

## **KNOWLE SOCIETY**

Minutes of the 38th Annual General Meeting held at the Village Hall on 20th November 2000.

Present: Dr R.J.Bower (President), Mrs E.S.Warner (Chairman) and 60 members.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from 7 members.

Minutes of the previous Meeting: The Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th November 1999 were approved.

### Chairman's Remarks:

The Chairman began by referring to the sad death of Betty Walden, earlier in the year. Elaine paid tribute to Betty's services to the Society and to her friendship. The Chairman mentioned the highlights of the year for the Society, notably participation in the Knowle Millennium celebrations, including the Exhibition, 1000 Years of Knowle, and the Millennium Procession. The acquisition of a permanent commemorative sign is also in hand. The normal business of the Society continues. The Chairman thanked the Committee and all who assist in this work. There is still a need for volunteers to join sub-committees to enable the Society's work to be done. The Chairman concluded by informing the Society that she was vacating the chairmanship, at this meeting, and commended Peter Ellis as the unanimous choice of the Committee to succeed her.

### Treasurer's Report:

In the absence of Ken Hornby, there was no discussion of the Accounts presented to the Society. At 30 September 2000 the total monies in the accumulated fund stood at £10,195.00. The Chairman responded to a question from the floor by explaining the operation of the Wootton Fund.

### Membership Secretary's Report:

Membership stood at 1706. All were encouraged to recruit members to the Society and more volunteers for Newsletter distribution were required.

### Election of Officers and Committee Members:

President: Dr R.J.Bower

Chairman: Mr P.L.Ellis

Secretary: Mr C.H.Smith

Treasurer: Mr K.Hornby

Committee Members: Mrs S.E.Jarman, Mrs S.V.Lea, Mrs E.S.Warner, Mr J.F.Chaloner, Mr G.G.C.Masters, Mr R.J.Rear & Mr P.S.Vince.

Hon Auditor: R.A.Lea & Co.

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Cllrs Blake and Kyles congratulated Peter Ellis on his election as chairman of the Society and thanked Elaine Warner for her happy working relationship with the Councillors and Officers of the Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council.

The Meeting closed at 8.34pm.

*19th November 2001*

## Notes on Reports following the AGM of 20th November.

After the formal business of the AGM was concluded, Peter Ellis, the new Chairman, expressed his sense of honour at being elected to that office and assured members that he would serve the Society as well as he could.

Dr Bower was invited to speak on behalf of the Society. He expressed the Society's gratitude to Elaine for the wide range of work she had done, over the years, for the Society. On behalf of the Knowle Society, he presented Elaine with a watch.

Stella Jarman also thanked Elaine, on behalf of the ladies of the Society and presented her with a sapling, to be planted in the park with the other commemorative trees.

### Up-dates by Sub-committee Chairmen on information in the last Newsletter.

Each S/C Chairman who spoke paid tribute to Elaine and thanked her for the support she had given them. The Autumn 2000 Newsletter was very full, so there was little additional information to report.

### Planning

Members were urged to use the Knowle shops, both to keep the shops and to demonstrate the validity of the claim in the Society's UDP response for the need of shops in the village.

Both Café Saffron and Shipways, who have proceeded with building changes without planning permission, have been ordered to reverse their actions.

Arden School now has an operational Music & Drama building to enhance the facilities at the school.

The Knowle Society has decided to offer support to Bass to erect a new coat of arms at the Wilson Arms.

Ken Richards will replace Peter Ellis as Chairman of the Planning S/C.

### UDP & MASA

There was no new information on the UDP.

MASA has 75 Midlands Societies in membership of which 50 will constitute the West Midlands region from 1st April 2001.

### Local History

No additional information to report.

### Nature Conservation

24th November 2000 from 10.15am was confirmed as the Millennium Commemorative Tree Planting date in Jobs Close Park.

### Footpaths and Local Walks

Malcolm Brain and Leighton Jomes were thanked for their services as walks organisers and the Council was commended for its support of footpaths and walks.

### Amenities

To help alleviate car parking problems, the Council is being asked to consider imposing time limits on some car parks in Knowle.

Bus timetables, not easily obtainable elsewhere, can be provided by Lewis Edwards.

### Meetings and Social

It was confirmed that the lights on the Village Christmas Tree and the High St. lights will be switched on, on 1st December.

The next AGM will be on 26th November 2001.

Reports were concluded at 9.22pm.