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From our Chairman

As I write this piece for the Newsletter, I am keenly aware that we have completed a further year's activity and have had our AGM. As AGMs go it was well-attended and gave members an opportunity to raise issues of concern which will command the attention of the Executive Committee in the coming months.

It was also a time to bid farewell to two long-serving members of the Committee, John Chaloner and Stella Jarman. Colleagues who know them well will write more fully in this Newsletter so I will confine myself to say my personal thanks for their help and support to me in my period of office.

Following the hand-over of responsibility for the Nature Reserve to the Solihull Council, it has been decided to rearrange the Executive Sub-Committees. The Nature Conservation Sub-Committee has been wound up and the Amenities Sub-Committee split. We shall now have one committee responsible for services and facilities, namely Liaison with the Police, Roads and Safety, Public Transport and Birmingham Airport and one committee responsible for the Environment including, the Natural Environment, the Pathfinder development, Open Spaces & Leisure Facilities, Car Parks, Footpaths and Pedestrian Ways. Gary Masters will chair the former and Malcolm Brain the latter. Local History, Meetings &

Social and Planning will remain the same.

After much advertising and a long wait we now have a chairman for Meetings & Social Sub-Committee, Leighton Jones and a Publicity Officer, David Pinwell. This means that all the executive functions are covered.

We had great pleasure at the AGM of appointing Dr Ronald Bower as Honorary Member of the Society. He is only the second member so honoured. The other one was Miss Eva Wootton, who is still spoken of with great respect more than twenty years after her death.

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Events Diary

Monday 17th January 2005
8.00pm in the Village Hall

Thursday 3rd February 2005
7.00pm in the Village Hall

Monday 21st February 2005
8.00pm in the Village Hall

Monday 21st March 2005
8.00pm in the Village Hall

Monday 18th April 2005
8.00pm in the Village Hall

An Introduction to Organic Gardens

An illustrated talk by Julian Stanley, former head gardener—Henry Doubleday Research Association, Ryton and a keen allotment holder

Meet Paul Watson—Head of Planning Services, SMBC

This meeting is a ticket-only event—see posters and the web-site for ticket arrangements

Wildlife on Canals

A illustrated talk by Mrs Leela O'Dea from British Waterways

Memories of an Evacuee

Interesting and informative anecdotes by Betty Barnett of Coventry

The Work of a Prison Visitor

A talk by Denzil Smith

Prison Visitors play an important part in the life of our prisons in supporting prisoners and helping them to make constructive use of their time in prison

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New Year is always a time to look forward. Two of the most important officers of the Solihull Council have indicated a willingness to meet the members of the Knowle Society. They are Katherine Kerswell, the Chief Executive and Paul Watson, the Planning Officer. It is an opportunity, which does not crop up often, to exchange views with two very influential officers. Dates and venues of their meetings will be well publicised. We look forward to their visits.

Crystal ball gazing is always fascinating and looking into my crystal ball I can predict that Planning issues and Birmingham Airport development plans will loom large in our thinking for 2005. But, my experience of chairing many committees over the years tells me that the only sure thing you can predict is that the unexpected will happen. However, you can be assured that whatever emerges, your Committee will tackle it to the best of their ability, for the benefit of the people of Knowle.

A happy New Year to you all. Colin Smith - Knowle 772981

THE WAY WE WERE—ITV TUESDAY 11TH JANUARY AT 7.30PM

The first programme in this new series—*Love and Marriage* is scheduled to feature the Knowle carnivals from the middle of the last century. There will be interviews with Ann Cox (née Cole) who was Carnival Queen in 1949 and Anita Homer (née Ingram), who was May Queen in 1949 and Carnival Queen in 1952. Ray Morton writes *“Central TV’s general interest in the tape soon focussed on post-war Carnivals and their Queens. Could any still be found in Knowle or thereabouts? Some rapid sleuthing located two. The very first Queen, still living in Knowle, and one in Bidford-on-Avon. Were they willing to be recorded? Yes, after some persuasion. A chauffeur driven Chrysler car was laid on to transport them to the studios in Birmingham. The driver’s information indicated three elderly ladies in their 80’s who might need assistance—he actually encountered three very elegant and agile ladies not needing assistance at all and not in quite the age bracket indicated! The reaction at the studio was one of equal surprise and instructions to check on their mobility in relation to managing stairs were rapidly cancelled.”* [Photo is from the Ratcliff films which feature in this programme. Sorry about the quality but it may whet your appetite—Ed]



The 1949 Carnival Queen being crowned

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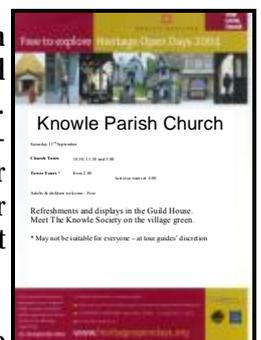
COMMUNITY SPIRITS?

