



A busy High Street as the crowds browse and queue at the stalls

Seven hundred and fifty years on from Knowle being recognised as a manor in its own right, crowds of locals and visitors came together in the village centre for the celebration on June 21, arranged by Visit Knowle.

The Society members involved were busy all day, not only at the gazebo on the High Street but also in the Heritage Centre. The Library was open especially for the day and took the opportunity to schedule its official re-opening at the same time.

The Parish Church was another hive of activity and between morning service and a special late afternoon Songs of Praise staged a host of activities in the Church grounds.

An eclectic mix of entertainment had been drawn together, billed between an Uptown stage and a Downtown stage. Local dance groups and musicians, the Revels, Knowle Musical Society, Solihull Music School and the Male Voice Choir all got involved.

Up and coming local bands, at the top of the bill, kept the crowds entertained until the 5pm closing time for the day had already passed.

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Crowds Converge for 750th Anniversary

Events Diary

Monday July 13th

10.30am in the Village Hall

Wednesday August 26th

7.00pm start

Saturday September 12th

Timings to be announced

Monday October 26th

7.00pm in the Village Hall

History Speaker - Helen George

Knowle through the Ages - 750 Years of Village Life

Lake at Barston Walk, including Pack Horse Bridge

Meet at the junction of Bradnocks Marsh Lane with
Marsh House Farm Lane (B92 0LL) - 2 Miles

Heritage Weekend (Tudor Day in the Library)

Watch out for details in Mailchimp announcements

Social Event - Quiz Night

See details on page 5

PLEASE NOTE: There are no Monday Evening Meetings in July, August or September

From the Chair - An Excellent Job for the 750th

Rachel Marston reflects on a successful day for the Society



New benches, supplied by the Society, in the Library Courtyard

The 750 year celebration event has just finished, as I write, and I wanted to thank all of those who were involved in helping to make the day such a success!

Purely on our stall on the High Street, we had those who helped erect our gazebo on the High Street – Leighton Jones, Dave and Bernadette Fraley, whilst Graham and Yvette Tucker prepared our High Street jackpot and Lesley Melrose, David Brittin and Isabel Blessed as volunteers who helped manage our stall throughout the day.

The Local Heritage Team were also involved in putting on a brilliant exhibition in the Library, as well as organising the new Heritage Board and benches in the Library courtyard. If you have not had the opportunity to take a look at the new additions, then please do so over the coming weeks.

Visit Knowle did an excellent job in arranging the overall event – a huge effort for such a fantastic day!

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Ribbon Cutting, Music Making and Much Fun in the Sunshine

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Special guests for the occasion, to launch the event as a whole then open the Library, with its improved Courtyard, were Christopher Loughran, the Deputy Lieutenant of the West Midlands, Carmen Watson, the High Sheriff of the West Midlands and The Mayor of Solihull, Sardul Marwa JP MBE.

Heralded by our Town Crier of the day, Jim Sanders, they took to the stage outside the Red Lion to open the event with short speeches before being led down the High Street to the High Street for ribbon cutting followed by tea and cake at the Library.

The weather was a big factor in the success of the day. Like many of the days this June, it was very warm. and sun block was mandatory for anyone staying long. But stay the crowds did, particularly for the music on the main stage.

Our own teams, both on the High Street and in the Heritage Centre were busy, talking to members and non-members alike. They encouraged participation in the High Street Jackpot game devised by Graham Tucker, and responded to Heritage enquiries.

There has been much positive feedback regarding the Courtyard developments, including for the relocation of the owl from the Knot Garden, the Heritage Board (see page 5) which has provided a centrepiece for the area, and the two new benches, donated by the Society, creating a peaceful seating area, especially in the summer sunshine.

The High Street was closed to the traffic for twelve hours in all, but the roads coped well and, with much appreciated support from the Council, it made space for a memorable event that brought the community together and brought and gave the village much to take pride in.

Construction Slowdown Affects Increased Housing Plans

Plans approved but no 'Starts' observes Andrew Marston in Planning News



Collapse in the brick market?

