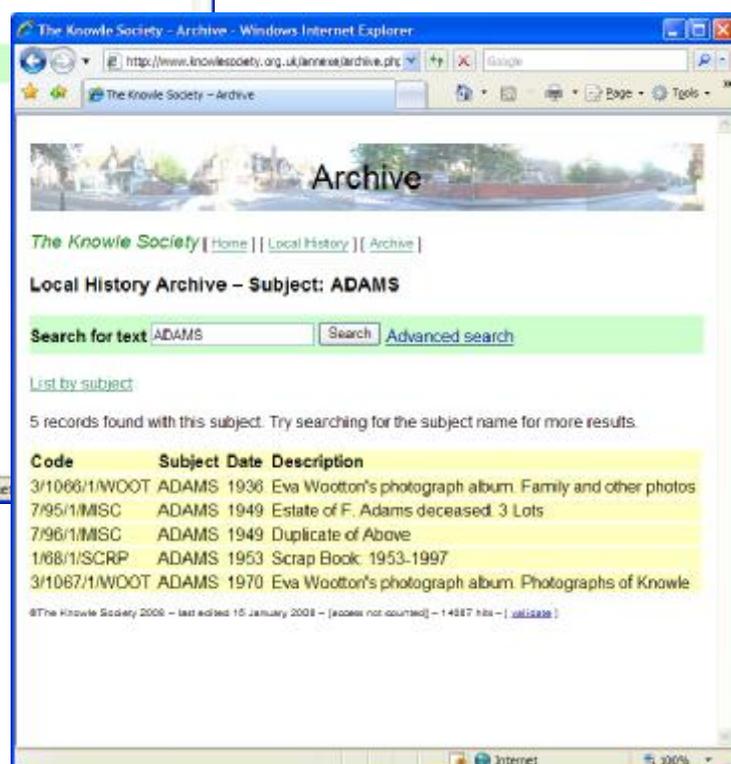
You will be able to go a long way towards looking up what might interest you by searching the Archive index online. At present we do not include the Catalogue or Archive material itself online but the index, containing over 11,000 entries (see Note below), will help you to establish whether a physical search at the library is likely to yield useful results. The index is not exhaustive and does not pretend to include every name mentioned in our records but you could perhaps narrow your search to potential areas of benefit, for example we might not list an individual's name but if you knew that they lived at Dunroamin or played for a local cricket club then looking up *Dunroamin* or *Cricket* could take you to several items associated with the house or local cricket clubs. Once you have identified the item of interest in the index, you can refer to the full printed catalogue held at the LHC which usually contains more detailed information and perhaps then progress to viewing a selected number of items themselves in the Archive files. We can often arrange for you to have copies of appropriate documents or photographs at a small charge.

This service is freely and fully available to **any individual** who might wish to avail themselves of the facility, as The Knowle Society exists, to quote one of its three Objects, “to educate the public in the geography, history, natural history and architecture of the area of benefit”.

(Note: Although a complete PDF copy of the index may be downloaded, this version contains only 6500 entries and represents the index as it was in 2003. The current full index may only be searched online or at the LHC.)



[Left] Screen shot of part of the Index, including for example an enquiry about 'Adams', showing that five items dated from 1936 to 1970 are held in the Local History Centre's Archive



[Right] By clicking on 'Adams' in the Index view (above) more details of those five entries are shown in this next screen shot

This is a very strange, sad but exciting note for me to write. It marks the end of one phase of my involvement in our Society and the beginning of another. I have been a member of the Meetings, Social and Walks Committee (why so long a name, I hear you ask) since 2001 and chairman of it since 2004. I have greatly enjoyed my time, but as a result of the appointment of Peter Ewin as Chairman of the Society, I have a chance to try something different. I am taking on the challenge of running the Planning Committee. I say challenge because I recognise that I have much to learn about planning matters. I am greatly relieved to discover that I am inheriting a very effective and knowledgeable committee who will, I'm sure, carry me for as long as it takes for me to get up to speed.

However, enough of me, what about your Society and the activities for which we've been responsible? Since the last Newsletter we've had the noisiest meeting yet! Mr Topham of Acme Whistles was extremely entertaining as well as informative. He described the foundation of the company; from literally a back shed operation to the largest whistle maker in the world. It was all kicked off through the contract to provide a whistle for every Metropolitan Police Officer – a huge increase in production. It was such a big step that the owner had to borrow the money for materials off the Commissioner of the Met!