Walking past the hedge of The Wine Rack car park was becoming increasingly prickly in the Summer, especially when passing between the posts of a road sign. I popped in and mentioned it to the young lady serving at the time, expecting it to be brushed off and to see no change. What a delight to go past again the next week and find the hedge neatly trimmed. It was heartening to see such prompt and considerate community spirit(s)—thank you Wine Rack! - Ed

WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER NEWS

Thank you to those people who requested to take their newsletter by email. They will have received this copy two or three weeks earlier than usual. We ask that you pay your membership by standing order if you wish to avail yourself of this option. To request your newsletter by email (no paper copy) please see full details and a form on: <http://forms.knowlesociety.org.uk>

In the last issue we promised to bring you a report on the Heritage Open Day (HOD) on 11th September when the church and tower were opened with guided tours and your Society erected its green striped gazebo on the village green to meet people and do some active recruiting. Well the weather was dull and windy and after struggling to hold down the gazebo for half-an-hour the recruitment was abandoned. Numbers attending the normally very popular tower opening were also well down. Concerns had been raised by the Civic Trust’s advisers this year about insurance for opening church towers and the late resolution of the problem meant that publicity had been played down to avoid possible disappointment.



HOD poster

It is clear that nobody cuts out the committee lists on page 8, so no attempt has been made to place them on a separate page this year. If anybody does need a copy, just contact the editor. Look out for some colour in future newsletters—we hope to keep improving the Society’s communication with members and welcome your feedback.

David Bower - Knowle 775790

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Welcome to our new members...

- Mrs M Abbott
- Mr & Mrs M R A Ainsworth
- Mrs L E Barker
- Mr & Mrs D Brittin
- Mr & Mrs R W Buxton
- Mr P Curton
- Mrs D L Duffield
- Mr & Mrs P Gerhold
- Mr & Mrs W Hawkeswood
- Mrs S Jones
- Mr N Keen
- Mr & Mrs L Keress
- Mr & Mrs Mills
- Mr D Scarff
- Mr & Mrs D Smith
- Mr & Mrs C Smithers
- Mr & Mrs R Stokes
- Mr & Mrs G Suero
- Mr & Mrs Stanton
- Mr & Mrs J Thornework
- Mr & Mrs R Warren
- Mr & Mrs Wormald

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:

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WINDFALL DEVELOPMENTS—MEET HEAD OF PLANNING DEPT

Since my report in the last newsletter there have not been very many planning applications of note. Those that have been made have been mainly for extensions to private houses and more major ones have tended to be outside our area of concern if not interest. This reflects the position in the country generally and is thought to be due to the cost of moving home. Among other things the incidence of stamp duty is substantial. For instance, the stamp duty on a house purchase is £9000 on a property of £300,000 and on one at £600,000 it is £24000.



348 Station Road—Photo RG

One recent application that is causing us concern is a new proposal to develop 348 Station Road with a 3-storey block of 8 flats. This is by Cala Homes and I have no doubt that my sub-committee will be opposing it on many grounds. In my view, it is totally inappropriate for the area and considerably too large.

This leads into a recurring theme of my last few newsletter articles. This is of course the proliferation of applications for windfall developments. At present I calculate there are something in the region of 130 flats waiting to be built in Knowle and the only ones to my knowledge where there is activity by the builders is the Crest Nicholson site on Warwick Road and possibly the Lodge Road development. You will be aware of concern in the village at the number of applications relating to demolition of perfectly good houses and the erection of blocks of flats and my committee took these concerns to the Council in October when three of us had an hour with Paul Watson, Chief Planning Officer and Councillor Les Kyles, Chairman of the Council's planning sub-committee. We told them that the perception in Knowle was that this sort of application seemed to be going through on the nod and that there seemed to be little or no hard examination.



