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NEWS FROM YOUR RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Covid-19

Unfortunately the Association has not been able to organise any social activities so far this year, although things started to look a little more positive back in early August. Hopes were dashed earlier this month when we started to see new outbreaks which came to Solihull in early September. The onus is on us all to “play the game” and stick to the latest Government regulation, in an effort to keep us all safe.

The Boat Refurbishment

Along with residents living near the pub, we recently met with the Site Manager to discuss the outline of the refurbishment and any mitigation available to affected residents.

Greene King don't feel that the current pub format meets the need of the area. It's aim is to create a totally unique eating experience (possibly only one other like it).

The car park at the front is being replaced with a grassed area, with a new front entrance to the building. The current rear garden area is being replaced with a grass and patio area with a new outside bar facility. Internally the current bars are being replaced with a single central bar.

All being well the access road to the cottages at the side/back of the pub will be resurfaced as part of the renovation work although this is still under discussion. New CCTV and low-level lighting will be installed in the car park. In addition, the contractors are installing a footpath between the frontal grassed area and the lay-by which would be very welcome. The plan is for the premises to open daily at 08.00am to serve coffee and breakfasts. It is understood that a number of electric- vehicle charging points will be installed in the car park. Prior to opening there are plans being discussed to have some form of open house arrangement for local residents, but this need to be clarified- so hope this can be confirmed next month. This is good news for the village as a whole and we look forward to enjoying the benefits of “our local” again, some time in November.

Residents can view details of the licence application at licensing@solihull.gov.uk using the reference PREM 993/20 The Boat

Airport

We participated recently in a virtual meeting with Nick Barton C.E.O of Birmingham Airport and a few of his colleagues. They reported that the Airport, as you would expect, is extremely quiet with passenger levels similar to those in the early 80's. What is very

surprising is they are having little or no communication with Government and no financial assistance or support other than the furlough scheme and are in the process of losing 258 employees. Notwithstanding the impact the airport's activities have on us locally, its contribution to the wealth and employment in the region is beyond doubt and the quicker the Government get to grips with the ramifications caused by the pandemic the better so that passengers can once again, gain the confidence to travel and the traditional routes open up once again

As part of their ongoing policy of community engagement, an RA representative will be attending 2 virtual meetings in October / November concerning an updated Noise Plan incorporating, amongst other things, future day time and night time noise limits.

Planning

2020/01908 single detached dwelling adjacent to 339 Lugtrout Lane

The Association, following comments received from residents, have objected to this application on the grounds of inappropriate development in the Green Belt with no very special circumstances to support approval. We are concerned that approval would signal that development along Lugtrout Lane is acceptable, which if it occurred, would change the characteristics of Lugtrout Lane. Currently the lane has occasional ribbon type residential development which is broken up by open fields and a sports ground. This contributes to the openness of the area.

2020/01821 Outline Planning for 2 self – build detached dwellings adjacent to 351 Lugtrout Lane

This application has provided no supporting evidence that there are any very special circumstances to support the approval of the application which is in Green Belt .We have written seeking refusal of the application .

2019/03108 Change of use at Woodhouse Farm – to be used as HGV operators yard /storage , formation of hardstanding erection of security fencing .

Residents will recall that SMBC refused this application on the grounds of inappropriate development in the Green Belt. We understand that the applicant has lodged an appeal and the Planning Inspectorate opened the appeal on the 14th September. The appeal will be determined by considering written representations which need to be them by 19th October.

Any representations need to quote Ref: APP/Q4625/W/20/3256579 and can be sent on e mail to- www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/appeals/online/search or 3 copies of hard copy need to be forwarded to Tracy Warry, Room 3B-Eagle, Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Bristol, BS1 6PN.

As we submitted a response to the original application seeking refusal - we are unlikely to submit a further response but ,at the time of preparing this edition, we have yet to discuss this.

Solihull Local Plan

We understand that the draft of the proposed Plan will be submitted to full Cabinet at S.M.B.C . on 1st October. It is likely to include plans to build 600 + homes on the field bordered by Hampton Lane, Damson Parkway, and Field Lane. At the consultation the Association will oppose this prospective development on the grounds that it brings the urban Solihull closer to our settlement of Catherine de Barnes with only one field separating the village from the urban spread of Solihull.

