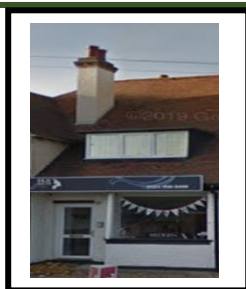




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NEWS FROM YOUR RESIDENTS **ASSOCIATION**

Planning News

Motorway Service Area (MSA) at the new jct5a currently being built on Solihull Road

As most of you will know the Planning Inspector upheld the appeal by Extra which reverses SMBC's decision to refuse the planning application. As the development relies on All Lane Running it is unlikely that any work will commence until 2025 as the Government has put a hold on any new schemes until 5 years' worth of safety data is available as to how safe ALR schemes are.

The data will not be available until sometime in 2024 and then needs to be analysed and decisions made as to whether ALR schemes are safe. The Association is working with the Parish Council, Ward Councillors and our local MP to see what avenues are left open which could delay or hopefully cancel the project but realistically I think the odds are not in our favour.

Other News

Traffic Calming Scheme /Proposals

Thanks to those who attended the meeting in the Village Hall on the 15th March to view and comment on the proposals. It was a very worthwhile and productive event with a number of suggestions being put forward by local residents which will be discussed at the next meeting with SMBC Highways.

As was explained at the meeting the current proposals cost in the region of £80/90,000 . The scheme in principle has been put forward to National Highways via Skanska (the contractors for the new link road) for 100% funding via their Legacy Funding Schemes and although we have no written undertaking at the moment, we have been told that it is being viewed in a positive light – fingers crossed.

We will let you know more as and when more information is forthcoming.

Hampton in Arden Parish Neighbourhood Plan Review

A final draft of the new plan has been given to SMBC for unofficial comment.

Based on the response from them it is quite possible that the first consultation document could be circulated for public consultation end of May /June time.

Butty Breakfast

We have booked the Village Hall for the return of our infamous Butty Breakfast events on Saturday 14th May commencing 10.15pm 'til around 12 noon . Please come along and join us for a complimentary sausage or bacon butty with tea and coffee and a chat with neighbours. We cater for Vegetarians.

Village Hall News

The Trustees are still working on the scheme to install a children's play area at the rear of the Village Hall . The funding of £43k is in place but there are a few issues relating to the Trusts covering the Hall and Grounds which we need to be resolved. The Parish Council, who through Community Infrastructure Levy have committed £36k to the project , wish to have a legal involvement with the site and are prepared to take a lease on the area. Once the legalise has been resolved, the order can be placed and hopefully we should have a playground ready for next spring at the very latest.

Dates for your diary:

Residents Association

The RA Committee meets on Monday 4th April : -

Any member who has an issue to raise, please send details through to the secretary@catney.co.uk. no later than two working days before the meeting. If you wish to speak at the meeting-this can also be arranged, again by contacting the Secretary at the same email address . Any member wishing to speak can do so at the start of the meeting

Parish Council

The next Parish Council Meeting is the Annual Parish Meeting which will be held on the 27th April commencing at 8.00pm (refreshments from 7.30pm)

The meeting will be held in Fentham Hall, off Marsh Lane, Hampton in Arden

Butty Breakfast

Catherine de Barnes Village Hall Saturday 14th May 10.15am 'til 12.00



WELCOME PACK FOR NEW RESIDENTS

If anyone has a new neighbour, knows of a new resident to the village or is in the process of moving, I would very much appreciate it if you could let me know the address of the new resident so that I can deliver a Welcome Pack to them. The Welcome Pack contains information of the village amenities, useful telephone numbers and of course information about the Residents Association and the many things we do. Please email me at cuthbertlm@me.com or text/telephone me on 07776 480813 with the address of the new resident. Thank you.

Lesley Cuthbert.

CATNEY CRICKET CLUB

With the Cricket Season shortly upon us we continue to look for new players and the outdoor nets should start shortly depending on weather of course,

If anyone is interested please contact Eddie on 07826 465805 and you will be made welcome.

Membership Report, April 2020

We are most grateful to everyone who has already renewed their membership or joined for the first time this year, and for many generous contributions. We have 148 members at the time of writing which is gratifying but still short of the 200 who joined last year. Your membership is very important as it shows us that you support what we do and we can say that we speak on behalf of many residents when submitting opinions or raising issues with the Council. Remember that only members will now receive the Catney News or be on our lists for other local information by email. Please join. If you've lost your membership form, just ask me for a new form or simply put your details (name, address and e mail) on a slip of paper and hand it in at the NISA with your subs. We can even do the whole process online if you contact me at the email address below.