*Paul Watson
Photo SMBC*

This suggestion was strenuously denied but concern was expressed that such a perception was held in Knowle. Paul Watson said that he would be happy or at least ready to address a public meeting in Knowle to explain the way that PPG3 (i.e. windfall development) was interpreted by the Council and that he would take questions afterwards. Needless to say we took him up on that offer and I can now confirm as presaged in the Parish Magazine that the Public Meeting will take place in the Village Hall on 3rd February next at 7.00 in the evening. Posters will be distributed and the precise ticket arrangements will be announced immediately after Christmas. Details will also be on the web site. The first 200 applicants only will be given tickets. Please put this date in your New Year diaries. Colin Smith our chairman will be chairing the meeting and priority will be given to written questions.

My committee earnestly hope that all those people who have expressed concern at the position and who perhaps believe that the village is being permanently changed will turn up on the night and at the very least come away with a better understanding of the reasoning behind the policy. It seems to me that this is very much part of the democratic process and if you are not there to make your voice heard you are missing out.

Lastly I should like very sincerely to thank my committee who have done such sterling work throughout the year. This was my first year as Chairman and indeed really my first year on the Committee and cliché though it is, I really could not have managed it without them. Thank you Phil Vince, Norman Stanley, Peter Ellis, Peter Morton and Geoff Vaughan.

Peter Ewin - Knowle 776381

EXHIBITIONS

The present exhibition in the show cases is *Images of Lodge Road*, which includes Knowle Lodge, The Hollies, timbered cottages, Jobs Close, the park, Crown Cottage, Pear Tree Cottage, Hickens/Hollands Corner and Victoria Buildings. It is open during normal library hours: there are plenty of posters around the village (thank you to those who live in the cottages on the poster for allowing us to use the photograph. Our provisional exhibition programme for 2005 is shown on the front page of the programme card that accompanies this issue of the newsletter.

We shall also be presenting an exhibition in the Guild House for the 60th anniversary of V.E. Day and V. J. Day on July 9th, as our contribution to the village celebrations, but it will be on a smaller scale than in the past. Details will be in the next newsletter. We would welcome comments as to whether our present policy of concentrating on frequent very small exhibitions in the show cases, as opposed to more occasional larger ones, meets with your approval.

PEACE & REMEMBRANCE

This small display is part of the Local History Centre's contribution to the 60th anniversary of V.E. Day and V. J. Day, for which we are now collecting material. Were you in Knowle on V.E. Day or V.J. Day? If so, do you recall the festivities and the time between May and August 1945? Have you got any photographs which you would let us copy? The collection is thin on the ground - we have several of the church floodlit and two of street parties in Hampton Road but nothing more. Did you serve in the armed forces, the Women's Land Army, etc.? We have a number of photographs of Knowle men (and two women) in uniform, which generated a lot of interest in *American Interlude* last summer. Do you remember 'Coming Home' to Knowle? Your memories would be most welcome. If you have a photograph of yourself (preferably in uniform) which you would be willing to let us copy, please get in touch.

Please contact John Rear on 779547 or Valerie Morton on 784278 as soon as possible.

ITV FILM

ITV has approached us for old moving films for a series of programmes on 'life as it was'. They would like to use some of the Ratcliff video, which some of you have. They seem particularly interested in the carnivals which took place from 1949 onwards and are keen to talk to some of the people on the video. We are still in discussion. [See Page 2]

JUNIOR SCHOOL LOCAL HISTORY PROJECT

We have just done a lot of work on this and everyone considers the new system a considerable improvement. We now have a dedicated set of photographs, taken from digital images, which has taken some time to get together, but which will make life easier on future occasions. We were able to take them to the school for the interview session, which both the interviewees and the children appreciated. We shall now provide the school with copies of the digital images. The photograph of Bateman's yard alongside is one of the images we selected.

B93 ARTS AWARD

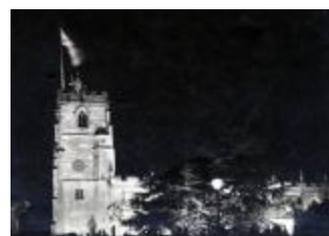
You may remember that we shared this award with the Church and the Flower Guild for our Church 600th anniversary exhibition last year. We came to an agreement with Margaret Fulford that we would keep it in the show cases until the A.G.M. on November 19th, when Elizabeth Stanley presented it to her.

ORAL HISTORY

John Johnson has been busy lately. He has been to see Mary Jones (née White), one of a well known Knowle family; and also Ken Hicklin, whose family used to own the Greswolde Hotel.



Lodge Road, c. 1920



The Church on V.E. Night



V. J. Day party in Hampton



A Knowle carnival, 1950s?