Hampton in Arden Parish Neighbourhood Plan Review

Many thanks to those have responded to the Residents Survey – you still have time to respond -so have your say on how you wish to see the area develop. Covid 19 regulations are making it difficult to hold effective meetings and is slowing down the process but we are planning the analysis of the survey responses and their implications as we speak.

Government Proposals to change the current planning system

Two consultations have been launched

- 1) Changes to the current planning system – outlining proposals how to ensure that
 - a) 300,000 homes are built each year,
 - b) Putting a priority on the First Homes policy enabling affordable home ownership
 - c) Extending Planning Permission in Principle to major developments to speed up the planning process and finally
 - d) How planning information is more effectively distributed .

This consultation closes on the 1st October . We expect these proposals or their successors following the consultation to be effective before the end of the year.

The second “ Planning for the Future” outlines more radical proposals for the overhaul of the planning system The major thrust is that the new calculation will almost dictate what houses need to be built where, with the Local Authority placing land into 3 categories :

- Growth areas suitable for substantial development – new settlements, urban extensions sites for redevelopment/regeneration sites within or on the edge of rural villages (allocations)
- Protection areas suitable for
Renewal areas suitable for development – existing built areas, densification and infill, town centres, small protection e.g. GB, AONB, Conservation Areas, LWS, flood plains, open countryside

- The Government are determined to ensure there is sufficient land available for 300,000 new - dwellings a year and that the developers build them. The aim is for 1 million new homes by the end of the life of this Parliament.

Responses to this application need to be made by 29th October.

Full details of both consultations can be found at the following web sites:

[www.gov.uk/government/consultations/changes to the current planning system](http://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/changes-to-the-current-planning-system)
and [www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning- for - the - future](http://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning-for-the-future)

Dave Cuthbert

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Village Hall

As a result of the tremendous work by Gareth Thomas the Trustees have opened up the hall to existing hirers should they wish to run their classes. The relevant Covid 19 regulations and precautions are in place with an isolation area should participants feel unwell whilst they are there. However, it won't be available for private functions and parties etc for the foreseeable future. The Trustees have managed to secure an agreement with the brewery so that following refurbishment, users of the hall will retain the use of the car park as long as numbers are kept reasonable . Thanks to Greene King

Hall Trustees

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. You will be guided to a seat. There is no singing. Bring a drink to the 11 am service to drink outside after the service, weather permitting. Please take a look at the church website where you will find details regarding what we will be doing on 4th October, for our Harvest Festival.

www.hamptoninardenchurch.org.uk also there are 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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Born in October

- John Lennon. **Oct** 09, 1940. Liverpool. Margaret Thatcher. **Oct** 13, 1925. Grantham. ...
- Lewis Capaldi. **Oct** 17, 1996. Glasgow. .. Oscar Wilde. **Oct** 16, 1854. Dublin.

BOOK REVIEW

THE LABYRINTH OF THE SPIRITS

A Novel by Carlos Ruiz Zafon

A Book Review by John Alderson



I was fortunate to be introduced to Zafon some years ago through his first book "The Shadow of the Wind", which is the first in a quartet of books with the umbrella title of "The Cemetery of Forgotten Books". I was able to follow that with book two, "The Angel's Game" and now by chance I discovered book four, all 832 pages of "The Labyrinth of the Spirits". All these books are superbly written, based around the Spanish Civil War and the Sempere family bookshop in Barcelona. The plot in "The Labyrinth of the Spirits" is complex and appears to subtly change by the introduction of sub plots and much of the writing contains references in the story telling, to classical Spanish literature. In this book we meet Alicia Gris, a police agent under the control of her shadowy superior, and a very single minded lady whose personal objectives are sometimes difficult to define. This book, like the others, involve many other books, with even the titles and the authors being interchanged. The description of "The Cemetery of Forgotten Books" of a dark multi arched intricately designed building, donated only to the pleasure of books is fantastic. I have deliberately not explained the plot of this book, because I want you to read it - it can be read as stand alone - to observe a craftsman at work. It might not be easy, but if you stay with it, I guarantee that you will find it incredibly rewarding. Carlos Ruiz Zafon is a giant among authors

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October 1911: Britain's first escalator opens at London's Earls Court.



