

CATNEY NEWS

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NEWS FROM YOUR RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Hampton in Arden Neighbourhood Plan

Many of you will know that the part of the village on the east side of the canal bridge was the only part originally in Hampton Parish and covered by the original Parish Neighbourhood Plan (NP) . In April 2019 the boundary of the Parish was extended to include the whole of Catherine de Barnes and therefore it was necessary for the NP to be reviewed if it was to incorporate the enlarged parish. This review process has started with all residents and businesses receiving a survey the results of which will lead to the formulating of a new updated NP. This is the opportunity for residents to influence how the Parish should develop over the next 10/15 years and urge you all to make your views known by completing the surveys and returning them to the Parish Council by the end of September . The Parish Council NP Working Group are keen to involve members of the community in formulating the Plan .If you are interested in getting involved please contact the Clerk of the Parish Council.

Planning

M42 Link Road

Following the decision to build the new link road some works /surveys have commenced with more works due to start in October with works at the WGAA. Together with representatives of the Parish Council a member of the RA committee recently attended a meeting at Skanska (the main contractor along with Mott Macdonald) to discuss a number of issues, including road closures, and haulage routes. . We have been assured that throughout the project both Solihull Road and Catherine de Barnes Lane will largely remain open, although there could well be the occasional closure in which case we should get at least 1 weeks- notice. We have also had assurances that there will be no heavy goods vehicles associated with the scheme coming through CdeB. A full timetable for the scheme will be available for next months issue .

2015/51409 Motorway Service Area at the new Junction 5a

The saga continues. It is now expected that we might get a decision towards the end of the year. The Association in conjunction with the Parish Council are committed to opposing the scheme and are in regular contact with our ward councillors regarding the application. The Association will be submitting a further response later in September which will be available on our website www.catney.co.uk should residents wish to see our grounds for seeking refusal of the scheme.

Should residents wish to make a response, **and we urge you to do so**, we advise that your response should be sent to losborne@solihull.gov.uk by the end of September.

2019/3108 Change of use at Woodhouse Farm - namely a HGV transport yard and operating bases for vehicles and trailers .

This application was refused by Solihull MBC on the grounds of unacceptable development within the Green Belt but we understand the applicant has now appealed the decision we should have more information concerning the type of enquiry that will be ensue next month .

Residents are reminded that they can view details of all planning applications within the village and Parish on our village/parish notice boards and the PC website

Village Hall

At long last the Trustees have decided to open the village hall again on 4th September for existing hirers and hopefully a couple of new ones. The Committee would like to express their thanks to Gareth who has been keeping abreast of the almost daily changes in Covid -19 regulations so as to enable this to happen. However. the hall is not able to be used for party bookings or large group activities for the time being.

Dave Cuthbert

**SERVICES AT ST. MARY AND ST. BARTHOLOMEW CHURCH,
HAMPTON IN ARDEN**

Hampton in Arden, Bickenhill and Barston churches are now holding services once again.

Hampton services are at 8.15 am, 11 am and 7.30 pm (Compline not Evensong) on a Sunday and 10 am on a Thursday.

Facemasks must be worn and there must be social distancing. Bring a drink to the 11 am service to drink outside after the service, weather permitting.

Please take a look at the church website

www.hamptoninardenchurch.org.uk where you will find details of services, links to live streamed services on Zoom, recorded services on You Tube and the service sheets to go with them.

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Catney Common news.

The common has been mown again and will need at least one more cut before the grass stops growing. Next year we are hoping to set up a proper contract for the grass so that our wonderful volunteers can concentrate on improvement and keeping the woodland areas cared for. I would like to thank them all for their work on the common, suspended by Covid restrictions but now in full swing. Their support is so important.

Meadow flowers. We have asked for advice from Solihull Council, who have done a lot with wild flowers on the verges and in the parks this year. They are going to send proposals so that we can try and create at least one area to encourage flowers and pollinators. This is not straightforward as we know to our cost. The common has rich soil and grass soon swamps the more fragile flowers. We cannot leave the whole area unmown as it becomes unusable when the grass gets too long. A balancing act!

The broken and missing logs around the edge are due to be replaced to deter cars.

Finally a special plea on behalf of the Common for everyone to complete the parish Survey which is being sent to each household. Without a 'Parish Plan', highlighting what is important to local people and what makes the area important to us, it is difficult to influence future development. Thank you.

Heather Bird

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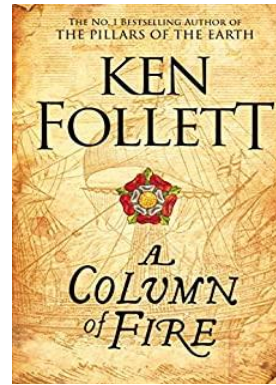
Apples are red, fields are gold
Dandelion heads have grown white and old.
The sun is still hot, but the nights grow cool;
All nature is saying, "It's time for school!"