Bateman's Monumental Masons High Street 1947

THE COLLECTION

At present we are concentrating on the parish magazines, which have been transferred to new folders. The early ones, which are very fragile, are being inserted into acid free sleeves - a slow job (two to three minutes per magazine) being done by John Rear. Now we need another working party to stick some labels on the folders, which will probably be just after Christmas. The next job is the maps, which will also be put into new folders. A preliminary sort has already been done, but it is likely to be a big job, so we are not looking forward much further at present.

CAROLS.—The boys of the Choir will sing Carols to those Parishioners and others who may be willing to welcome them. It is very earnestly requested that no intoxicating liquors be offered to the boys by way of refreshment. Home-made wines are especially to be avoided. We want the boys to grow up into men, and men should be independent of all things which are not necessary.

A seasonal entreaty from Canon Downing in an early parish magazine

PEOPLE

A list of members of the Local History Centre Committee can be seen on the back page of this newsletter. I am pleased to say that we have not lost anyone this year. We welcome Geoffrey Dean as an appointed member of the committee. Geoffrey has been attending meetings, but on an informal basis, for several months (not that it makes any practical difference). As you know he has taken on digital imaging and some of the more practical jobs.

Elaine Warner - Knowle 775887

LOCAL HISTORY OF A DIFFERENT SORT!

On the front page the Chairman pays tribute to two long-serving members of the Executive Committee who retired at the AGM. Below, Dr Ronald Bower recalls Stella Jarman's intimate knowledge of Knowle and Elaine Warner writes about John Chaloner.



Stella has been a dedicated member of the Nature Committee of the Knowle Society ever since its formation. She has organised flower and butterfly walks and no detail escapes her. She was very keen on the Midland Hawthorn which she tried to get me to identify on several occasions but I am afraid I never mastered the details. Some years ago a garden at Copt Heath Croft disappeared into a deep hole. This turned out to be the end of a tunnel running down to the canal wharf by Dickens Heath Farm. The limestone had been mined for loading on to the barges for transport to Birmingham. Some years later a patch of lime-loving plants was found along Hampton Lane opposite Waterfield Farm. This was identified by Stella as part of this same limestone seam running up from the canal. Some years ago some cowslips were found along Jacobean Lane by some houses. Under Stella's care these were transplanted to the Warwick Road. She

kept full time observation on the nature reserve frequently working on it. Without all this care Knowle would be a much less interesting place. RJB

It is my privilege to thank John for his incredibly hard work for the Society over the last 13 years. He will be a great loss to the committee, which he joined in 1991, when he was still at Maiden's hardware shop. Although not exactly a representative of the Knowle shopkeepers, he was a useful link between them and the Society. He immediately joined the Amenities Sub-committee. Later on he joined the Planning Sub-committee and was a tower of strength on both but he is probably best known as the Membership Secretary and Newsletter Editor. Under John's stewardship the membership list was computerised and is now held on a database. This did not get a lot of publicity, but it involved almost daily attention behind the scenes and was a vital part of the Society's administration. John also, of course, handled incoming subscriptions and worked closely with the treasurer. He often visited new members personally, taking their first newsletter and fixture card. Eventually he also took over the newsletter, which he transformed into a modern publication, once more using his computer skills to produce an attractive design. He was extremely patient with those of who were regularly late with copy. After a heart attack in 1998 he resigned from Planning and Amenities, but continued with membership and newsletter. He retired from both at the end of 2003, but stayed on the committee. On a personal note, throughout my own nine years as chairman, I always knew he would give me sound advice when asked: he has that rare gift - good judgement. Now he has decided to call it a day. But he has not quite escaped: he still copy checks the newsletter and does some typing for the Local History Centre. Thank you, John. It has been a privilege to work with you. ESW



POT HOLES: DAYS ARE NUMBERED

Hopefully by the time that you read this article, work will have commenced, or even finished, on the re-surfacing of the three car parks in the village. After sustained pressure on the council officers regarding the state of the car park surfaces it has now been agreed that attention will be given in January, at the earliest. The car park at the back of Nat-West Bank will be closed for a few days in order to go down to the foundations, and then it will be reformed. This will be after the *Tesco* and rear of the village hall parks have had the tops skimmed and a new top surface applied. It was originally hoped that block paving could be done, similar to the two sides of the village hall car parks, but unfortunately there was a financial constraint. In addition new parking bays will be marked out afterwards. Many thanks to Allan Coleman for his sterling efforts in pursuing this situation throughout 2004.

