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NEWS FROM YOUR RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Planning News

2015/51409 Motorway Service Area (MSA) at new junction 5a Solihull Road, Highways England (HE) had requested SMBC to hold off making a decision until at least 31st January requiring further information from the applicant. This hold has since been released.

HE has placed a number of conditions on any approval should it be given. In the meantime the Residents Association requested Saqid Bhatti MBE, MP write to the Secretary of State requesting him to "call in" the application which, if successful, would result in a public enquiry be held to examine both this application, and the Applegreen application at junction 4. The request has been lodged (as has a request by our Parish Council) and a decision is awaited. The Residents Association, the Parish Council, along with our Ward Councillors remain firmly opposed to this application at junction 5a.

2020/03108 Change of use at Woodhouse Farm - Same Day Transport We are still waiting to hear the outcome of the appeal - lodged against planning refusal.

2020/02792 Demolition of the existing and construction of a replacement clubhouse building, provision of a new all-weather pitch, reconfigured playing pitches and access improvements in connection with the Warwickshire Gaelic Athletic Association, Catherine de Barnes Lane. The Parish Council in conjunction with the Residents Association have submitted a response to this application and it can be viewed on the RA website.

PL/2020/02784/PPFL | Erection of a triple combined tepee tent for use by adults with learning disabilities and groups whilst on site at Newlands Bishop Farm. | Newlands Bishop Farm Berry Hall Lane Catherine De Barnes Solihull B91 2TR.

The Association secretary received over 13 responses from concerned residents over this planning application. The major issue was one of potential for noise nuisance in the summer months resulting from the tepee being used for socials/weddings/parties etc. The site already has similar facilities which have given rise to nuisance issues resulting from

boisterous music events in the summer months with SMBC environmental having been involved as well as residents meeting with the site management endeavouring to resolve issues, to date unsuccessfully. The Association in conjunction with the Parish Council have responded to the application with these concerns. It can be viewed on our website.

Hampton in Arden Neighbourhood Plan Review

The current plan does not cover the extended parish adopted in April 2019. It was due for review later this year but it was decided to initiate the review earlier and you will recall surveys were sent to residents of both Hampton and Catherine de Barnes in late summer of last year. The tick box responses have been entered into a spreadsheet with the comments

still to be done. Once done the Working Group will need to analyse the results and start formulating the new plan. The Covid-19 situation is making this more difficult as the Group feels they need to hold a couple of actual meetings to discuss issues using the final spreadsheet analysis.

However here is some interesting info. Of the surveys sent out we had 293 responses (23%) 211 from Hampton Ward and 82 from Catherine de Barnes Ward.

Based on what people declared in terms of numbers within households the 2020 returns cover a population of 468 in Hampton and 174 in CdeB . In terms of household members age groups these breakdown as follows Hampton Ward under 25's 20%, 25-65 48%, over 65's 32%. For CdeB Ward, the figures are 14%, 43% and 43% respectively.

The returns of the Business Surveys were however disappointing with only 4 responses being received representing a response rate of just under 6% and the Group will need to decide how to move forward in this area. If you would be interested in joining the Working Group please drop an email to the clerk@hamptominarden.org.uk

Catherine de Barnes Village Defibrillator

Having received funding from Hampton Parish Council through funds generated by the Community Infrastructure Levy the Association, after receiving approval of the landlords, will be installing a Defibrillator in the village. It will be sited on the corner wall of the NISA store and connected to the store's electrical circuit.

We are hoping it will be installed during February and details of how to use it will follow in the next issue as well as being held on our website. We are planning to run an associated training course in the village hall when Covid- 19 allows. This course will be free of charge to Residents Association 2021 members. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Tarplin family for allowing us to fix the cabinet to the building and to Bal, at the Nisa store, for allowing us to tap into his store's electrical circuit gratis. Thank you

Village Hall

The Trustees, with the co-operation of planning consultant Richard Cobb, have applied for planning approval to place a dropped kerb at the front of the village hall where the pedestrian barrier is currently sited. This will allow vehicles to get off the main road more easily for loading and unloading.

The annual accounts for the Village Hall have been prepared and there was a surplus for the year of £2781.55. We are holding reserves of £36,691.99. We believe this to

be necessary due to the nature/type of the building and the potential issues that can arise from its age, being built in 1879. Bookings this year were dramatically affected by Covid-19, down nearly 70% but we were fortunate to get grants and donations this year which brought our income to just under £9200 with expenses at just under £6400. The final accounts can be viewed on the Residents Association website www.catney.co.uk shortly.

