

## Parish News - May 2019

### HELLO AGAIN

**O**ur May Newsletter is another jam-packed edition – full of news about local issues including your new Parish Council (following elections), HS2, traffic calming, planning news and details about the upcoming Hampton Festival! And... have you spotted that the wall by the War Memorial has been reconstructed? It was repaired by the company that caused the damage and doesn't it look great?!

**Need more information about your Parish Council?**

**The Parish Council's website ([www.hamptoninarden.org.uk](http://www.hamptoninarden.org.uk)) and Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/HamptonInArdenParishCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/HamptonInArdenParishCouncil)) are regularly updated with information about the work of the Parish Council as well as a host of other details.**

**Browse the website to see contact details, agendas and minutes of meetings, financial information, news and information on local issues, back copies of the Parish Newsletter, the village diary and much more.**



### LOCAL ELECTIONS 2019!

**L**ocal elections took place on 2nd May when there was, once again, no election for Parish Councillors as there were insufficient candidates nominated by the closing date of 4th April to trigger an election. This meant that those nominated were declared duly elected without a contest.

The widely reported Parish boundary change came into effect on 1st April and we now have two wards for the Parish namely Hampton-in-Arden Ward with eight Councillors and Catherine-de-Barnes Ward with four Councillors. The make-up of the new Parish Council is as follows:

#### Hampton-in-Arden Ward

- Tim Beresford ● Ken Blanch ● Mike Blomer
- Alexander Clayson ● Peter Green ● Michael Hulme
- David Sandells ● Cat Sellars.

#### Catherine-de-Barnes Ward

- John Eccleston ● Giles Cook ● Dave Cuthbert

- Anyone living or working in the Ward who may be interested in being co-opted to fill the remaining ward vacancy should contact the Parish Clerk Julie Barnes.

#### Bickenhill Ward Election

An election did take place for one Councillor for the Bickenhill Ward of Solihull Council when Councillor Bob Sleigh was re-elected. Bob has recently announced he is to stand down as Leader of Solihull Council after five years in the post. Bob also stands down as Deputy Mayor of the West Midlands Combined Authority. Our Bickenhill Ward Councillors are Alison Rolf, Jim Ryan and Bob Sleigh.

#### And Finally... A Thank You

**Parish Councillor Vicky Woodall decided not to seek re-election and stood down at the Annual General Meeting on 8th May. Becoming a Parish Councillor in September 2016 and taking a particular interest in HS2 and our Traffic Calming Plan we thank Vicky for her hard work and valuable contributions.**

### HS2 News

- Groundwork and environmental investigations are continuing to be carried out at various locations along the local route of HS2 with vegetation being cleared. Facilitation works are also underway with adaptations to existing roadways and the building of construction camps all in preparation for the main work to begin.
- The Parish Council liaises with HS2 directly on matters raised by residents and has regular meetings with principal contractors Laing Murphy and BBV. We also hope to be able to have input on the viaduct design to make it as aesthetically pleasing as possible, however we are constrained by structural necessities.
- The Parish Council continues to lobby for the closure of Diddington Lane, most recently questioning safety audits on the junction of Diddington Lane and the A452 Kenilworth Road. We continue to regularly attend and speak at Solihull Councils HS2 Implementation Advisory Group and have recently joined the Kenilworth Greenway group in order to further our Blythe Valley environment and ecology improvement scheme in conjunction with the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust.



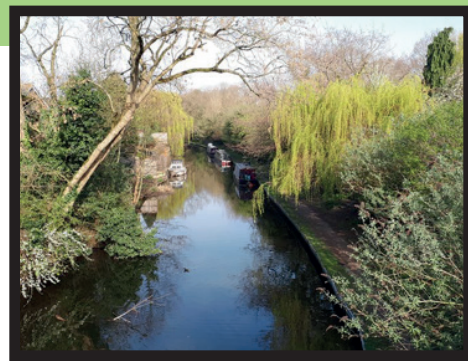
### Hampton-in-Arden Parish Council

## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

**W**hat's in a name? Take Catherine-de-Barnes, for instance. This suggests it might have been named after an aristocratic lady, possibly of French descent. But no. Like so many place names, it is a corruption of a much older name and has gone through several changes over the centuries.