BOOK REVIEW

A COLUMN OF FIRE

A historical novel by Ken Follett

A Book Review by John Alderson



Ken Follett is a very well known author of historical novels and *Column of Fire* is a random selection, which offers an introduction to his style of writing and is his third in a Kingsbridge trilogy.

Although the basis of the novel is Kingsbridge in the south of England and links the fortunes of three local families, the story ranges over Europe and the Caribbean.

Real events, including the Babbington Plot and the fate of Mary Queen of Scots, the St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre in Paris and the Spanish Armada, together with the Gunpowder Plot are woven into the story following Ned Willard who becomes a deputy to Francis Walsingham the Spymaster to Queen Elizabeth 1st.

The three families referred to, the Fitzgeralds, the Willards and the Cobleys, whose interlinked lives form the basis of the novel are on opposite sides of the Catholic / Protestant, Mary / Elizabeth divide, reflect the very difficult times of 16th. and 17th. Century Europe.

I like Follett's story telling, but then as you may have noticed I am a fan of the historical novel and would certainly recommend this novel for holiday or lockdown reading.





APPLE CRUMBLE SLICE

INGREDIENTS

APPLES

6 Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored and sliced
100g of caster sugar

SHORTBREAD BASE

75g of unsalted butter, softened, plus extra for greasing
1 free-range egg, beaten
40g of caster sugar
2 tbsp of semi-skimmed milk
75g of plain flour
50g of wholemeal flour
25g of wheatgerm
1/2 tsp baking powder

CRUMBLE

50g of oats, rolled
40g of wholemeal flour
50g of walnuts, chopped
15g of wheatgerm
1 pinch of salt
50g of caster sugar
1 tsp ground cinnamon
1/2 tsp ground ginger
1/2 nutmeg, freshly grated
60g of unsalted butter

TO PLATE

1 tub of vanilla ice cream

METHOD

Place the apples in a saucepan with the sugar. Cover and set over a low heat until the juice begins to come out of the apples. Slightly increase the heat and cook until the apples are soft, then set aside to cool

Preheat the oven to 165°C/ 325° F/ gas mark 3

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For the shortbread base, cream together the butter and sugar, add the egg and milk, then mix in the flours, baking powder and wheatgerm. Spread over the bottom of a greased cake tin (approximately 20cm x 20cm x 5cm) and bake in the oven for 10 minutes. Leave to cool in the tin

Make the crumble by mixing all the dry ingredients together, ie. everything except the butter. Put the butter in a small saucepan, melt over a moderate heat, then pour it over the dry ingredients and mix together

Spread the apple over the shortbread base, then sprinkle the crumble mix over the top. Bake for 10-15 minutes until lightly golden

Serve the apple crumble slice warm with a quenelle of vanilla ice cream



The Canal Laureate is a poet appointed by The Poetry Society and Canal & River Trust to write new poems inspired by the Canal network. The Canal Laureate project is part of Arts on the Waterways, a wider partnership between the Canal & River Trust and Arts Council England, which aims to attract more visitors to the waterways while surprising and delighting existing communities through exciting art projects.

Canal Laureate 2016-2017 Luke Kennard

Luke Kennard is the author of five collections of poetry and a novella called *Holophin* (Penned in the Margins, 2012).

Luke Kennard lives in Birmingham. He was born in Kingston-upon-Thames and grew up in Luton. He has a PhD in English from the University of Exeter and lectures in Creative Writing at the University of Birmingham. In 2014 he was named one of the Next Generation Poets by the Poetry Book Society in their once per-decade list of poets “expected to dominate the poetry landscape of the coming decade”.

Nancy Campbell is the latest Canal Laureate. Nancy's new poems and observations will be published on waterlines.wpengine.com/poems. You can also follow Nancy's adventures via Twitter @CanalPoetry



Luke Kennard

Etiquette at the Canalside

New traveller of the shining towpath,
Please be mindful as you roam.
It's not that you can't speak, eat, laugh,
But this is everybody's home.
Let others too enjoy its use,
Be like the duck and not the goose.

*Do not preach to the converted
Or assume we're unaware
That dropping litter's as perverted
As ignoring others' cares.
Keep your homilies to yourself,
Leave your manuals on the shelf.*

Sorry; it wasn't my intention
To nag, cajole, instruct or bore,
Just eager that your intervention
Keeps the peace you came here for.
Adopt an attitude, at most,
Of simultaneous guest and host.