



Once again, in heralding this, our village's 750th year, a proliferation of colour appeared along its entrance roads, to greet the arrival of Spring, along with (finally) some sunshine.

The crocuses and daffodils remind us of the endeavours of the Society's volunteers over many years of planting those bulbs which have established themselves as an annual delight.

The quest to make Knowle a bright and colourful place through the seasons has long been a part of our work.

On page 5 we recognise the years of service of the now retired Lilla Baker, who led regular tidy up sessions, especially with the Precinct flower beds.

On page 8, you can read the latest news and plans from the Natural Environment team. Last year, they undertook wildflower seeding on The Green in St John's Close the fruits of which labour which hopefully appear soon to bring more colour and interest.

Look out for them over the next few months not only doing more seeding on The Green but also bringing more colour to the environs of the Wychwood Roundabout.

Spreading Colour in the Village

Events Diary

Monday April 20th
7.30pm in the Village Hall

Monday May 18th
7.30pm in the Village Hall

Monday June 15th
7.30pm in the Village Hall

Wednesday July 1st
7.00pm start

Monday July 13th
10.30am in the Village Hall

Speaker - Nick Martin
Birds, in facts and photos

Speaker - Anna Sutcliffe (Manby Bowdler)
The Pitfalls of Wills and Probate

Speaker - To Be Confirmed
Green Talk - to be confirmed

Green Walk - Local Wildlife Site and Nature Reserve
Meet at Knowle Park Car Park (2.5 miles)

History Talk - Helen George
750 Years of Knowle History

Our Newly Elected Chair Introduces Herself

and will continue leading the Library Volunteers

Following my election as Chair of the Knowle Society at the AGM held in February, I wanted to introduce myself in this Newsletter. I am honoured to have been elected as Chair and looking forward to working with the other Trustee Directors to ensure another successful year for the Society.

I would like to thank David Bower for his work as Chairman over the past four years and I am also grateful that David will remain a Trustee Director for the future.

For those who do not know me, I was born in Knowle, attended Knowle Infant School, Junior School and Arden Academy before attending Solihull Sixth Form College and then the University of York to study Economics and Economic History.

After University, I returned to Knowle and started work in the pension industry. I have always tried to make full use of everything which Knowle has to offer, be it the local shops, library or many community groups!

My involvement with the Knowle Society started when I became a volunteer at Knowle Library, before becoming a Trustee Director in 2019.

I will still look after the Friends of Knowle Library and organise the rota of volunteers that help keep the library open on Saturday afternoons.

During my time as Trustee Director, I have seen the dedication of my colleagues in making the Society a success, through organising events (be it "Green" events or Local History), increasing links with other local societies, such as the recent work with the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust whilst providing a comprehensive response to planning applications.



I will enjoy continuing to work with them on the events planned for 2026, including the Knowle 750 celebration, and for the future.

However, the success of the events also comes down to the volunteers who help to run them. If you would like to be involved in any event, then please let us know via contact@knowlesociety.org.uk.

For further information about us or our future events, please keep on reading the Newsletter or visit our website at knowlesociety.org.uk.

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Standing In at the Airport Consultative Committee

As we are between representatives to the Airport Consultative Committee following Lilla Baker's retirement at the AGM, I attended the ACC meeting on Thursday 5 March. I found it very interesting and valuable for the Society to continue to participate.

The meeting comprises six airport representatives, including the CEO, and 23 reps from the Council, Parish Councils, resident associations, ABTA and ourselves.

The session considered updates regarding airport activity and sustainability and reports on pollution and noise, underpinned by 34 detailed pages, populated with technical graphs and charts, received by email in advance.

It was interesting to note that noise is prioritised over efficiency for the first 4000 feet of take-off for the departing aircraft, but then efficiency comes first until they reach 7000 feet.

Also, that the number of 'air traffic movements' in the 'night-flying' hours is comfortably within the permitted limit. At the end of the last quarter there had been approximately 6500, compared with the permitted 7227.

Finally, we were advised that a new Master Plan for the Airport is to be prepared to cover the period from 2026 to 2041, so we will take an interest in that as it develops.

David Bower

Is a Rush to Secure Planning Approvals Over-Ambitious?