*Photo-RG***SHINE A LIGHT**

Another success story has recently been the provision of improved lighting in the passageway alongside the library building and Knot Garden. During the dark winter months this is helpful to all users and the library staff.

STREET CLEANING IMPROVES?

Various roads around the village and the residential streets are beginning to look tidier thanks to the efforts of the council to ensure that the contractors give more attention to our requirements and those of residents. If you have any further concerns on this please let me know.

COMMUNITY NEEDS*Photo-RG*

My committee has explained at some length to Sgt. Ann Strachan the need for a more stringent approach to enforcement of the law with regards to parking offences taking place in and around the centre of the village. The road *build-outs* at the ends of Lodge Road (both ends), St John's Close and Station Road are often being used as parking places causing danger to other road users and pedestrians. The on road parking around St John's Close is appalling in some situations, especially at road junctions and a request has been made for more attention to be given to this.

If you are wondering where the new mobile police station is, I can now tell you that it has had to be returned to the manufacturer because of faults that have developed. They do not make them like they used to! Hopefully we will all be seeing it around the village again soon.

JOB'S CLOSE PARK

Work should have started in the New Year, and will continue on into the next financial year, starting in April. This article will be at the printers by the time I have attended the next consultation meeting on 15 December, so now you will have something to look forward to in the next issue of the Newsletter.

IN CONCLUSION

Over the past couple of months articles have appeared in the Parish Magazine concerning parking problems in and around Knowle. I must make clear that any named contribution has not identified the Society, or its policy on parking within Knowle. In addition any suggestions made are not the policies of the Society. You must remember that the Society exists to *maintain the character of the village and to see that pressures for development and change do not engulf and destroy it*. The last editorial suggesting a one way system would certainly not be in keeping with those objectives.

If you, dear reader, have any constructive ideas on the parking issues then I, and my committee, will be delighted to receive them. Enjoy your spring and I will probably be writing to you next under a different committee name.

Gary Masters - Knowle 779955

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FINANCIAL REPORT

The Knowle Society Balance Sheet and Accounts for the year to 30th September 2004 were presented at the Annual General Meeting on 22nd November 2004. Total Income for the year amounted to £3847 the main source being subscriptions of £2941. The deficit of £959 was in the main due to the purchase of a sound system for our regular meetings at a cost of £326, and the replacement of very old Christmas tree lights costing £536. This deficit was transferred to the Accumulated Fund, which now stands at £2270, with a further £5000 in the Reserve Fund. The Eva Wootton Fund now stands at £2643; £823 being donated to Knowle Village Hall for the purchase of a Hearing Loop system, and £500 to Knowle Scouts. Mr Andrew Chadwick A. C. A. audited the accounts and was re-elected as Auditor.

Sandra Lea - Knowle 776850

CHANGE, BUT NOT ALL CHANGE

As you will all be aware, the Meetings & Social sub-committee has been soldiering on for the last year without a chairman. Sandra Lea had run things for a number of years, but having taken on the Treasurer's role she very reasonably decided that being a member of the committee would be enough of an additional commitment. In fact she continued to cover most of the responsibilities of the chairman while the rest of us looked the other way! However, I have now decided that the time has come for me to step forward and take on the mantle of chairman. (It was a little like the situation in the Army when volunteers are told to step forward and all but one step backwards, leaving one silly person standing out in front.) However, I am sure that my duties will not be too onerous as the other members of the committee will continue to do all the work!

We have recruited one additional committee member this year. Charles Robinson has joined us and has already proved his worth. He has taken over the production of the posters advertising our meetings and I'm sure you'll agree that the new broom has turned out some eye-catching ones. He is also arranging the distribution of the posters as Iris Griffiths has retired from this duty, having been a great assistance to me for several years. We wish Iris all the best for the future.

Now that the threat of being pitched straight in as chairman has disappeared I hope we can recruit another one or two members to join us. I promise that you will not be expected to take on anything you don't feel ready for, but some 'new blood' would be very welcome. The main work is done in the 5 or 6 committee meetings a year together with a certain amount in between and the commitment is not a major one.

CLOSING EVENTS OF 2004

Since the last Newsletter there has only been one social event, the Musical Evening on October 18th. While we were slightly disappointed in the number of members who attended

there were enough present to make it a very good evening. The Blossomfield Singers entertained us with *Songs from the Shows* with numbers from many decades of the 20th century. Most were well known songs and the audience were encouraged to sing along, which we did with gusto, if not great accuracy! The choir numbers were alternated with some well presented solos and a virtuoso performance on the xylophone.