Buying on-line from Amazon

Do you know that you can raise funds for the Catherine de Barnes Village Hall Trust when you buy online from Amazon. You do this through smile.amazon.co.uk. It doesn't cost you any more than using Amazon in the usual manner. All you need to do is access the smile.amazon website – select Catherine de Barnes Village Hall Trust as the charity you wish to support then spend, spend, spend. Amazon make a donation to the charity for any purchase made. It's as easy as that.

Residents Association - Annual General Meeting

The Covid-19 situation will probably not allow us to hold a physical meeting this year. The proposal is to hold a virtual Teams meeting on March 17th commencing at 7.30pm.

The proposal is to prepare the Chairman's report and the Financial Report and to publish these on the RA website during February and include them in the March issue of the Catney News. Residents who wish to view the meeting need to send their e mail addresses to

clerk@hamptoninarden.org.uk on the 14th /15th March together with any questions you may have concerning the reports. The March issue of the Catney News will have details of how to log in to the Teams meeting.

It is vital that the Clerk at Hampton PC is aware of your e.mail details and any questions if you wish to participate. If you wish to address the Committee please make this clear to the Clerk (however numbers will be limited) The format of the meeting is likely to take the format of a Q&A session with you having had access to the reports prior to the meeting.

Village Traffic Calming

Disappointingly we only received a response from one resident concerning the outline plans the Parish Council/Residents Association had come up with for traffic calming in Catherine de Barnes. Details of the outline plans are on our website, if you **have** any comments please send them through to clerk@hamptoninarden.org.uk by 19th February. Thank you.

Solihull Draft Local Plan Review

The response to the Local Plan review from Hampton in Arden PC and the Residents' Association was submitted in December along with the names of 152 people who gave us their support. Thank you to everyone on this list.

Dates for the Diary.

Residents Association Meetings

Committee Meetings – First Monday of every month except August (currently via Zoom) If residents have any issues they would like to raise please contact the secretary@catney.co.uk prior to the meeting

March 17th Residents Association AGM (likely to be via TEAMS)

Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 10th March 2021

Villages Annual Meeting Tuesday 13th April 2021

Parish Council AGM Wednesday 12th May 2021

Parish Council Meetings take place at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room adjacent to The Beeches or in the event that COVID-19 restrictions are still in place they will be held via TEAMS. The public are welcome and encouraged to attend. Where meetings are being held online please

contact Julie Barnes (Clerk) at clerk@hamptoninarden.org.uk or phone 01675 442 017 for advice as to how to participate.

Catney News Deliveries

Our loyal team of deliverers makes sure a paper copy of the Catney News (and sometimes the Hampton Parish Council Newsletter as well) reaches the right houses each month. We are seeking a new volunteer to deliver about 20 hard copies to Lugtrout Lane (the Hampton Lane end) and Bransford Rise. If you can help, please get in touch via the contact details on the first page.

A huge thank you from us to Penny Madeley who has delivered on this route for many years but is now moving from the village.

Frances Cook – Secretary

Margaret Claire

Our main Catney News distributor, Margaret Claire, had a nasty fall in December which has resulted in her having to have a hip replacement operation. We are happy to report Margaret is now recovering at home and on behalf of the Residents Association we wish her well and a speedy recovery. Lesley Cuthbert

Membership Appeal 2021

Don't be left out!

Every house should have had a membership appeal flyer delivered in the last couple of weeks.

Please get in touch if you haven't had one.

Thanks to all those who have already sent in or emailed their membership slip.

These are challenging times but we need your support as much as ever to help us continue in our work to keep you informed and to protect and enhance our neighbourhood. Thank you in advance.

Frances Cook - Secretary

Recycling Challenge

If you haven't already got rid of your Christmas Cards we wonder if you would like to make Christmas them to adorn the Village Hall in December. The children might like to project and we can look admiring everyone's winter.



One simple suggestion is circles from the card in half and glue the backs "baubles". These are made from circles about 15 cm in diameter and I glued in a string so they can be hung up.