Andrew Marston reflects on a meeting with Richborough in Planning News



Richborough plan for a vehicular entrance on Kenilworth Road

Much has been said in the past regarding planning Applications in the Green Belt and the Society's attempts to procure a refusal from the Council's Planning Committee. All of those which have been considered by that Committee have, to date, failed.

The lack of a current, and sustainable, Local Plan has just brought about a recent mail-shot from Solihull Council for us to comment on the various 'issues and options' in a consultation for a new Local Plan, currently in preparation. True to form, the Council has issued a preliminary document of no less than seventy-five pages and three appendices. However, the much shorter Summary of just four pages serves us well (<https://tinyurl.com/3wzymakf>).

Meanwhile, a recent public consultation was held for yet another scheme, this time for 300 houses (half of which are to be 'affordable'), proposed to the west of Kixley Lane with vehicular access/egress to/from the site provided on Kenilworth Road.

The Committee was able to arrange a meeting with team members of the developer, Richborough. However, whilst detail was explained, questions remained. For example, it was stated that a maximum stay of just 2 hours in a car park for 20 vehicles off Kixley Lane (located virtually opposite the School drive) would, apparently, go a long way to solving the existing car parking problem of what is, in fact, unrestricted parking of close to 30 vehicles!

Furthermore, when we asked for Richborough's view on how long the 300 homes would take to sell, the response was 30 months. This suggested a rate of 10 houses per month, ie two and a half per week.

This raised concern that they might be far out-of-touch with Knowle's previous residential schemes where, if memory serves of recent times, one per week reflected a healthy market.

Were you to consider that the market could more likely be 'flooded' with new schemes based on recent consents given on other Green Belt based schemes bounded by Station Road, Warwick Road and Grove Road, then could such developments be envisaged as being in progress for many years to come.

No doubt many of you, like myself, have wondered why all these developers are seeking approvals at all at this time, when it is quite possible the first brick on any scheme will probably not be laid for another twelve months at best. Such delays are currently due to a slow residential development market which prevails across the country generally, but with a positive planning result now, an outline approval now will support any later detailed application with a positive history.

I give a word of caution, however, from elsewhere. A relatively small scheme of 33 houses, with fifteen 'affordable', was supported by the local authority in Cornwall. It seems that midway during construction, work was terminated due to increased costs resulting from a 'planning dispute'. Incomplete houses were then demolished due to a 'lack of demand'!

I wonder if we shall see this happening here in Knowle in, perhaps, the not-too-distant future.

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How to be on Time for a Stagecoach or Landflight Bus

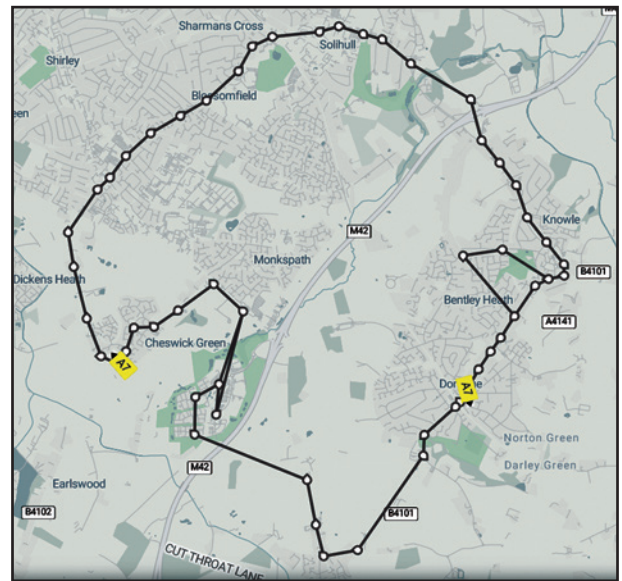
And spend less time at a wet and windy stop

Worried about rising fuel prices and considering using public transport instead, then maybe moaning that you never know when they are coming?

Well, you won't be alone in that, but may I offer you the perfect answer to this dilemma. Knowing where they are and when they are coming is essential, and a simple website, covering most bus services in the country, can let you switch between:

- a map of the route showing all the buses of that number, all the bus stops, where each bus is currently located and in which direction it is travelling,
- the timetable (in both directions) for that bus route,
- the registration number and other details of each bus working that route that day.

The map is a winner, as long as you recognise that it is necessarily up to half a minute behind where the bus really is, so expect it to appear a few moments before the map shows it arriving at your stop. This real-time tracker is outstanding and far more useful than timetables alone.



