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SOCIETY

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17 Kenilworth Road,
Knowle,
Warks.

10th January, 1967.

Dear Member,

I regret that January's Newsletter contained somewhat puzzling and incorrect information concerning the date of Mr. Richardson's forthcoming talk to the Society. The correct information is as follows:-

Mr. Richardson will be speaking to the
Society on Monday, 6th February, at
8 p.m. in the Guildhouse.

In spite of my unhelpful notice in the Newsletter, the Committee hopes that Mr. Richardson will be greeted with a good turn out by the members.

Yours sincerely,

J. M. PHILLIPS A.R.I.B.A.

Hon. Secretary.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

This year, like many others recently, has been full of changes for the village, some good and some bad.

First, on the debit side we have:-

- (a) The loss of the cottages opposite the Greswolde Hotel.
- (b) Our attempts to modify the Greswolde Caravan site were too late. Strong representations were made about the exit of the service road and seventy car space car park next to the Church, coming on to the High Street by the Greswolde Garage, which is too close to the cross roads. We felt that it should have ended in Hampton Road.

On the Credit side we can report many items:-

- (a) The policy statement for the High Street, introduced to the society by Mr. Richardson, which envisages the retention of all the frontages now left in the village, with a few minor exceptions. This is a most valuable document, and the Council are to be congratulated.
- (b) The new St. John's Way precinct, between the High Street and the Post Office car park should be an imaginative development and an asset to the village.

- (c) The new Wrenson's Corner will be more in keeping with the Olde House than the present building.
- (d) Silvesters are to be congratulated on the adaption of the Olde House to an Antique Shop.
- (e) The Macdreggors have made an excellent job in re-roofing the fruit and wool shop by the Red Lion.
- (f) The new bakery premises promise to be an imaginative adaption of the old.
- (g) The renovated Maddox and adjacent new buildings will be welcome after such a long wait.
- (h) The new plans for the Churchyard are excellent.

The committee has discussed all these matters and made appropriate suggestions to the authorities. Our Councillors have attended a number of committee meetings, in which we have been given a lot of information, we are very grateful for all this.

At present we are considering the large area of land near St. Johns Close, which will soon be released for development. We are drawing up our own plans and ideas which will be discussed with the Authority, developers and the public in the near future. We do think that the people of Knowle should be acquainted with the possibilities prior to the decisions being made.

Several meetings and outings were held last year of which, Mr. Richardsons' talk was the most important. The visit to Aston Hall drew a large crowd and more than seventy people also had a glorious sunlit evening in Oversley Wood. We are indebted to the organisers of these events.

Any influence which a society of this sort can bring to bear depends on the keenness of the members and their numbers. If you love Knowle please join, pay your subscription and recruit new members.

R. J. BOWER,
(Chairman)