(Photo: Dean Moriarty, Cardiff)

I like to think that my quarterly articles included in our Newsletters are of interest to you all, particularly that of the proposed (and seemingly never ending) reduction in our nearby Green Belt which, if all the developments go ahead, will change Knowle for ever.

I have made, from time-to-time, various notes of caution about the 'grand plan' being imposed by the current Government via local Council officers and, for that matter, its members. Matters I have highlighted include the following:

- the question of demand from those seeking to live in Knowle or, for that matter, in Solihull generally;
- affordability which, apparently, is being mainly ignored by developers on the basis that their prices, no matter how high they be, are always within the financial reach of enough people to satisfy their profit aspirations, and;
- the challenge of meeting anticipated 'rates of sale' in numbers which never before have been achieved in Knowle, let alone Solihull!

Numerous articles in the national press and on 'news' radio and television programmes suggest that national – and thereby by definition – local numbers of 'starts' in housing levels are continuing to fall.

This consequently indicates the 'headline' of the national target of 1.5m new houses during this Government will not be achieved. Next, we shall no doubt see that this period is now to be extended beyond 2030. However, there remains an underlying problem – the ability of the house builder to have sufficient local resources of both labour and materials.

I remember seeing both these problems before when, during the mid-1970's, so many new houses were under construction in order to satisfy the then apparent demand across the country, that foreign labour was brought in to help do the work on site.

However, and more seriously, the supply of staple building materials, such as timber and bricks from local manufacturers, ran so short that large quantities were imported from across the Channel.

French bricks, in particular, in thousands, if not hundreds of thousands, created their own problems. European materials, of course, were manufactured to metric sizes whilst, then, the UK was still using the old Imperial sizes of that century!

Meanwhile, just as importantly, the current problem of a fall in house building 'starts' is affecting many manufacturers as well as builders and respective labour resources but from the reverse viewpoint. A 139-year old brick manufacturer, located in Leicestershire, is having to close due to the 'collapse in the house-building industry across the country'.

For those unaware of the seriousness of this scenario, which is now quite likely to be replicated across the country, such manufacturers cannot simply re-open their doors as demand improves. Time will be needed to rectify the damage done to their furnaces, after a period of shut down, before bringing them back into production, whilst simultaneously re-training labour resources.

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Transforming an Open Space at Wychwood Island

and other Natural Environment News



Local volunteers (left) and the Balfour Beatty Team (right) at work on the Gateway Project

GATEWAY PROJECT - OPEN SPACE UPGRADE

The Knowle Gateway Environmental Improvement Project has now been successfully concluded. This community-led initiative has transformed a well-used path near the Wychwood Roundabout into a safe, accessible and environmentally enhanced green corridor.

Prior to the improvements, it was often muddy, uneven and difficult to use throughout the year, despite being a popular route for local residents, walkers and those accessing nearby green spaces.

Recognising both the challenges and the opportunity, the Society's Natural Environment Team worked in partnership with several other organisations to deliver a lasting improvement.

This project has been made possible through the collaboration of Warwickshire Wildlife Trust, Solihull Council, Visit Knowle, local Scouts, and community volunteers, all of whom have contributed to shaping and delivering the scheme.

We would like to offer special thanks to Balfour Beatty, whose volunteers provided invaluable hands-on support, helping to construct the new pathway and assisting with habitat improvements.

The path now has a durable, well-drained surface with defined edging, ensuring year-round accessibility whilst protecting the surrounding landscape.

Biodiversity enhancements have been introduced alongside, including planting of native species to create habitats supporting birds, insects and small mammals. These measures will mature over time, strengthening the ecological value of this green space.

The benefits are already being felt by the community. The improved route now provides safer and more enjoyable access to nature, which, in turn, supports health and wellbeing,

By encouraging greater use of this valued local open space, it is now estimated that around 200 people use the route each day, demonstrating the positive impact of the project.