The subscription fees are £3 for individuals, £5 for couples and £10 for a family of 4 or more adults.

Everyone who has joined should have received a membership card as a receipt so please get in touch if you haven't had one. Thank you for your support!

Frances Cook (secretary@catney.co.uk) (07768 502039)

**Mobile
Warm Hub**

**Community
Cafe**

**Catherine de
Barnes
Village Hall**

**Come along to our weekly coffee & chat
mornings starting on Tuesday 5th April,
from 10.30am - 12.30pm**



**Enjoy a good catch up
over free refreshments
at our friendly mobile
community cafe**



Everyone's welcome!

website wrccrural.org.uk/warm-hubs
email sue@vasa.org.uk
telephone **01789 842182**



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Hosting a Big Jubilee Lunch is a perfect opportunity to bring people together to celebrate HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend on 2-5 June 2022.

INVITATION

To celebrate HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend the **Catherine-De-Barnes Residents' Association** are delighted to invite you to join us in a community picnic lunch on **Sunday 5 June 2022 between 12:30pm and 3:00pm at the Catherine-De-Barnes Village Hall**

Bring your own picnic lunch to enjoy in the grounds of the village hall and if you wanted to bring a cake to share that would be perfect.

Traditional games are being organised for children and adults alike. Tea, coffee and soft refreshments will be provided (all free of charge) and shelter available both inside and outside.

Wear your red, white & blue; dig out those picnic blankets; hampers & cool bags; invite your neighbours and join your village and millions of people across the UK getting together in a simple act of community friendship and celebration.

If you are able to attend (we do hope you will) please email secretary@catney.co.uk to confirm how many adults and children.



JOIN US FOR A RIGHT ROYAL KNEES-UP

YOU'RE INVITED TO:

Picnic in Catney Village



WHERE & WHEN:

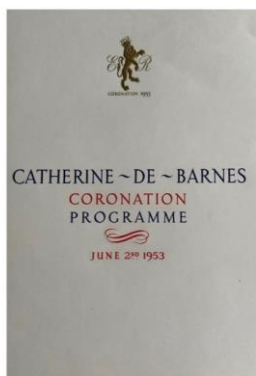
Sunday 5 June 2022
12:30pm - 3:00pm
Catherine De Barnes Village Hall



JOIN THE NATION
IN CELEBRATION!



Previous celebrations organised by the Catherine De Barnes Residents' Association include the Coronation; Silver Jubilee & the Queen's 90th Birthday so please join us this June to celebrate HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

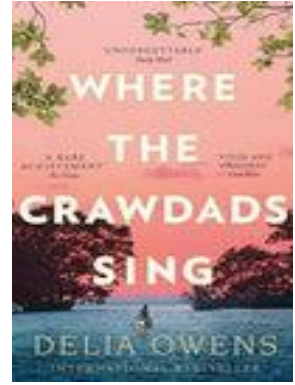


BOOK REVIEW

WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING

A novel by Delia Owens

A book review by John Alderson



This is a debut novel by Delia Owens, an American wildlife scientist, set in the marshland of North Carolina. It raises a number of issues such as racial and social divisions, family and the natural world.

Kya Clark's father, without any real job has settled his family, like many others, in the Marshland where over centuries people were able to claim squatters rights within the inhospitable land.

Kya's family of hardly-ever-there-father, mother, brother and two sisters live a barely habitable shack, eking out a barely sustainable living and one by one they leave. Firstly the two girls then her brother of whom Kya was very fond and finally her mother, tiring eventually of her violent husband just walks away leaving her sixteen year old daughter to fend for herself, after her father who returns again for a short while also finally departs.

Kyle, who has no wish to leave the Marsh has to learn to grow up in what is to her an alien world. She meets Tate and Kyle, two very different boys from the nearby small coastal town and her relationships with them and the world around her are developed beautifully as she learns to read and understand her position in an alien world.

The death of Kyle and the subsequent trial of Kya being accused of his murder, introduces further social and racial issues which are handled equally well by the author.

I really enjoyed reading this book, particularly its direct link with the natural world.