But you may have other ideas, so anything we can hang up is welcome. Please contact Frances (07768 502039) or anyone on the committee to let us know when you've made something and we can arrange to collect and store them until the Hall is open again.

Thank you.

decorations from Hall in December. help with this forward to creations next

to cut 6 (or more) fronts. Fold them together to make



**Remember summer? Remember going out? Remember
Catney Fete?**

Can you spot yourself?





Keeping the Garden Healthy in February

- Continue to remove dead or dying leaves from plants indoors and out. Put them on the compost heap. Good hygiene is an essential part of keeping the garden healthy. *Botrytis* (grey mould) will attack any dead plant material. Once established, it will quickly move onto living plants and cause extensive damage, sometimes even plant death.
- Remove old mulches (compost them) to get rid of overwintering pest-pupae. Then hoe around the base of fruit trees and bushes to expose overwintering insects to hungry birds.
- In warm spells, early aphid colonies can build up on new buds. Squish them off with your fingers to prevent a build up.
- Bury stems and stumps of overwintered brassicas - in a compost heap, or a trench in the ground - as soon as they have finished cropping. This will help reduce the population of mealy aphids and whitefly which otherwise would simply move on to your spring-planted crops.
- Check plums, damsons and gages for signs of the plum leaf-curling aphid. This tiny green aphid can hatch as early as mid-January. If seen, spray with insecticidal soap.
- Encourage birds (especially blue tits) into your garden by putting up nest boxes. A hungry brood in the spring will be fed many hundreds of caterpillars and other pests every day by the parent birds.

In the greenhouse

- Clean pots and trays thoroughly before starting to sow new seeds. Pests and diseases can overwinter in old potting compost, surviving to damage newly emerging seedlings. Scrub well in hot soapy water.
- Clean the glass of any algae that has developed during the past few months. Sweep out the whole place to get rid of as many overwintering pests as possible.

Here are a few things we all can do in the garden this month.

1. Prune trees. ...
2. Prune shrubs. ...
3. Add trellises and arbors. ...
4. Order plants and seeds. ...
5. Fill a bird feeder. ...
6. Plant a bare-root hedge. ...
7. Reorganize **your** garage (or **garden** shed).



Ingredients

- **vegetable or coconut oil** 1 tbsp
- **red curry paste** 150g (see below)
- **skinless, boneless chicken thighs or breasts** 4
- **coconut milk** 400g
- **vegetable or chicken stock** 600ml
- **lime leaves** 3-5
- **brown sugar** a pinch, or to taste
- **fish sauce** 2-4 tsp, or to taste
- **lime juice** to taste

TOPPINGS

- **rice noodles** 4 nests, cooked and drained
- **coriander** small bunch, leaves picked, stalks chopped
- **thai basil or mint** 1/2 small bunch, leaves picked
- **bean sprouts** a handful, cooked following pack instructions
- **bamboo shoots** 225g tin, drained
- **mangetout** 50g, finely sliced
- **carrot** 1, finely sliced
- **lime** 1, cut into wedges
- **coconut cream** 2 tbsp, loosened with water for drizzling (optional)
- **spring onions** 4, shredded
- **red chill** 1, shredded

RED CURRY PASTE (MAKES ABOUT 350G)

- **lemongrass** 1 stalk, trimmed and finely chopped
- **white peppercorns** 1 tsp
- **long red chillies** 10-15, chopped
- **shallots** 4 round, peeled and chopped
- **ground coriander** 1 tsp
- **ground cumin** 1 tsp
- **garlic** 5 cloves
- **galangal** 25g, peeled and chopped
- **shrimp paste** 2 tsp, or 1 tbsp fish sauce
- **lime** 1, zested

To make the red curry paste, pound the lemongrass stalk and peppercorns using a large pestle and mortar. Add the chillies and shallots, and continue to pound into a paste. Add the coriander stalks, spices, garlic and galangal, and pound again until well combined. Stir in the shrimp paste or fish sauce, and lime zest. Alternatively, crush the peppercorns and lemongrass, then tip everything into a blender and blitz to a paste. Will keep chilled in an airtight container for up to a week, or frozen for up to three months.

Method

Heat the coconut oil in large pan and fry the curry paste for 2-3 minutes or until fragrant. Stir in the chicken and tip in the coconut milk, stock and lime leaves. Bring to a simmer and cook for 15-20 mins or until the chicken is cooked through and very tender. Remove the chicken to a board and shred or slice into bite-sized pieces. Stir the chicken back through the soup, then check for seasoning, adding the sugar, fish sauce and lime juice to taste, if needed.