In Medieval times, it was within the estate of the Lord of the Manor, whose name was Ketelberne. Since then the village has been called all sorts of names. A canal surveyor's map of 1793 records it as Cat in a Barn, while a later map has it as Katternabarnes. Old boatmen on the canal called it Cattybarnes.

However, the name Catherine-de-Barnes - or Catney to locals - has been in general use for a century or more, and in April it became part of the parish of Hampton-in-Arden.



Grand Union Canal in Catherine-de-Barnes

## BUS SERVICE – NEW OPERATOR

**A** new bus operator has taken over the No. 82 Coventry to Solihull route, which passes through Catherine-de-Barnes and Hampton-in-Arden. Johnson's of Henley-in-Arden is running a similar six day a week service as the previous operator, with some minor changes to the timetable.

The service is used by local people of all age groups but in particular by older residents and according to a straw poll conducted by the Newsletter, they are well satisfied with how it is performing now (the former service came in for much criticism for poor timekeeping and the quite frequent cancellation of buses). Passengers said punctuality had improved considerably and they appreciated the cleanliness of buses, many of which are new.

## HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE GEORGE FENTHAM TRUST'S ELDERLY SUPPORT WORKER?

**The George Fentham Trust employs an Elderly Support Worker - Eve Hickman.**

Eve visits the elderly in their own homes where she can identify any equipment to promote independence, signpost to various agencies (such as Occupational Therapists, District Nurses or Social Services) or just offer some time and support.

***If you feel that you or someone you know could benefit from this service please feel free to contact Eve. For a confidential chat call 07749 230924, 01675 443850 (office) or email [evehickman@georgefenthamtrust.org.uk](mailto:evehickman@georgefenthamtrust.org.uk)***



## PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND TRAFFIC CALMING– AN UPDATE

**T**he Parish Council has been meeting regularly with Solihull MBC Officers and Ward Councillors to finalise the Village Pedestrian Safety and Traffic Calming Plan. Both

are assisting with the application for funding to the HS2 Community Fund and a decision is expected later in the year. **Watch this space!**

## OUR LOCAL LIBRARY – UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Learn My Way – 7th / 21st May, 4th / 18th June, 2nd / 16th / 30th July (3.30pm to 4.30pm):** Are you looking to learn the basics of how to use a computer and the internet? In our fortnightly sessions, we will help you get into the Learn My Way website that teaches you computer skills at your own pace. Booking is required, so please contact the library if you are interested.
- **Storytime – 14th / 28th May, 11th / 21st June, 9th / 23rd July (1.45pm):** Join us fortnightly on a Tuesday afternoon for two stories plus a fun craft activity - perfect for under 5s.
- **Stories and Painting – 10th / 24th May, 7th / 21st June, 5th / 19th July (1.45pm):** Every fortnight we read a story and do some painting to go with it! Suitable for under 5s. Warm water to wash hands is provided, but we recommend wearing clothes that can get messy.
- **Readers Group - Held monthly on a Tuesday (10.30am to 11.30am)**  
Everyone is welcome. A collection of books for next month is kept at the library.
  - **May 14th:** The books of Rachel Hore;
  - **June 11th:** Rebecca Topé's Lake District Mysteries series; and
  - **July 9th:** John le Carré's spy novels
- **Coffee Morning – 7th May, 4th June, 2nd July (10am to 12pm)**  
Come along for a warm drink, a snack, and some company. Everybody welcome!
- **Summer Reading Challenge - Space Chase: Starts 16th July**  
The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children aged 4 to 11 to read six library books during the long summer holiday. The Summer Reading Challenge 2019 theme is **Space Chase**, an out-of-this-world adventure inspired by the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing. Space Chase launches at Hampton in Arden Library on **Tuesday 16th July**, with fun activities and rewards for reading throughout the summer.

## HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN FESTIVAL 2019 – JUNE 28TH TO JUNE 30TH

It's that time of year again, when we begin the build up to the fabulous Hampton Festival! We'll have all the usual favourites – Church Fete stalls, Car Show, Bouncy Castles, WI Bake Off and Crafts Competitions, Welly Wanging, The Dog Show, Tennis Finals Day, Raffle & Auction, Live music throughout the day, the Scarecrow and ending with the always awesome Concert and fireworks in the evening.