It is for all ages. I recently saw an elderly man at a bus stop with his mobile, ecstatic about how useful this website was. It is a game-changer for bus users, like satnav is for car drivers. Let www.bustimes.org get you out of your car.

David Bower

National Consultation on Digital ID Proposals

Proposals to introduce a national ID system have always proved controversial, particularly for those concerned with civil liberties. However, the benefits available for the efficiency of our public services, and our ease of accessing them, are believed by many to be considerable if each of us had a personal Digital Identity.

The Government is examining the potential of such a scheme, which would at least help those with no passport or driving licence to prove that they exist. A consultation, ending Tuesday 5 May, has been launched. Anyone keen to find out more or participate can enter 'Digital ID Consultation' into their favourite Internet search engine.

Further Change at the Annual General Meeting

Retirement of a dedicated Trustee Director

As well as the election of our new Chair (see page 2) and thanking David Bower for his four years of sterling service in the role as he stepped down, the Annual General Meeting paused to recognise another long serving stalwart of the Society.

Lilla Baker retired after fourteen years of service as a Trustee Director and the breadth of her contribution was acknowledged by her colleagues.

Lilla had energetically and conscientiously fulfilled her role as our Community Services lead, attending meetings of the Airport Consultative Committee and the Bus Action Group, liaising with the Council about litter and arranging village tidy up sessions, litter picking in the village centre and park and keeping the Precinct flower beds in order.

She has also been at the forefront of volunteering to help with other events, stewarding at the Christmas Lights Switch-on or meeting and greeting when we set out a stall at community gatherings.

Her 'can do' and 'get things done' approach was ever evident and was undoubtedly a legacy of a long career in health service operational environments. She leaves a substantial hole to be filled.



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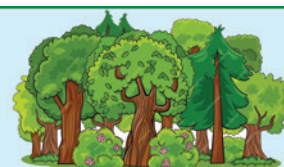
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A Green Walk - The Arden Triangle and its Local Wildlife Site

Wednesday 1st July at 7.00pm Meet at Knowle Park Car Park



NEWS FROM THE LOCAL HERITAGE TEAM



The Library, along with the Heritage Centre upstairs, is back in action after the roof works

OUR TEAM IS BACK HOME

We are delighted to be back home upstairs in Knowle Library and to have unpacked the 70 boxes of local history archives that have been in storage since last July. The Heritage Centre is now back in action!

Come and visit the display of lovely images of the buildings around Knowle Square, they have hardly changed. If you have any heritage questions or personal queries stewards are available, upstairs in the library, on Saturday mornings on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturday of each month and we can be contacted at the email address below.

A CHANGE OF NAME

We have taken the library reopening as an opportunity to rename the Local History Centre the Heritage Centre. A new Heritage Centre logo is being created and will be launched during a weekend of heritage celebrations planned for June 20th and 21st.

CELEBRATING 750 YEARS

In addition to participating in the village 750th Anniversary celebration on Sunday 21st June, alongside other local organizations, our plans include the following:

- *June 20th:* We will begin our weekend of celebration with an exhibition highlighting Knowle's history spanning 750 years, the unveiling of the 'A Journey Through Time' Heritage Board in the Library Courtyard, the introduction of our heritage logo, and a family heritage quiz.
- *July 13th at 10.30am:* 'A Timeline of Knowle', a talk in the Village Hall.
- *September:* A Tudor Day at Knowle Library (date to be confirmed).

We look forward to seeing you at these events.

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1276-2026 - FROM AN ANCIENT HILL TO A THRIVING COMMUNITY

Knowle was spelt 'Knoll' until the mid-19th century. It began as a hilltop settlement in the heavily wooded Forest of Arden. The recorded history of the village began around 1200 when William de Arden, by grant of dower, gave the Manor of Hampton in Arden, including Knowle, to his wife.

By 1220, the family, beside their main moated manor house and park in Hampton, also had a manor house in Knowle, with a private chapel. In 1276, on the death of the grandson of William de Arden, Knowle was assigned to his widow Agnes by dower for life, making Knowle a Manor in its own right.

The timeline opposite takes the story from there.