OTHER INITIATIVES AND AUTUMN PLANS

During the past two months some wildflowers have appeared where we had undertaken planting in our meadow on The Green in St Johns Close. We hope for an even greater variety next year.

Our consultant says it will take two to three years for the meadow to get established so we will need patience!!

We have agreed upon a site in Knowle Park in consultation with the Council for the planting of our planned Community Orchard and, with expert help, we will be selecting the variety of trees and planning for them to be planted in November. Watch out for more details to follow in the next edition of the Newsletter.

The Team also has further plans for the autumn and we would welcome any offers of help with tree planting, bulb planting and other tidying work. If you would be able to help, or if you would like to know more, then please contact us at the email address below.

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A Guide to our Heritage Assets, in the Library Courtyard

A lasting memory of one of our late longstanding members

‘A walk through time’, the heritage information board now in the Library Courtyard, encourages visitors and residents to stroll the heart of the village and appreciate our finest buildings.

The short descriptions of each stop on the route are linked to a page on the Society’s website which provides more detail and can be viewed on a mobile phone whilst walking.

The board was made possible through the legacy left to the Society by Mary Riley (1932-2019).



Solihull Police Station

For some time now there has been concern for the future of Solihull Police Station, one of a number that have been under the threat of closure.

Speculation has mounted since the announcement of a planning application to demolish and replace the Homer Road building.

However, we are assured that an announcement of a new, if smaller, home for the Police in Solihull Town Centre is imminent.

Half Marathon Returns

The Solihull Half Marathon will be held on Sunday 9th August this year and will follow the same route as in recent years.

As a result the High Street, Kenilworth Road, Lodge Road, Longdon Road, Tilehouse Green Lane, Browns Lane, Smiths Lane and Widney Manor Road will be subject to morning closure.

Other roads, such as Kixley Lane, Landor Road and Copt Heath Drive will once again be cut off.

KNOWLE SOCIETY

WITH FISH'N'CHIP SUPPER

Monday 26th October

TEAMS OF FOUR TO SIX - £14.00 PER HEAD

**to register send team name and number of members
by email to Dave Pinwell - davepinwell@googlemail.com**

The Society would like to say a big

THANK YOU

to the volunteers who kindly deliver these Newsletters to you
We really appreciate their help with this

**If you would like to help us to deliver them, please get in touch with Leighton Jones
on 01564 773894 or at distribution@knowlesociety.org.uk**

The Manor of Knowle - 1276-2026



Knowle Hall - A Scottish Band Performance, 1952

KNOWLE'S FIRST MANOR HOUSE - WHERE?

We know Knowle's first Manor House dated from the early 13th century, but opinions vary about its actual site. The present, much altered, 'Manor House' in Kenilworth Road, a photograph of which featured in the last Newsletter, dates from the 16th century but was possibly built on the site of an earlier building.

Traditionally, this was thought to be the site of the original Lord of the Manor's home. However, recent excavations by the Solihull Archaeological Group in the grounds of Knowle Hall make this very doubtful.

One of the wooden planks found there appeared to belong to an early moated hall, and was carbon dated as c.1194. This provided evidence suggesting that the first manor house was sited here in the grounds of the current Knowle Hall.

These investigations concluded that the present Hall is at least the fourth dwelling/hall on the site. The first was a 13th century square moated dwelling, after which the moat was filled in and a 16th century large house with two wings built on the same site.

This Hall was then enlarged and transformed through an Inigo Jones design into a brick mansion in the 17th century. Finally, in the 19th century, the Hall was demolished again and the present one built in 1850.

It has been suggested that the 'Manor House' building on the Kenilworth Road site might have been a former lodge or a dower house for Knowle Hall.

One clue remains as there are original pillars in the garden that are thought to be the original gate posts to the old rear access to Knowle Hall. If only we could be time travellers!

KNOWLE'S LORDS OF THE MANOR - WHO?

Lordships of the Manor are among the oldest titles in England, and the Lordship of Knowle has a rich history, with the title being granted to various individuals and institutions over the centuries.