The theme of the Scarecrow Competition this year is "European Countries" – be creative, think 'Brexit', 'National Sports', 'Famous people' etc! There'll be a range of food stalls, an ice cream van, Solihull Fire Engine and then the Open Air Church Service, BIG Lunch and 'Duck Race' (More details to follow) on the Sunday with much more to be confirmed...

**A weekend of non-stop family fun - Put the date in your diary now!**

## PLANNING NEWS

- **Solihull Draft Local Plan Review Consultation:** The consultation closed on the 15th March 2019. The Parish Council submitted a response to this consultation prior to its closing. It can be viewed on our website.
- **Motorway Service Area (MSA) at Catherine-de-Barnes (Application 2015/51409):** Following a request from the applicant of the separate application for a MSA at Junction 4 of the M42, the Planning Committee meeting to be held on the 27th March was **cancelled**. The latest information we have is that Pegasus (applicant for the MSA at Catherine-de-Barnes) have requested that the hearing of the application be heard at a special meeting of the Planning Committee on the **19th June 2019**.
- **Oak Farm, Catherine de Barnes:** The application by Richmond Villages for a substantial continuing care retirement community was refused in October 2018. The applicant has now appealed the decision and an Inquiry is to be held.
- **General Applications:** The Parish Council have responded the following planning applications:
  - **2018/03165** - 41 Fentham Road for change of use to a dental surgery has been withdrawn.
  - **2019/00603** - Armac Eco Park- Brickworks: Since responding to this application it has been withdrawn.
  - **2019/00415VAR** - Variations to the development on the old site of Hampton in Arden Cricket Club.
  - **2019/00507** - 26 Diddington Lane close rabbit rescue centre demolish existing house and replace with new dwelling.

## ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Our Annual Meeting took place in Fentham Hall on 16th April when 38 residents attended to hear about the work of the Parish Council for the year to 31st March 2019.**

Reports were presented on a wide range of matters including planning applications, the maintenance of Parish owned land and other assets, the Pedestrian Safety and Traffic Calming Plan, HS2, Community Street Watch and Community Speed Watch. Those present also received a detailed report on the finances of the Council for the last financial year.

A copy of the Annual Report is available from Julie Barnes and is also on the Parish Council website.

## HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN BOWLS CLUB - CARE TO JOIN?

**Since 2002 this Club (open to both men and women) continues to flourish but is now looking for new members. The club is situated behind the Beeches Restaurant, off Marsh Lane.**

If you would like to consider joining this gentle sport, in an ideal location, please contact:

- the Club Secretary, Janet Hilton on 01675 443490 or
- the Club Chairman, Andrew Jeeves on 01675 443135, or
- come along to their open and coaching day on **Saturday 11 May 2019** (10 am onwards)

**You will be most welcome - GIVE IT A TRY!**

## DID YOU KNOW? DIFIBRILLATORS

**A defibrillator machine is an important part of community care. This piece of equipment stops fibrillation - the useless trembling that a person's heart muscles can adopt during a cardiac arrest – and can help save lives. The defibrillator machine itself works by using a moderate voltage to pass an electric current through the heart.**

The Parish Council, on behalf of all villagers, has recorded the location of all such units in the Parish. There are currently five difibrillators available for use in an emergency, located at the following places:

1. George Fentham Meeting Room, Marsh Lane (outside wall near the Beeches Restaurant)
2. Probus Club (for use by all members, including visitors, during all Probus events)
3. The Hampton Health and Fitness Club, Old Station Road
4. Hampton Church (one to be shortly installed inside the main Church building)
5. Hampton Sports Club, Shadow Brook Lane

There are currently no defibrillators in Catherine-de-Barnes. However, the Parish Council and the Residents Association are currently working on getting one installed in a central village location. We will keep you informed of the location of any new defibrillators when they are installed.