Knowle Manor House, dating from 16th century, today

IN OUR VILLAGE 750TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

A TIMELINE OF LOCAL AND NATIONAL EVENTS IN KNOWLE

From that formation of the Manor of Knowle in 1276 to the present day, what are some of the other key milestones in the history of our village? Here is a list:

1276- Knowle becomes official- Knowle became a Manor.

1402- The consecration of Knowle Church- built by Walter Cook who obtained permission from Pope Boniface IX in 1396.

1413- A Guild is created- Henry IV granted Walter Cook a licence to found a fraternity and guild in honour of St Anne.

1400s- The White Swan Inn opens- It was used by visiting members of the Guild. Demolished in 1939 its site, near the Red Lion, is marked with a plaque.

1400s- Chester House- Knowle's oldest building on the High Street, was originally two separate properties, farm buildings, dating from c1400 and c1500.

1500s- Knowle Hall- Built on the site of an earlier 13th century building.

1547- The Guild- was dissolved due to the reformation and the Guild house and adjacent properties sold.

1560- Grimshaw Hall- Built and named after its owners. Other large timber framed houses were built around this time including Milverton House.

1600- The Poll Tax Return- This first recorded Poll document revealed an adult population in Knowle of 529.

1600s- The Red Lion and Wilson Arms- [the latter formerly the Rising Sun] opened.

1600s- High Street Cottages- Several groups of timber framed cottages were built along the high street during the 1600s

1700s- The Mermaid Inn opened- later renamed the Greswolde Arms. It was the first stagecoach stop out of Birmingham on the Turnpike Road to Warwick.

1799- The Grand Union Canal opened- Built at a cost of £150,000, it was dug by hand with picks and shovels.

1824- Enforcement of the Enclosure Act in Knowle- All common land, wastes and open fields assigned and enclosed with hedges and fences.

1852- The Knowle Railway Station- opened, later becoming the Knowle and Dorridge Station and finally Dorridge station. A bus from the Greswolde in Knowle to the station cost 6d (2.5p).

1886- Berrow Cottage Homes- Four alms-houses were built by Letticia Berrow, under the wishes of her father's will, on land that was once the village green.

1890- A Magazine for Knowle- In January 1890 the Knowle Parish Magazine was printed, with 1,994 copies sold that year.

1901- A Population Count- In 1901 the [still small] population count was 2093.

c1910- Birmingham Waterworks- began supplying Knowle with water from Lake Vyrnwy: local people were no longer dependent on wells.

1913- Midland Red Omnibus- The service began just before 1914, with buses every hour from the Bull Ring to the Red Lion. The fare was 9d (less than 4p).

1914-1918- The First World War- As in all villages the war had a huge impact on Knowle with 91 men never returning home. The War Memorial and Soldiers chapel were created in 1920 to mark their lives and service.

1920s- Knowle's First Cinema- based in the Wilson Arms. Eventually a more permanent cinema, Knowle Picture Palace, was built in Station Road.

1927- A Royal Visit- Queen Mary, wife of George V, visited Grimshaw hall in Knowle and took tea there.

1936- Knowle's First Swimming Pool- A Lido was built at the Greswolde Arms. It lasted until the mid-1960s.

1939-1945- The Second World War- Knowle's population grew through evacuees from London, bombed out families from Birmingham and Coventry and locally stationed American servicemen. 33 local men never returned.

1947- Town Planning Act- This act paved the way for great change in Knowle; the high street was zoned for retail use and the surrounding fields for housing development.

1959- Arden School- opened its doors for pupils aged 11yrs-15yrs. A new Primary school followed in 1972, the old school being converted to sheltered housing.

1960s/70s- Extensive developments- including residential housing, the shopping precinct, the village hall, St Johns Close Green area, and the M42.

1968- Conservation Status- The centre of Knowle and parts of the surrounding areas received conservation status, which protects its heritage.

2026- More extensive housing planned- We await the next milestone!

And in the July edition of the Newsletter, find out more about the Lords of The Manor of Knowle!

Progress and Plans for the Natural Environment Team

And a plea for more Volunteers



The Green, St John's Close, seeded with wildflowers last year

Our volunteers recently cleaned out the bird boxes which we installed last year ready for Spring nesting, and I am delighted to report that all but one showed evidence of use last year.

This year, weather permitting, our plans include further development of the small nature reserve by Wychwood roundabout, Phase Two of our wildflower project on The Green in St John's Close and the planting of our proposed community orchard in the park.