Until 1276, Knowle descended with the Manor of Hampton in Arden and the de Arden family. It remained with the family until their grandson William was killed in April 1276, and with no appropriate heir, the manor returned to the Crown. However, in July 1276, Edward I assigned the Manor of Knowle to Agatha, William's widow, by dower for life, establishing Knowle as Manor in its own right.

In 1285, after the death of Agatha, her family sold the manor back to King Edward I and his consort Queen Eleanor, making Knowle a 'Royal Manor'. Accounts from 1289 show they kept sixty horses of the royal stud at Knowle.

Following Eleanor's death, the heartbroken King granted the manor to the Abbot of Westminster Abbey to pay for elaborate services on the anniversary of her death. It remained under the protection of Westminster for almost 150 years. During Henry VIII's reformation in the 1530s the Lordship was then granted to the Bishop of London.

Knowle - 750th Anniversary

But Queen Elizabeth I seized the title back in 1559, and then granted it to her favourite suitor, Robert Dudley, in 1573. Following his fall from grace, it reverted to the crown once more.

James II granted the Lordship and Manor to Sir Fulke Greville, Lord Brooke, in 1623, who reconstructed the Hall from the 16th century building into a brick mansion. The Grevilles, later the Earls of Warwick, held the manor until 1743 and were beneficent Lords, giving many bequests to Knowle for clothing, education, food and fuel.

In 1743 Fulke Greville ended 120 years of family ownership when he sold the Manor to William Smith. After William's death, in 1754, the Manor was sold once more by his widow to Benjamin Palmer of Olton Hall. Through the Palmer family, the title and estate descended to three cousins - Mrs Jane Wilson, The Rev William Wigley and David Greswolde Lewis. In 1827, following family deaths, the estate was divided by the two remaining families, and the estate and title passing to the Wilson Family.

In 1831 Jane's grandson, William Henry Bowen Jordon Wilson, inherited the title and Manor. A popular figure, known as Squire 'Gumley' Wilson, he built a row of workers cottages called Wilsons Row, and 'The Rising Sun' pub was renamed 'The Wilson Arms' in his honour.



Robert Greville, 2nd Lord Brooke

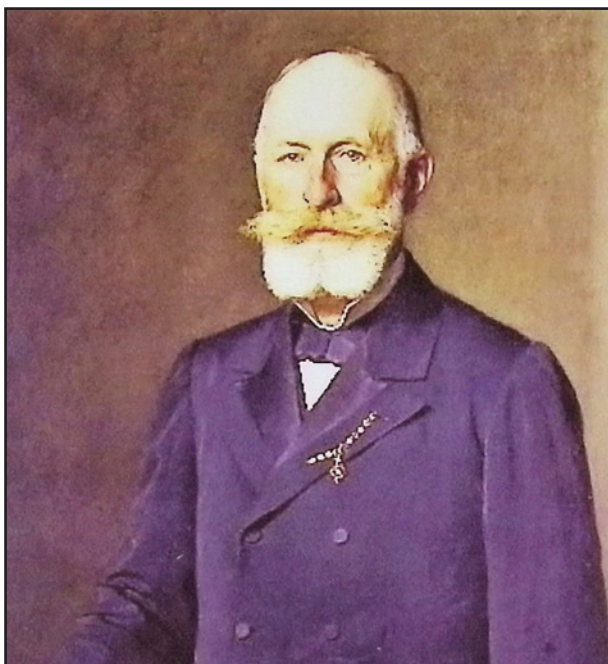
He decided that the Hall was too dilapidated to repair and it was demolished except for a shooting box and stables. But Squire 'Gumley' was wildly extravagant and in 1849 he was forced to sell the Knowle Hall estate, although he did retain the Lordship title until his death in 1887. The title was then sold and not reunited with the estate until early in the 20th century.

Emilius Wilson (no relation) then bought the Knowle Hall estate and built the present hall in 1850. The hall was built as a classical house set amongst terraced gardens.