The final walk of the summer season rescued the year. While the early ones had been poorly attended in pretty dismal weather, the last Sunday in September was glorious; lots of people turned out; and we concluded with now traditional tea and cakes at Temple Balsall.

I am writing this note after coming back from erecting the village Christmas tree outside the Guild House, ably supported by Charles Robinson and Phil Vince. The lights were switched on at the same time as those in the High Street on Monday 29th November and I hope you've enjoyed them throughout the Christmas season.

The final event of 2004 is always the Boxing Day walk. By the time you receive this Newsletter the walk will have been held, with the usual refreshments along the way, thanks to Ted & Di Reville and Gwen & Gary Masters. I hope the weather will have been kind to us – either that, or a really good covering of fresh snow.

EVENTS IN 2005

We have a very full programme for you this year, some events organised by this committee, and some arranged by others. The complete list of events is given in the accompanying programme card, but I'll mention the first few to whet your appetites.

We start the year with one for the gardeners and others with an interest in organic produce. Winter can be a bit of a dead time in the garden, but when better for a talk on *An Introduction to Organic Gardens* to get you thinking of warmer times. The talk will be given on Monday, 17th January by Mr

Julian Stanley, formerly head gardener at the Ryton headquarters of the Henry Doubleday Research Association and a keen allotment owner. If there's enough interest we'll be arranging a visit to the Ryton gardens later in the year.

Don't forget the meeting about planning matters on Thursday, 3rd February. See the article by the Planning sub-committee on page 3.

Following on, we have a talk by Mrs Leela O'Dea from British Waterways on the *Wildlife on the Canals* on Monday, 21st February. I'm sure many of you will have walked, or even boated, along our network of local canals and seen some of the wildlife. However, I'm sure we'll have our eyes opened to even more in this illustrated talk.

The March talk, on Monday, 21 March, is entitled *Memories of an Evacuee*, an apt talk for this year, marking the 60th anniversary of the ending of World War II.

We follow this on Monday, 18 April with *The Work of a Prison Visitor*. Prison Visitors play an important part in the life of our prisons in supporting prisoners and helping them to make constructive use of their time in prison. Come along and learn something of what it's really like to be *locked up*.

Of course, I couldn't end without promoting the walks programme. These are intended to be suitable for most people, being 3 – 5 miles long and over ground that is not difficult. Stiles, however, cannot be avoided but if you're willing to give them a go we'll guarantee to get you over and around. Why not come and join us, we'll take it at a pace anyone can manage.

Hoping to see you at our meetings and walks during the year, if you want any more information, please ring.

Leighton Jones – Knowle 773894

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AIRPORT REPORT - ENVIRONMENT MONITORING

Work on the Airport 2004 Noise Contour Review is progressing with a view to it being completed in October 2005. A new contours map will be circulated shortly. Following many complaints about the Slovak Airlines training flights, in consultation with Airfield Services and NATS, a revised policy for training flights is being prepared. The old ANOMS 6 and the new ANOMS 8 * noise and track keeping systems are now running side by side.

At the Society's request, Airport representatives will be temporarily locating their new noise measuring equipment at an agreed site in Knowle during May 2005. The intention is to record the noise patterns and intensity over time.

AIRPORT MASTER PLAN UPDATE

The Airport will submit a *high level statement of intent* to the Department for Transport in December 2004, outlining progress with the Master Plan Review process, together with a programme to produce an *adopted* Master Plan. Although there are forecasts in the Government White Paper, the Airport Company has commissioned dedicated forecasts for Birmingham, as part of the Master Plan review process. This work is now complete and will form the basis from which much of the other work for the Master Plan Review process is driven. The Airport Company is awaiting a reply from the Department of Transport

COMPENSATION AND MITIGATION

The Airport Company has developed voluntary (or non-statutory) compensation schemes and a consultation exercise has begun. A number of objections have been raised, and further meetings scheduled.

John Rowley - Knowle 778289

[* ANOMS - Airport Noise and Operations Monitoring System (Ed)]

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Solihull Police Authority Consultative Committee	Mr Paul Blackman
Solihull Transport Users' Advisory Committee also B93 Community Awards	Mr Lewis Edwards *
West Midlands Amenity Societies Association	Mr Peter Ewin*

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