We have also planned two 'Green Talks' in the Monday evening Speaker Meeting schedule. The first of these will be on Monday 20 April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Nick Martin will be sharing his knowledge and photographs of birds.

During the summer we also plan to take part in a second hedgehog survey in partnership with the national Hedgehog Monitoring Project (NHMP) run by universities, charities and Natural England.

We took part for the first time last summer. Volunteers put out cameras with landowner permission, and the images were uploaded to Mammal Web. By surveying urban and rural populations we will be better able to monitor and protect them. We hope to repeat the exercise on the same sites during this year's participation.

One of our volunteers, Kathryn, who is also a Warwickshire Wildlife Trust Volunteer, has a real love of hedgehogs and she is asking for your help and support for their protection. She has written some guidance for us, on the opposite page, about how we can all play our part for our prickly visitors.

Meanwhile, we always need volunteers to help with our plans so should you have a few hours to spare, then please contact us at the email address below.

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Tackling the Parking Problem

Knowle has a parking problem at busier times. Spaces are few, cars cruise between car parks hunting one and some drivers give up and leave.

This has not been helped by a new proliferation of electric charging points and we support the petition to allow other cars to use these at busy times.

The Society has decided to seek funding from the Community Infrastructure pot to commission a feasibility study into how to increase the parking capacity of the village,

A number of approaches have been proposed over the years, including a revised layout of the existing car parks, use of the periphery of the St John's Close Green and an upper deck on the car park behind the Church.

If you have any views on this to share, either a preferred solution or even that no further spaces are actually needed, then please email us at the parking@knowlesociety.org.uk address and let us know what you think.

Giving our Hedgehogs a Helping Hand in the Garden

Now they are 'Vulnerable to Extinction' here



(Image - Pixabay)

ABOUT HEDGEHOGS

The European Hedgehog is probably our most loved native mammal. Nocturnal, and travelling distances of up to two miles, they explore our gardens at night, eating beetles, earthworms, slugs and other invertebrates.

They hibernate over the winter in a leafy nest or hibernaculum, waking in March to breed and raise their baby hoglets before hibernating again in November. They are able to survive surprisingly well in urban areas if they are able to travel between gardens.

They particularly like edge habitats- hence 'hedge hog'. In 2020 hedgehogs were added to the Red List of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) as 'vulnerable to extinction' in Great Britain

WHAT CAN WE DO TO HELP?

Our gardens can be a good habitat for them if we make a hole in each fence, about 15x15cm square, avoid using chemicals and pesticides (especially slug pellets), take care with mowing and strimming and leave some areas of the garden to go a bit wild.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO IF WE SEE ONE?

If it is at night and the hedgehog looks healthy then leave it alone. If you want to put food out the safest option is meat based cat or dog food (dry is fine and probably more hygienic in the summer) and water. Please avoid bread or milk, though, which would make them ill!

Hedgehogs out during the day, however, are almost always sick, apart from the occasional foraging female.

So, a big active hedgehog in the summer is fine to leave, but any that are small, weak and obviously injured need help. Please contact the Hedgehog Preservation Society (Tel: 01584 890 801), Solihogs (Solihull's own hedgehog rescue charity - www.solihogs.co.uk) or the nearest veterinary surgery, for advice.

Rescue charities will try to release the hedgehog as soon as it is completely recovered, either in the original site or another safe place

HOW TO MAKE KNOWLE BETTER FOR THEM

- By making small changes in our gardens, we can really make a big difference, connecting our gardens and allowing hedgehogs to roam. If you do just one thing, make that hole in your fence, and allow them to clear your garden of slugs, which could be very useful if the current wet winter weather continues.
- Become a Hedgehog Champion (see www.hedgehogstreet.org), join the British Hedgehog Preservation Society, or the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust (www.warwickshirewildlifetrust.org.uk) or you could donate to Solihogs Hedgehog Rescue.
- If you know hedgehogs visit your garden or would like to join us in helping hedgehogs and other local wildlife let us know at environment@knowlesociety.org.uk.

A Film Renews Interest in this 15th Century Cottage

Even if you have visited years ago, it is worth a return trip



The great success of the film *Hamnet* has thrown a brighter spotlight onto Anne Hathaway, wife of William Shakespeare. That, in turns, reminds us of Anne Hathaway's Cottage, the delightful visitor attraction at Shottery, on Stratford's western fringe.