George Everitt bought the estate in 1868 and was followed by his son Major Sydney Everitt in 1905, who was able to acquire the Manorial rights, reuniting them with the estate. He was succeeded by his son Horace Everitt in 1932. Horace's wife Pat was living at the Kenilworth Road 'Manor House' when they met. He married the girl next door!

Horace was the last Lord of the Manor to be actively involved in village life and patron of many organisations. His obituary in the 1982 Parish Magazine speaks highly of his vision, interest and ability to get things done.

The property and the Lordship were sold to the Phillips family when Horace died in 1982. In 2017 the title of Lordship was offered for sale. Its new, and current, owner can use the title and join the Manorial Society of Great Britain but has no claim to the estate land or property.



George Everitt of Knowle Hall, 1823-1905

Do please visit the exhibitions celebrating 750 years of Knowle History, in the Heritage Centre in Knowle Library. Also join us on 'Heritage Open Day' on Saturday 12th September, when we are hoping to continue the 750 celebrations with a Tudor Day in the library. Further details will follow. The Heritage Team - Contact us via heritage@knowlesociety.org.uk

A Defibrillator for Knowle Park and What to Do

Dave Fraley, who led the project, tells of this recent Society initiative



The defibrillator, to the right of of the Jobs Close Residential Care Home entrance

Two weeks before Christmas 2025 an elderly gentleman was strolling through Knowle Park when he suffered a cardiac arrest.

Despite the presence of a St John's trained passerby, the prompt arrival of our local Fastaid First Response team, followed up by West Midlands Ambulance Service and the local Air Ambulance, he, sadly could not be saved.

This incident, along with a presentation by Fastaid on defibrillator use at our AGM in February, has prompted the Society to sponsor a fully Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for the park. Whilst Knowle High Street is well served (see list below) there were none within the immediate vicinity of Knowle Park itself.

Ideally the AED would be located within the park but, after discussions with Solihull Council, it was clear that this would be impracticable.

However, Jobs Close Residential Care Home overlooks the park and therefore, with the kind permission of the management, it was decided to place it there.

It is installed in the usual yellow cabinet making it easy to locate and is available at all times. It has a coded lock; the code being held by the 999 operators. The Council has placed signs prominently on the park notice boards, indicating the location for park users.

The Society will be responsible for ensuring the ongoing serviceability of the AED. Fastaid has the following advice for anyone who should happen to encounter a collapsed person, and need to use a defibrillator (see also a list opposite):

- *Check Responsiveness:* Shake their shoulders and shout. If no response:
- *Call for Help:* Dial 999 immediately. You will now be guided by the ambulance service call handlers throughout the following process.
- *Check Breathing:* Look for chest movement, listen for breath sounds, and feel for breath on your cheek for no more than 10 seconds. If no breathing can be detected then:
- *Start CPR:* Place the heel of your hand in the centre of the chest and push hard and fast (about twice per second).
- *Get an AED:* If available, send someone else to fetch an AED. The 999 operator can advise on nearest AED location and the cabinet access code if required
- *Use the AED:* When it arrives, turn it on, and follow the voice instructions. It is important to know that you can do no harm with the AED. It will not administer a shock unless needed.
- *Continue CPR until help arrives:* unless breathing resumes, in which case place the patient in the recovery position.

Note: Fastaid offers free training on CPR and AED use to local charity & community groups – see their website at <https://www.fastaid.org.uk/training> for more details.

The Society would like to express its grateful thanks to the following without whose help this project would not have been possible:

- Terry Flower of Fastaid
- Julian Cardwell of Arden Electrical
- Chris Barr & Chris Edgell of Solihull Council
- Jobs Close Residential Care Home Management Team

LOCAL HERITAGE TALK

Monday 13th July 10.30am Knowle Village Hall



“Knowle through the Ages - 750 Years of Village Life”

**An illustrated talk by Helen George to celebrate
Knowle’s special anniversary**

**Come and join us, we would love to see you.
The talk will be followed by tea/coffee and cake.**

Are you interested in Local History?