Catney Cricket Club

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We are sad to advise the passing of Tim Basnett, affectionately known as Lord B Tim was a Player, President and Chairman of the Club and worked hard to maintain the existence of the Club, He will be greatly missed by all who knew him and our thoughts go out to his wife and Family,

The mini Season has now ended but improvements will continue on the ground and anyone looking for a Club to play for or help out at please contact Eddie on 07826 465805,

Eddie Hewitt
Chairman CDBCC

7th October 1920: Women become eligible for admission as full members of Oxford University and are given the right to take degrees.

Things we hope will be going ahead in Half Term

When: October 23 Where: Touchwood, Homer Road, Solihull B91 3GJ

Kids can get to meet Chase and Rubble at the Solihull centre and learn some of their best dance moves too.

The event is free of charge, however spaces to meet Chase or Rubble are limited.

A set number of tickets will be pre-released on Wednesday October 18 via The Entertainer in Touchwood.

The remaining tickets will be released on the morning of Monday October 23, again via The Entertainer in Touchwood.

When: October 21 to 29

Where: Packwood Lane, Lapworth, Solihull B94 6AT

Search for clues and listen to spooky stories on the Halloween trail around Packwood House.

Each trail costs £2.50.

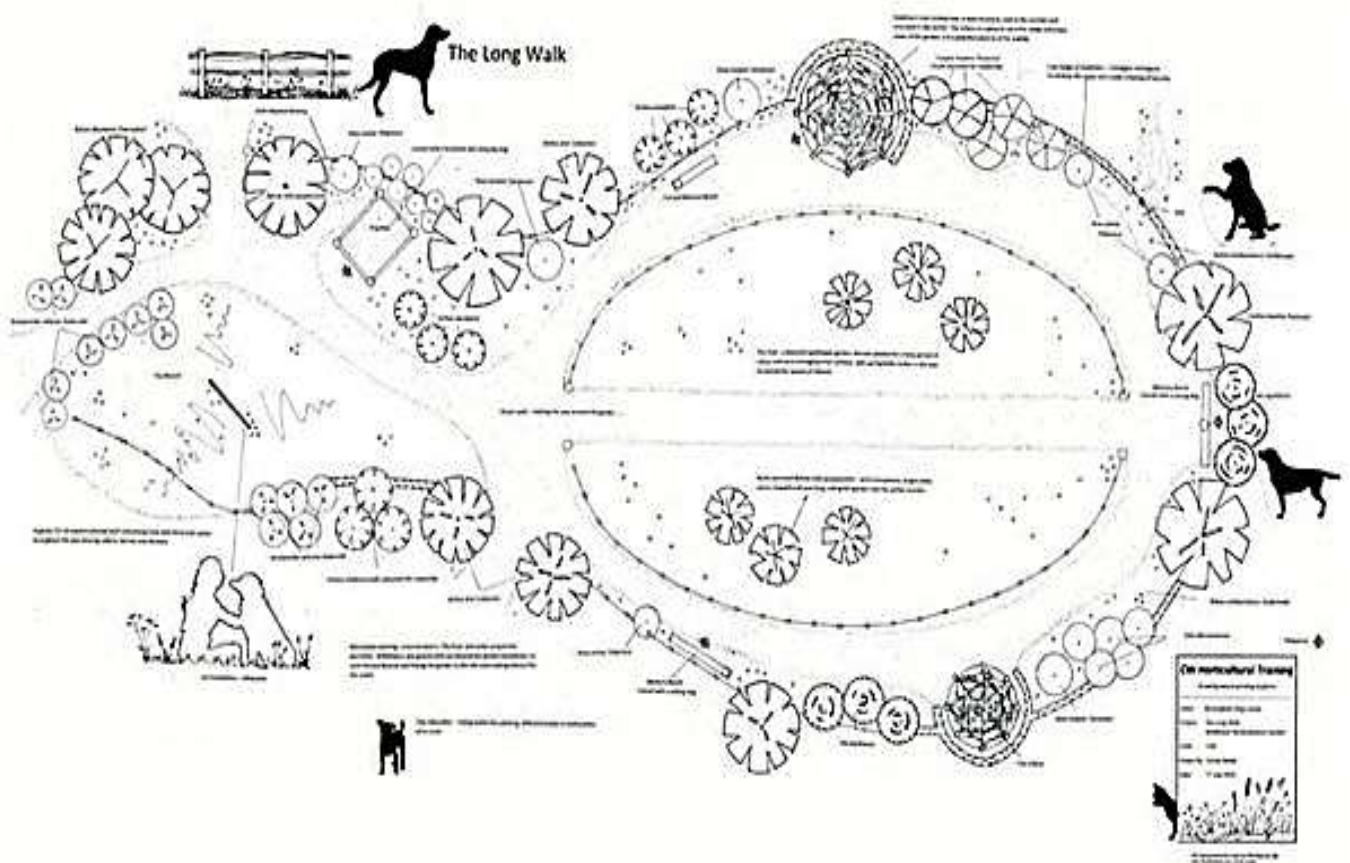
Normal admission fees apply.