It is best approached via the A46, Stratford By-Pass, turning left onto the A422 Alcester Road at the far, western side of the town. Soon after passing through the traffic lights at Eastern Green Drive, a further right turn at Church Lane takes you into Shottery.

On passing the Burnside Hotel and between two delightful old thatched cottages, a left turn at the mini-roundabout into Cottage Lane leads you to the Car Park (£3 for three hours, £5 all day at present).

The Cottage dates from 1463, which is just 93 years before Anne's birth. She lived there for 26 years before marrying Will and moving in with his family at his Stratford birthplace, but a mile and a quarter walk across the fields at the time.

It has been extended twice, once at each end and had an upper floor added (in Anne's time the ceiling of the lower floor was the thatch, at the same height as today).

A tour of the house involves two flights of somewhat steep stairs between floors but displays much fascinating furniture and many artifacts from the thirteen generations of Hathaways occupying the Cottage until it passed to the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust in 1892.

Along the way, visitors are greeted by various well informed members of the Trust's team, each of whom is engaging and amusing, so much that they might even have some on-stage experience themselves, a far cry from the serious and dry stewards encountered at many an historic country pile.

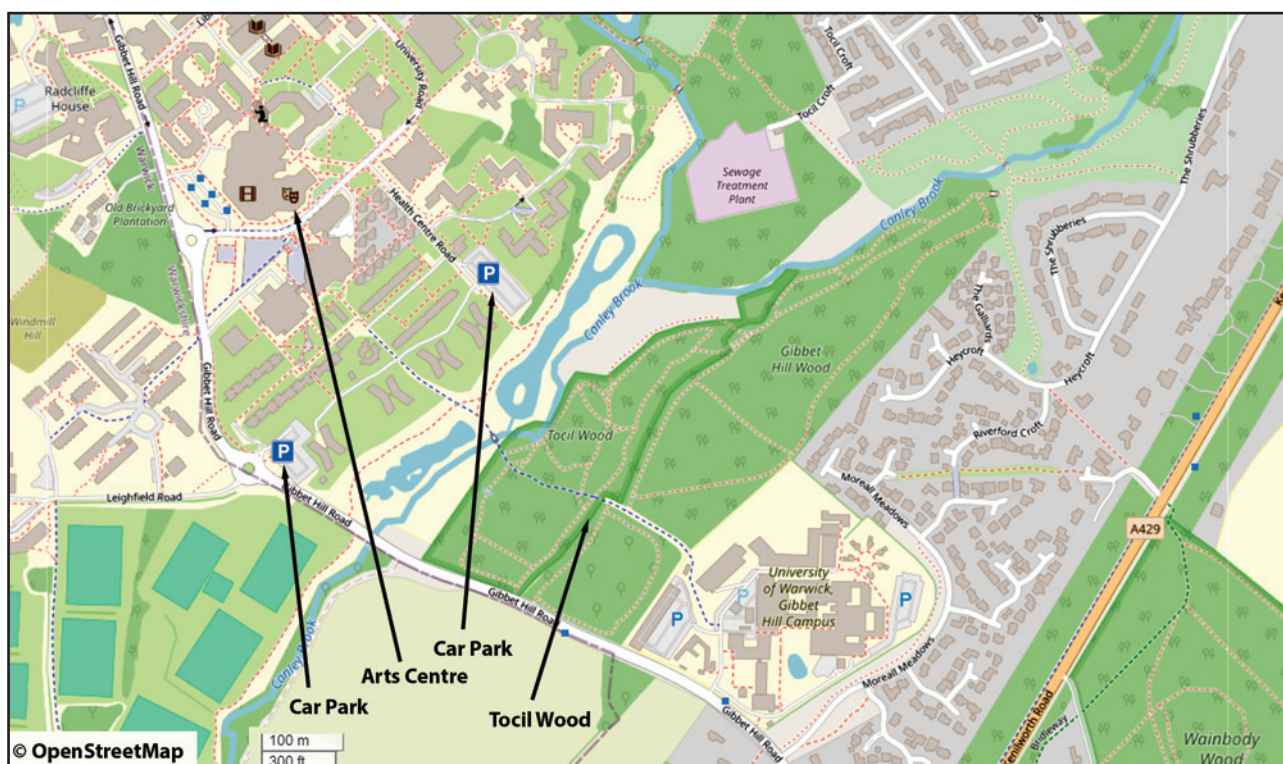
After wondering at the quality of life in such a dwelling in late medieval times, the well kept garden areas are there to be strolled around. Today these comprise a large and formally ordered vegetable patch, a picnic area, an orchard, a sculpture trail and a woodland trail.