## COMMUNITY STREET WATCH AND SPEED WATCH

**T**here is good news on Street Watch as the volunteers are now actively patrolling the streets of Hampton village on the lookout for anything untoward. Any concerns are reported to the Neighbourhood Police Team for follow up.

Unfortunately there is not such good news on Speed Watch as, although the volunteers have been trained, it has not, so far, been possible to arrange the essential police presence now required. We continue to press for their attendance but have to be mindful of their many other commitments at this time.

## THE HAMPTON WOMBLES!

**S**ince February 2019, a group of hardy Hampton residents have been doing monthly litter picks, coordinated by Solihull MBC Councillor Alison Rolf. We have done 3 sessions so far and collected about 100 bags of rubbish. We now have a permanent litter picking hub at the pub where people can use the litter pickers etc but if those wishing to could just contact Alison in advance, that would be helpful as she needs to keep the stock of bags up (07974 581696 or email [alison.rolf@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:alison.rolf@solihull.gov.uk)).



The Hampton Wombles will be out again on Sunday 12th May and then 9th June, 14th July and 4th August. The meeting point is the car park at the White Lion and we meet at 11am. Please do come and join us, all Wombles welcome!

### Annual Village Tidy Up

The Parish Council will be holding the annual Village Tidy Up the weekend before the Hampton Festival in order to get the village all spruced up before the big weekend!

The Tidy Up this year is being held on Sunday the 23rd June between 9.30am and 11.30am. We would be grateful for any volunteers willing to come and lend a hand to help give the village a spring clean. Please meet at the George Fentham Meeting Room (next to the Beeches). All equipment will be provided and there will be refreshments and a prize draw for all those who help out.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT IGO BUS SERVICE 89

**J**on Hayes, Head of Network Delivery for Transport for West Midlands (TfWM) confirmed in March 2019 that IGO bus service 89 bus operated by a company called the Accessible Transport Group (ATG) on behalf of Transport for West Midlands (TfWM), became insolvent on 22nd March. Administrators were appointed to take control of its affairs.

The last day that ATG operated service 89 was Friday 29 March 2019. However, TfWM has been able to secure a new operator for bus service 89 and this service has been operated by Diamond Bus since the 1st April 2019. We understand that there has been **no change** to the days or times of operation and the usual roaming zones in Balsall Common and Meriden will still operate.

However, a new telephone number has been set up and should be used to make your request for journeys in the roaming zones. Requests can be made by calling **01527 813120** and must be made by 5pm the day before you wish to travel.

We will keep you informed of any changes. TfWM will also use their website to share information about any developments as they happen at [www.networkwestmidlands.com](http://www.networkwestmidlands.com)

## HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN SOCIETY - BINGO NIGHT (7TH JUNE, 7.30PM, FENTHAM HALL)

**T**his year, after two highly successful Quiz Nights, the Society have decided to try something new - a Bingo night. Included in the price of your ticket, you will get a fish and chip supper and a fun-filled night (a vegetarian option will be available). We will also be holding a raffle of prizes from the village during the half time break.

Tickets will be available from village shops, members of the Society Executive Committee and our website. As usual it will be bring your own drinks, but bring your loud voices too - 'BINGO'!!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **12th May / 9th June / 14th July (11am):** Hampton Wombles litter pick – White Lion car park
- **7th June (7.30pm):** Hampton-in-Arden Society Bingo Night – Fentham Hall
- **23rd June (9.30am to 11.30am):** Village Tidy Up – Meet at George Fentham Meeting Room
- **28th / 29th / 30th June:** Hampton-in-Arden Festival

- **10th July (7.30pm):** Parish Council Meeting – George Fentham Meeting Room. All welcome to attend

**PLEASE NOTE: We are currently awaiting a list of Police Surgery dates from May onwards (usually held midweek at Sandwiches @ No. 6). These will be published on our website, our Facebook page and our village notice boards as soon as become available.**

## THANK YOU FOR READING AND WE WILL SPEAK TO YOU AGAIN IN AUGUST

As always, thank you to all the contributors to the newsletter and the volunteers who deliver it to each household in the Parish. Don't forget to check out our website for up to date information between Newsletters ([www.hamptoninarden.org.uk](http://www.hamptoninarden.org.uk))