This successful meeting was followed by another. We'd been trying for three years to get Dr Carl Chinn to come and speak to us and we'd at last succeeded. It did mean that we had to hold the meeting on a Thursday night, as that was the only night he was available. This led us to another complication. The Village Hall was not free, it was the first night of the Revels production. We therefore decamped to the Arden School hall. This was in the end 'a good thing' as we had so many people there, that we'd have struggled in the Village Hall. It was great to see so many people there, but at one point I thought it was going to

be a great embarrassment. I was waiting outside for our speaker to arrive from before 7:30, as most arrive at about then. Well, it got to 7:40 and no sign, 7:45 and still no sign, so I went back in to try and think what I was going to say to all these people when he didn't come at all. Thankfully he did arrive, at just 10 to 8, sweeping inside, immediately making himself at home and off we went. He instantly had the audience eating out of his hand and gave a superb show that was greatly appreciated by all. Phew!



Finally we had the traditional social evening in October which this year was a quiz night, we had eleven teams of six people enter and our thanks go to Steve Worrell who volunteered to act as Quiz Master. All who attended had an enjoyable evening with a mixture of teams playing for fun and some deadly serious about the business of winning!! All in all a good event to lift the gloom of an autumn's evening.

Besides running the meetings during 2008 the committee has been hard at work planning a programme for 2009. You will see that we have a good range of talks for you, which I hope you will enjoy. You may also have spotted that we have listened to what was said at the 2007 AGM and included two day-time talks; one in May & one in August. We hope these will be popular and cater for those who are not keen on coming out in the evenings, as well as our regulars. You will also have noticed that our History Committee has stolen a march on us and is also running a few day-time meetings. We think this is a great addition to the programme and wish them all the best, as the more we can provide for you the better. I was at the first one in November and it was well supported, so I am very hopeful that they will all be.

As for the walks this year, they were rather mixed. The Boxing Day walk was, as usual, very well supported with about 70 people turning out. Not as many as 2007, but still a good number. The second Knowle By-ways was again less well supported with only ten walkers, but it wasn't a very nice day. The Bluebell walk was very successful, with about 60 people and excellent bluebells. This one is always tricky, as the flowers bloom to their own timings, not mine. The Midsummer walk was anything but that. The evening was horrid and just three of us set off in drizzle. In fact it dried up a bit, but we were wet enough to justify heading for the pub to dry outsides and wet insides. The final walk of the season, around Temple Balsall, was again well supported, but we nearly had a disaster, when the cakes had nearly run out by the time we got back to the

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**TOILET BLOCK AND BUS SHELTER**

You may wonder why nothing has been done yet. Well the Steering Group has had to take a brief rest from its duties while the Architect and the Contractor put their heads together to draw up the necessary papers to bring forward for final consideration before the preparation of the Planning Application for submission to Solihull Council. It is hoped that this will be possible in the first two months of the New Year. Look forward to the final proposals in the next edition of the Newsletter.

**Gary Masters - Knowle 779955**  
**Knowle Society Representative on**  
**Knowle Green Community Project**

**REPLY (EDITED) FROM CENTRO ON BUS ROUTE CHANGES (SEE PAGE 4)**

“...[The] aim is to encourage increased bus use in Solihull by improving links to the main centres and enhancing services for which there is greatest demand. One of Centro's roles is to ensure that the Passenger Transport Authority's accessibility targets remain met and that all areas will still have access to a bus service, although it may become necessary to change buses or walk a short distance to reach bus destinations that were formerly served direct. The revised network will be introduced on Sunday 25 January 2009. Please be aware these changes have taken place ... for commercial reasons.

...

[There will be] a major publicity campaign regarding bus service changes in Solihull early in the new year, which will include local exhibitions where comprehensive timetable information will be made available. Please see local press nearer the time for more details. This information will also be available from the Network West Midlands website early in the New Year, at [www.networkwestmidlands.com](http://www.networkwestmidlands.com).”

*[The Knowle Society's website will carry an updated copy of the complete bus service for Knowle, by all operators, very soon after the new timetables are published.]*

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Old Hall at Temple Balsall. I shall have stiff words with the organiser by next year (that's my wife, so maybe not!). I have agreed to lead the walks for 2009, but I really could do with one or two volunteers to help with some of them. I should be retired some time in 2009 and I've been warned that I'll be busier than ever and not know how I found time to work. I'm looking forward to it.

Well, that's the end of my contribution in this guise. I'll look forward to changing hats and writing about Planning next time. All the best to you all,

**Leighton Jones – Knowle 773894**

Well I am the new boy who will be looking after the committee following Leighton moving onto pastures new, although we shall keep his services for organising and leading the walks in 2009.

I have been on the committee with Leighton for the past 4 years or so, and would like to thank him for the effort he has put into ensuring that we have provided such a diverse range of talks and walks that we hope have been both enjoyable and informative.