The broth should be hot, sour, salty and spicy. Divide the cooked noodles between four warmed deep bowls, and ladle in the broth and chicken. Scatter over the herbs, bean sprouts, mangetout and carrot, squeeze over the lime wedges, drizzle with some coconut cream, if using, and sprinkle with the spring onions and chilli to serve



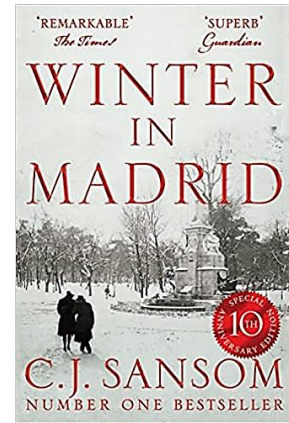
SPICY COCONUT CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP

BOOK REVIEW

A Book Review by John Alderson

WINTER IN MADRID

A novel by C J Sansom



I am a long time fan of C J Sansom and his “Shardlake” novels, one of which “Lamentation”, I reviewed in January 2015. However, “Winter in Madrid” is a completely different genre, being a sort of spy story with a love interest and set in and around the ruins Madrid of the post Civil War in Franco’s Spain.

The descriptions of life in Madrid at that time, whilst Hitler is trying to coax Spain into the Second World War are very much up to Sansom standard, but I’m afraid the plot lines are not. If you have read any of Carlos Ruiz Zafon, such as the “Shadow of the Wind” and expecting something similar, as I was, you may be disappointed.

The plot lines, following a Dunkirk veteran Harry Brett, reluctantly employed to spy against an old school friend in Madrid, while at the same time helping an old girl friend to find yet another of Brett’s school friends also fighting in Spain at the same time, are stretched a little too thinly for me and the characters lack Sansom or Zafon depth.

This is not an uninteresting book, with quite an insight historically into the relationships politically between Franco’s Spain, Hitler’s Germany and the UK, but to me this is not the usual high Sansom standard and I hope he sticks to “Shardlake” stories in future.

Dora Busby

It is with regret we have to inform you of the recent passing of Dora Busby. Dora was a long standing resident of the village, wife of our local artist George Busby who passed away in 2005.

Dora was a big supporter of all village matters and also of Marie Curie Warren Pearl Hospice. She moved into Rayner House towards the end of last year where she peacefully passed away. The Residents Association send our sincere condolences, thoughts and prayers to her family.

Lesley Cuthbert

Winter floods

Many people may be disheartened by the constant recent rain and the sogginess and slippery mud underfoot as we take local walks [what else is there to do in lockdown!]. We have seen spectacular floods at both of our local fords, Ravenshaw and Henwood Lanes.

However, browsing through some photographs I came across these, taken in the height of what should have been summer. Taken in July 2007. Liz Boxall



Henwood Lane ford showing water up to just under the bridge, short of a depth of 5 foot



Ravenshaw Lane ford, the bridge is not accessible.

Peanut Butter Pancakes for Shrove Tuesday 16th February

These peanut butter pancakes are great for breakfast with fruit and crème fraîche or crispy bacon

Ingredients

- 225g plain flour
- 1 level tbsp baking powder
- 1 level tbsp caster sugar
- 325ml milk
- 2 large eggs
- 175g smooth peanut butter
- 2 tbsp oil
- Strawberries, to serve
- Blueberries, to serve
- Crème fraîche, to serve

Method

- Pre-heat the oven to its lowest setting. Sift the flour, baking powder and a pinch of salt into a large bowl, then stir in the sugar.
- In another bowl, whisk the milk, eggs and peanut butter until smooth.
- Make a well in the centre of the flour and pour in the milk and peanut butter mixture. Use a balloon whisk to mix to a smooth batter.
- Grease a nonstick frying pan by soaking a small ball of kitchen paper with oil and rubbing it all over the pan. Heat the pan and pour in a small ladleful of batter, then repeat to make another pancake. Cook for 1-2 minutes on each side.
- Keep the pancakes warm on a plate in the oven, loosely covered with foil, while you cook the rest.
Serve with berries and crème fraîche.