A memorial garden for beloved pets forms part of expansion plans for Birmingham Dogs' Home's Solihull HQ, which have now been given the go-ahead.

The "Long Walk", a "peaceful" outdoor space, is among the facilities planned as part of the next phase of development at the charity's base at Catherine de Barnes.

The remembrance garden, where visitors will be able to remember animals or go for quiet walks with their dog, has been designed in conjunction with Solihull College students, with plans to plant wildflowers and install carved benches and sculptures.

A training paddock and barn, extended parking area and expanded vets practice also form part of the scheme granted permission by the council.



9th October 1967: Transport Minister, Barbara Castle, introduces the breathalyzer testing a person's BAC (blood alcohol concentration) level at the roadside.

**20th October 1632 : Birth of English Architect Christopher Wren.
Responsible for the rebuilding of St. Paul's Cathedral following the
Great Fire of London.**

October

BY ROBERT FROST

O hushed October morning mild,
Thy leaves have ripened to the fall;
Tomorrow's wind, if it be wild,
Should waste them all.
The crows above the forest call;
Tomorrow they may form and go.
O hushed October morning mild,
Begin the hours of this day slow.
Make the day seem to us less brief.
Hearts not averse to being beguiled,
Beguile us in the way you know.
Release one leaf at break of day;
At noon release another leaf;
One from our trees, one far away.
Retard the sun with gentle mist;
Enchant the land with amethyst.
Slow, slow!
For the grapes' sake, if they were all,
Whose leaves already are burnt with frost,
Whose clustered fruit must else be lost—
For the grapes' sake along the wall.

I think I lived farthest away from Catherine-de-Barnes than any of the other children. Then came Eva, who lived on Moat Lane going down on the right. Her father had a farm in Wales, and she lived in Solihull with her grandmother. At any rate, she was tiny, cute as a button and had strawberry blond hair. If it hadn't been for Eva, I would have made a big fool of myself, because she sat, stood and kneeled right next to me in the choir. We were on the right-hand side of the choir when one entered the church. Eva soon recognized that I had no idea what I was doing and would latch onto my coat tails and yank me up and down.

There were always a few familiar faces from the village who attended the service.

Taken from "A War Bride" by David Anderson

21st October 1966: Disaster in Aberfan, 300,000 cubic yards of coal sludge buried a Welsh primary school, and 19 houses in Aberfan, Wales. 144 people died.



HALLOWEEN

Halloween is a holiday celebrated each year on October 31, and Halloween 2020 will occur on a Saturday. The tradition originated with the ancient Celtic festival of [Samhain](#), when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts.

In the eighth century, Pope Gregory III designated November 1 as a time to honour all saints. Soon, All Saints Day incorporated some of the traditions of Samhain. The evening before was known as All Hallows Eve, and later Halloween. Over time, Halloween evolved into a day of activities like trick-or-treating, carving jack-o-lanterns, festive gatherings, donning costumes and eating treats.