The committee hopes to continue to provide an equally high standard of meetings in the future for the enjoyment of the members of the Society, and to maintain this level we do need new members to join the committee, it is not too arduous a task with a few committee meetings during the year (in the evenings) where we review past events and plan future meetings, also to help at the events we hold during the year. If you have the time to spare and the inclination to help then please do get in touch with me to discuss further.

Thank you and here's to an enjoyable series of meetings in 2009.

**Charles Robinson - Knowle 777337**

Members and the public have access to the Knowle Society Local History Collection at Knowle Library whenever a steward is on duty; this is normally on Saturday mornings or at other times by arrangement. Here we bring you a profile of a local man who became an artist of national fame...

### **HENRY TONKS (SURGEON AND ARTIST BORN IN SOLIHULL 1862)**

The Tonks family founded a firm of brass founders in Birmingham c. 1790. Edmund Tonks (born 1824) with his brother William (born 1829) ultimately took over the business. They won gold medals at the Great Exhibition of 1851 and the International Exhibition of 1862 in London and at the Exposition Universelle of 1855 in Paris. The firm amalgamated with Newman Brothers in 1970 and went on to make coffin fittings. They made the fittings for Sir Winston Churchill's coffin but finally closed in 1999 although some of their remaining brass fittings were used for the coffins of The Queen Mother & Princess Diana! The factory is now being made safe and will then be open to visitors.



*Packwood Grange  
Grange Road, Dorridge*

Edmund was a barrister in London but when he married Julia Johnson in 1854 his father offered him a job with the family firm in Birmingham. Apart from helping to run the family brass working business he helped found a Shakespeare library in Birmingham. He was also a botanist and edited the index of Curtis' Botanical which ran to 107 volumes. Edmund and Julia had eleven children but his wife Julia died in childbirth in 1878. They had built **Packwood Grange** by 1868 which was located in fourteen acres of land near Knowle Railway Station. The 1881 census reports that he employed 450 people and the 1891 census shows that they were still living in Packwood Grange. The Grange was demolished in the 1960s to make way for a housing development.



*Packwood Grange—Dining Room*



Henry Tonks (photo left) was born in Solihull, on 9 April 1862. He was the fifth child in the Edmund & Julia Tonks family and attended Clifton College, Bristol, from 1877 to 1880. He then studied medicine at Brighton which he followed by taking on the position of a doctor at the Royal Free Hospital in London. Henry was elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, FRCS, in 1888 and appointed senior medical officer at the Royal Free Hospital in London. In 1892 he became demonstrator in anatomy at the London Hospital medical school.

*Wikimedia*

Henry had been interested in art since childhood and in 1888 (the year in which he became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons) he began attending drawing classes at the London Technical Institute. He studied paintings in his spare time and was a gifted caricaturist. In 1893 the artist Frederick Brown convinced Henry Tonks to abandon his successful medical career and become a teacher at the Slade Art School where he was offered the position of Assistant Professor. Henry Tonks joined the New English Art Club and supported it for the rest of his life.

With the outbreak of the First World War, Henry Tonks helped Gillies at the newly set up Queens Hospital, Sidcup. This was the beginning of plastic surgery. Henry Tonks produced 69 remarkable pastels of the facial injuries to help with the multiple operations (some showing before & after). Photography was not accurate enough in those days. He worked in plastic surgery for the Royal Army Military Corps on the Western Front. In 1916 he was commissioned lieutenant in the Royal Army Medical Corps. Although still in France, in 1917 he was appointed principal of the Slade School of Art, University College, London.

In 1918 together with John Singer Sargent he was appointed official war artist. His paintings were shown at the Royal Academy's 'War Artists' exhibition in 1919. One of his best known paintings of the time was "An Advanced Dressing Station in France".

He returned to the Slade School of Art in 1918 as professor and was considered the most formidable teacher of his generation. Under him the Slade maintained its position as the dominant art school in Britain although it was now challenged by the Royal College of Art. He was an opponent of modern ideas and a major influence in upholding traditional values. He set high standards for his pupils. His best-known work is probably "Saturday Night in The Vale" which shows George Moore reading aloud to a gathering at Tonks's studio in The Vale, Chelsea. This was completed just before his retirement in 1930. He was mentioned in virtually all artists' memoirs of the period. He was offered a knighthood on his retirement in 1930 but he

declined. He died at his home in Chelsea, on 8 January 1937.

Since then some of his important paintings have been acquired by several art galleries including Birmingham which has about 30 of his paintings and drawings.