The most striking feature of all, though, is the terrific willow sculpture, pictured above, which frames the cottage, viewed from above, in a perfect circle.

To end a visit, passing through the inevitable gift shop leads you to back to Cottage Lane. On the opposite side of the road, you can take a break in a well regarded café, with conservatory and external seating. The menu here is somewhat limited, but the fare is fine, an offer of snacks, cakes and cream teas for the hungry and thirsty visitor.

From the café, a short but scenic footpath along the bank of Shottery Brook leads back to the cars.

At £15 for adults, the current entrance fee is on the high side, but it all adds to the coffers of the Trust, which, it must be said, maintains this important heritage asset exceptionally well.



The Arts Centre with its 1,340 seat Hall, three cinema screens, Mead Gallery (contemporary art exhibitions) and well regarded Benugo Restaurant (drinks, snacks, pasta, pizza and burger dishes) offers a great opportunity to make more of a day out.

A wide-angle photograph of the interior of the Church of the Holy Spirit in Berlin. The space is characterized by its minimalist design, featuring tall, white, cylindrical columns that support a dark, vaulted ceiling. Rows of light-colored wooden chairs are arranged on the floor, facing towards the front of the church. Large, arched windows with dark frames allow natural light to enter, and a prominent arched glass door is visible on the left. The overall atmosphere is bright and open.

Greetings to our Latest Members

and a suggestion to recruit some others

We are very pleased to welcome the following new members to the Society:-

Mr & Mrs P Wilkinson

Mr & Mrs T Grogan

Mrs W Pountney

We are always looking for new members, so please let us know of any friends, family or neighbours who may be interested in joining the Society and we will get in touch with them.

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Could You Be Part of the Newsletter Process?

Have you ever wondered how the Knowle Society Newsletter arrives at your door? It's not magic, although sometimes it feels like taming Black Magic!

It starts about six weeks before the Newsletters are due out (in the beginning of January, April, July and September.) That's when the Editor (Dave Pinwell) fires the 'starting gun' and reminds the regular contributors that it is time they started scratching their heads and deciding what they are going to write about.

Dave expects (hopes, really) to have our contributions in good time to start putting the next edition together for the many steps which need to take place before the issue date. Once the words (and, hopefully, images) arrive with Dave, he starts fitting them into the number of pages planned for the upcoming issue, between eight and sixteen pages depending on how much there is to fit in. Once the contents are settled and in the right place, the copy then goes to a small group of proofreaders, who check the content for accuracy, grammar, spelling and readability, attempting to catch any errors.

In the meantime, the availability of the distributors is determined and replacements identified if any regulars cannot deliver the usual batch of Newsletters on their 'Round'.

Then the final version is sent off to the printer who takes a while to print and pack the copies. These are delivered to Anne Smith who takes each Round, adds enough copies and batches them into boxes that go to the nine 'Bulk Distributors', each of whom has about ten bundles to drop off with those Members who call on your houses with your copy of the Newsletter (and sometimes ask for your 'subs'!)

Every one of the over 100 in the chain is a member of the Society and a volunteer, some of whom have been active for decades, some of whom are recent, as there is always a need to replace those who have 'done their bit' or who move away.

If you would be interested in supporting the Society and your fellow Members by helping with the Newsletter distribution, please get in touch and I will explain further what is involved. There is no commitment in asking and I would be delighted to explain how it is pretty simple really! I try my best to give the volunteers a Round near where they live or know, but if you should get another area, you will have increased your knowledge of Knowle!

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The Knowle Society

We have about 2400 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 our website (address below).

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- 5. Retirement - Lilla Baker*
- 5. Annual General Meeting*
- 6-7. Local Heritage*
- 8-9. Local Environment*
- 10. Day Out - Anne Hathaway's Cottage*
- 11. Walk - Tocil Wood*
- 12. Membership*

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