27TH October 1914: Birth of Dylan Thomas (Welsh Poet)

Lunch at Catherine-de-Barnes school was a version of “meals on wheels”. It was catered from somewhere. The food was placed on tables which were set up in the middle of the room where the portable partitions normally stood. If I remember correctly, there was something like a monitor for each table, whom you told what you would like to eat, and the monitor would fetch it for you. As to the quality of the food, let us say, we were all glad when we had vanilla custard for dessert. In fact I can’t really remember anything else with the exception of vanilla custard. **Taken from “A War Bride by David Anderton**

Attending Catherine de Barnes school was a bit like being in a Charles Dickens novel, when I think back. The structure consisted of one huge room or hall and a little foyer. Mr. Dingley's desk (even the name "Dingley" sounds Charles Dickens-like to me), was in the right-hand corner when one entered the church school. The church alter was at the opposite far end. We were six classes or "forms" and two teachers. Three classes and one teacher on each side of portable partitions which were shoved into place when age relevant instruction began. **Taken from "A War Bride" by David Anderson**

More things we hope you can do at Half Term

When: October 21 to 29

Where: Rising Lane, Baddesley Clinton, Warwickshire, B93 0DQ

There's a Halloween trail, where little ghosts and ghouls will be able to explore the gardens in search of clues and discover spooky stories.

Find out about a lady in grey who wanders the house at night, a ghostly portrait that appears on the wall and a dog who begs to an empty chair.

Each trail costs £2.50 and children will receive sweets and a take-home craft and an activity and quiz sheet for the fun to continue at home.

Normal admission fees apply.

Pumpkin Week at Hatton Adventure World

When: October 21 to 29

Where: Dark Lane, Hatton, Warwick CV35 8XA

Children can visit the popular family attraction to pick their own free pumpkin, carve it in the spooky decorated marquee and then enter the best carved pumpkin competition to win a prize. Lots of new spooky attractions too.





Sausage and Apple Casserole

1 tbsp sunflower oil
8 British outdoor-reared pork sausages (at least 70 per cent meat content)
200g smoked bacon lardons
50g butter
2 medium onions, chopped
2 garlic cloves, crushed
2 small parsnips (about 350g), chopped
3 large celery sticks, chopped
1 tbsp tomato purée
2 tbsp plain flour
300ml medium or dry cider
300ml fresh chicken stock
8-10 fresh sage leaves, chopped, plus a few leaves fried in a little oil until crisp (optional)
1 tbsp wholegrain mustard
2 small eating apples.

A squeeze of lemon to serve (optional)

- Heat the oven to 180°C/160°C fan/gas 4. Heat the oil in a large flameproof casserole (with a lid). Add the sausages and brown them all over, then transfer to a plate.
 - Add the bacon lardons to the casserole and fry for 5 minutes until the fat is crisp and brown. Transfer to the plate with the sausages.
 - Drain off all but 1 tbsp of the oil from the casserole, add half the butter and, when melted, add the onions and garlic. Cover and cook for 10 minutes, stirring now and then, until soft and lightly browned.
 - Take off the lid, stir in the parsnips and celery and cook for 2 minutes more. Stir in the tomato purée and flour, then gradually stir in the cider and stock and bring to the boil.
 - Return the sausages and bacon to the casserole, then stir in the sage and mustard. Cover, put in the oven and cook for 40 minutes.
 - When the casserole is ready, melt the remaining butter in a non-stick frying pan. Quarter, core and slice the apples into wedges. Add them to the pan and fry gently for 2-3 minutes until golden all over and just tender. Season with a little salt and pepper.
 - Remove the casserole from the oven, stir in the apples and season to taste (add a squeeze of lemon if you think it needs it). Sprinkle with the fried sage leaves, if using. Serve with baked potatoes or mash and greens.
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- Cool, then chill for up to 3 days in an airtight container or food bag. Freeze in 4 foil containers (or one large one) and cook from frozen in a medium oven for at least 1 hour until piping hot. Cook the apples to serve.