*I would like to thank Sabina French Blake who is writing a biography of Henry Tonks and his pupils and has given unlimited help with the above article.*

**Can You Help?** *If you have any further information about Henry Tonks or Packwood Grange please see our stewards on Saturday or contact me on 01564 205129 or email [archive@knowlesociety.org.uk](mailto:archive@knowlesociety.org.uk)*

### **DONATIONS**

In recent weeks we have received copies of some wonderful photographs of Knowle for which we are very grateful. If you have anything we could copy we would be very thankful. All subjects are of interest: Buildings, Street scenes, Carnivals, Beauty Contests, Comic football matches, People of Knowle, in fact any subject.

### **A SHORT GUIDE TO CENTRAL KNOWLE**

Another sales outlet has been added to the list and that is Palmers in the High Street. Other places the Guide is on sale include Knowle Library, Oxfam, Midland Business Equipment and in Solihull at The Tourist Information and Borders. The price is £3.

### **DVDS**

Bill Bohanna, one of our committee members has produced two DVDs for us.

- **Knowle Celebrations 1930s to 1960s**  
This is on sale at our meetings and Knowle Library for £8.
- **Eva Wootton Scrapbooks**  
These have now been put onto DVD and can be viewed on a computer screen in the Local History Centre by arrangement. There are no plans at present to put this item on sale.

### **ORAL HISTORY TAPES**

Another of our committee members, Bryan Smart, is at present copying our library of oral tapes onto the society's computer hard drives. These recordings will be available for purchase on CDs by relatives.

### **MORNING TALKS**

We wish to thank Colin Smith for giving a talk on 17<sup>th</sup> November *History of Knowle*. This talk was very well received by an audience of 66. Our next talk will be entitled *Birmingham Jewellery Quarter* and will be given by Kenneth Hughes who entertained us one evening two years ago with his talk about Birmingham's Back to Backs. It will take place in the Village Hall in the morning of Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2009 at 10.30 am. Refreshments will be available from 10.00 am. There will be a total of four Monday morning local history talks during 2009. The other dates for your diary are 6<sup>th</sup> April, 5<sup>th</sup> October and 7<sup>th</sup> December.

### **VISITS**

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September, 22 of our members and friends enjoyed a guided tour of the National Trust Back to Backs in Birmingham. Our next visit will be to the Jewellery Quarter on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2009. We start with an illustrated talk in the Pen Room at 11.00 am followed by free time to view the exhibits. After lunch (there are handy eating places) we have a tour of the Jewellery Quarter Museum. One

way to get there is to catch the 10.09 train from Dorridge which arrives at the Jewellery Quarter station at 10.35. Early booking is recommended as places are limited to 30. To book a place please see our stewards on a Saturday morning or contact Kathy Jephcott on 779007. A stamped addressed envelope would be appreciated. The cost is £2 per person payable at the time of booking. It is planned to have three visits during 2009.



*Martin Warr & Derek Mellor on Heritage Day*

### **EXHIBITIONS**

In the Local History Centre upstairs in the library our current exhibition is *Then and Now*. This will be followed by *Panoramic View of High Street* which will be mounted in

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Mr N Apedale	Mrs M A Johnson	Mrs D Spencer
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**DISTRIBUTION**

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the levels of distributors of the quarterly newsletters, who do a sterling job. My job is made very easy by the method we have of a pyramid distribution system. I simply deliver boxes of the newsletters to my bulk distributors, who then deliver bundles to the individual round people who do the much harder job of walking the rounds and collecting subscriptions in October. It generally runs like clockwork and I only have to sort out the occasional problem with an absent member or unfortunately sick distributor. Old hips and knees are becoming a bit of a nuisance so get your name down early for a new one!! I also rely on the kind people who are on my reserve list who step into the breach for the odd round at short notice, so if anyone else feels able to do that please let me or Derek Mellor know your contact details. Thank you to everyone.

**Anne Smith—Knowle 779102**

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February. Downstairs next to the library entrance we have had two exhibitions in October and December displaying items from our archives about *Historic Knowle*. Our next exhibition by the entrance to the library from 9<sup>th</sup> March 2009 will be *Henry Tonks Surgeon & Artist*. There will be a total of four exhibitions by the library entrance during 2009.

**COMMITTEE**

We wish to thank Elizabeth Stanley for all the hard work she has done for Local History over the last 25 years. Elizabeth has now retired from the committee but has offered to sort out history problems for us. I have stepped down from being chairman but will still play a role on the committee. My place as chairman has been taken by Janet Erzen. The rest of the committee is unchanged: Secretary - Kathy Jephcott, other committee members - Bill Bohanna, Bryan Smart, Susan Trucchi and Anne Wiles.

**Derek Mellor—Knowle 205129**

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**A warm welcome to 47 new members this quarter including those listed here.**

*The Knowle Society has over 3000 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.knowledesociety.org.uk](http://www.knowledesociety.org.uk)*

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