Keeping Local History alive? Helping others to research the past?

Knowle history records are kept upstairs in the Library and are available for research. Members of the Knowle Society Heritage committee are there on alternate Saturday mornings to help with research, but they wish to strengthen their team

Can you spare the odd Saturday morning, from 10am to 12.30pm for this interesting and rewarding task?

Volunteering at our Heritage Centre is more than giving your time, it is connecting with the community which celebrates history and heritage.

Be part of our Local History!

Stewards respond to the queries of enquirers, need to be members of The Knowle Society, able to come along without children or pets and able to manage the stairs.

Training will be given - you would not be left on your own! We’d love to hear from you. Please ring: 07712 183875 and speak with our Chairman, Bill Bohanna for further details.

Examples of AEDs around Knowle with 24-hour access:

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| ☐ Arden Academy, Station Road | ☐ Knowle Village Hall, St Johns Close |
| ☐ Fairways, 1240 Warwick Road | ☐ Knowle United Reform Church, Station Road |
| ☐ Jobs Close Residential Care Home | ☐ St Johns Hall, Knowle Parish Church |
| ☐ Knowle British Legion, 1611 Warwick Road | ☐ Xact Estate Agents, 1634 High Street |
| ☐ Knowle Masonic Centre, 1621 Warwick Road | |

This lists AEDs (see opposite) known to be readily available at the time of writing and is not exhaustive. Other AEDs are available within limited opening hours.

“Knowle Village History from 1900 to 1970”

A new book by Philip Stephens



What happened to the White Swan?

When Eva Wootton wrote *The History of Knowle*, she included the following dedication in the foreword to her book, printed in 1980:

“This book is written in the hope that the information and memories I have been able to collect may not perish with me, but remain as a permanent record to help future historians who can fill in the gaps I have left. In presenting to you this picture of Knowle Village, I would ask readers to remember that there is no point in living in the country unless the institutions of traditional village life can continue, even in a modified form.”

This simple statement may, on the face of it, appear innocent in today’s world, but her words hold a great deal of truth that is just as relevant to the village of Knowle and its community today as it was when she wrote them nearly forty years ago.

So why should a retired gentleman, in the autumn of his life, wish to write a book about Knowle village life in today’s world? The answer is very simple. Like Eva, and many of the villagers of Knowle, I too have observed the changes that have taken place within the village over my lifetime.

Then how does one pick up the reins of a village legend, take on her challenge, and do justice to the work she carried out in the past?

The answer lies within the book I have written. The book looks back on everyday village life and takes a broader view of the events and community changes that shaped Knowle over seventy years of its history.

It picks up where Eva left off and then carries the reader through those seventy years, from 1900 to 1970.

It takes a fresh look at more than seventy-two events in the history of the village, some of which have never been recorded before.

Yet, almost without exception, if you examine the records preserved at the Library by the Knowle Society archive team, or within the history section of the Core Library in Solihull, you can trace their origins and discover how they helped shape the village we know today.

Some of these stories are inspiring; others are moving, sad, or uplifting. However, everything you read is true, even when the events themselves may seem almost impossible to believe.

So, if you have ever wondered:

- why Knowle has no bypass like Solihull;
- how Job’s Close Park came to include a house;
- what happened to the White Swan;
- how the village lived through two world wars; or
- why the Village Hall stands where it does today;

then this is the book for you.

In the next couple of months, I am hoping to stage a display at Knowle Library featuring some of these events and to supply a copy of the book for readers who may wish to browse through it.

Alternatively, copies can be purchased through Amazon.co.uk or your local bookstore.

Philip Stephens

A House, a Garden, a Lake and a Children's Museum

A day out and stroll for all the family at Sudbury



The terrace, lawn and lake at the Children's Country House, Sudbury

The Children's Country House and the adjacent village of Sudbury may be an hour away from Knowle in light traffic, but it provides a rewarding visit for all ages on a summer day.

Five miles east of Uttoxeter, it is reached by taking the M42 to Junction 9, then taking the A446 to Bassetts Pole, then the A38 to Toyota Island and, finally, the A50 to its junction with the A515, before driving through the village on Main Road to reach the generous car park on the right, having just passed the historic Sudbury Hall on the left.

Entrance to the Hall, Garden and Museum costs £22 for adults and £11 for children (or free to National Trust members). Once there, there is much to do, in whichever sequence takes your fancy and keeps the children engaged.

The Hall – built for the Vernon family, has twelve of its rooms open to viewing, as well as its Grand Staircase. Whilst adults will take in the craftsmanship of the plasterwork, carvings, paintings and furniture, younger visitors can be diverted by childhood exhibits, not least the much plundered dressing up box (and the consequent opportunity to mimic portraits on the wall) in the cavernous Long Gallery.

The Museum – grandparents here will be transported back to their own childhoods by the old toys, games and dolls on display. Meanwhile youngsters will be diverted by the interactive displays and hands-on play opportunities as well as the noisy train constantly circling on an overhead track. Whole families might sharpen their elbows to roll back the years by grabbing pens and creating patterns on paper with the Spirograph set.

The Gardens – a combination of formal and informal, these surround the Hall and its Terrace. The main lawn is a route to the distant lake and outdoor games can be sampled on the Stableyard lawn.

The Courtyard – is a range of artisan shops just outside the Stableyard.

The Cafes – one in the Stableyard and another in the Courtyard offer lunches, snacks, cakes and drinks for indoor or outdoor consumption.

The Walk – visit the web address below for a one and half mile stroll that will give you the full taste of the Sudbury estate, starting in the Stableyard and visiting the Terrace, the Lakeside, the Courtyard, the site of the former gasworks, the old cottages of the village and the adjacent fields.

Walk Webpage - <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/peak-district-derbyshire/the-childrens-country-house-at-sudbury/exploring-sudbury-village-trail>

The Lake at Barston inc Pack Horse Bridge

A Society Walk - Wednesday 26th August at 7.00pm

Meet where Marsh House Farm Lane joins Bradnocks Marsh Lane - B92 0LL



Membership Update and How to Add Gift Aid

and a welcome to the newest Members

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

Mr & Mrs M Clarke	Mr & Mrs S Krstic	Mr P Woodness
Mr & Mrs M Thornborrow	Mrs J Parkin	Mrs A Hinchcliffe
Mrs G Pye	Mr & Mrs M Brooks	Mrs Z Cauthorne
Mr & Mrs S Hogan	Mrs A Dillane	Mrs L Hargreaves
Mr and Mrs C Ayto		

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.

GIFT AID

Gift Aid is a UK government scheme that allows charities to reclaim basic-rate tax on subscriptions made by UK taxpayers. It adds 25p to every £1 donated at no extra cost to you.

Example Calculation:

- Your Annual Subscription: £5.00
- Gift Aid Claimed by Charity: £1.25 (20% of the gross amount)
- Total given to the charity: £6.25

Eligibility Requirements - To add Gift Aid to your subscriptions you must meet the following criteria:

- You must be a UK taxpayer.
- The amount of Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax you have paid in that tax year must be at least equal to the amount the charity claims on your subscriptions.
- You must provide the charity with a Gift Aid declaration (which includes your name, home address and a confirmation that you pay tax).

Many of you have already supplied Knowle Society with this declaration and the Gift Aid that we currently claim back from the government helps to keep the Annual Subscription at a low level.

For many different reasons, we do not have a record of this declaration for a significant number of members. If you have a Gift Aid Claim Form inside your newsletter it means that we do not have a record of your Gift Aid declaration on file and we would ask you if you could supply one to the Society.

You can either scan the QR code to the right and this will take you to our website, where you can complete and submit your declaration. Alternatively, you can complete the enclosed Claim Form and send it to me (details in the right hand column) or contact me directly and I will come and collect it from you.

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The Knowle Society

We have almost 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).

Established to maintain the character of the Village.

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