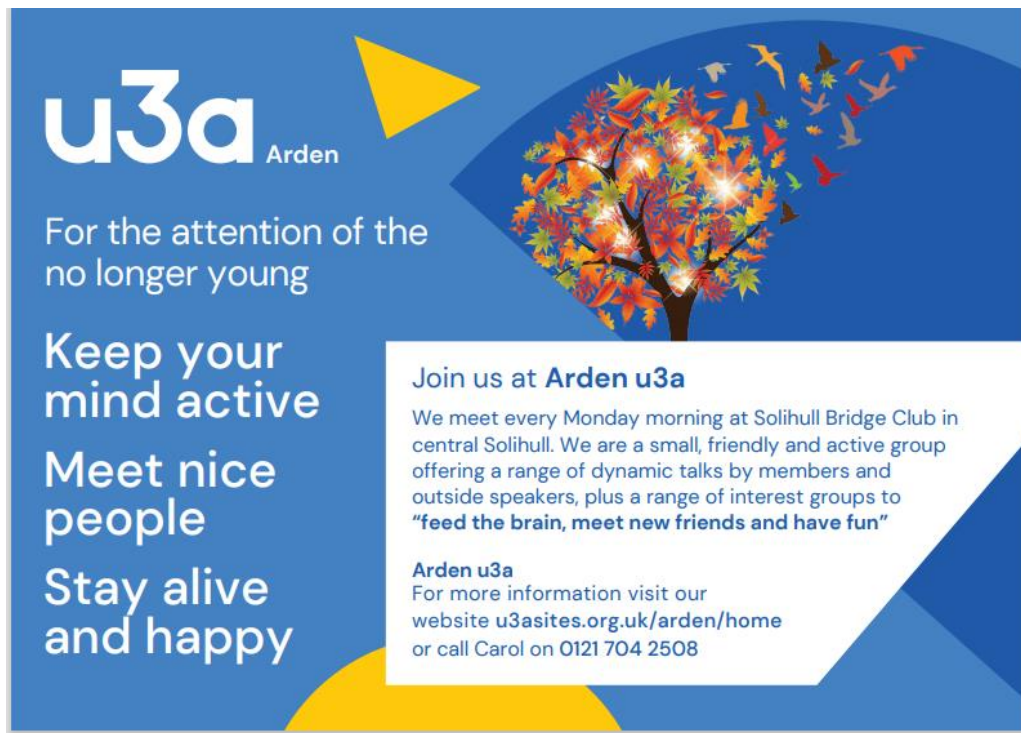
"Now the noisy winds are still; April's coming up the hill!

All the spring is in her train, Led by shining ranks of rain;

Pit, pat, patter, clatter, Sudden sun and clatter patter! . . .

All things ready with a will, April's coming up the hill!"

- Mary Mapes Dodge.



What families can do in the Easter break around Solihull

Baddesley Clinton: When? From 15th to 22nd April

Address: Rising Ln, Knowle, Solihull B93 0DQ

Event Easter Egg Hunt **About** – National Trust. Make your way along the trail and find nature-inspired activities for the whole family. Come along and explore the beautiful gardens of Baddesley Clinton. The price of the trail is £3 per child and includes a trail map, pencil and a chocolate egg at the end.

Spring has well and truly sprung at Touchwood Solihull, as the centre prepares to welcome Peter Rabbit and his friends to an Easter Extravaganza for the whole family to enjoy.

From Saturday 9th April until Sunday 24th April, an enchanted Easter maze will be located in Theatre Square. Children and adults alike can work their way around the beautifully decorated topiary paths, with lots of great photo opportunities along the way.

Peter himself will be making appearances throughout the day on Saturday 9th April, and there are lots of other exciting activities happening throughout the school holidays, including face-painting and balloon modelling.

"A gush of bird-song, a patter of dew, A cloud, and a rainbow's warning, suddenly sunshine and perfect blue - An April day in the morning." - Harriet Prescott Spofford.

Easter Services at the Parish Church of St. Mary and St. Bartholomew, Hampton in Arden

10th April: 11 am **Palm Sunday**

14th April: **Maundy Thursday** service 7:30 pm

15th April: **Good Friday**

10:30 am Easter Trail

2.00 pm Vigil, Stations of the cross prayers and reflections by Stephen Cotterell, Paula Gooder and Philip North

7:30 pm Choral Easter Music and reflections

17th April: **Easter Sunday**

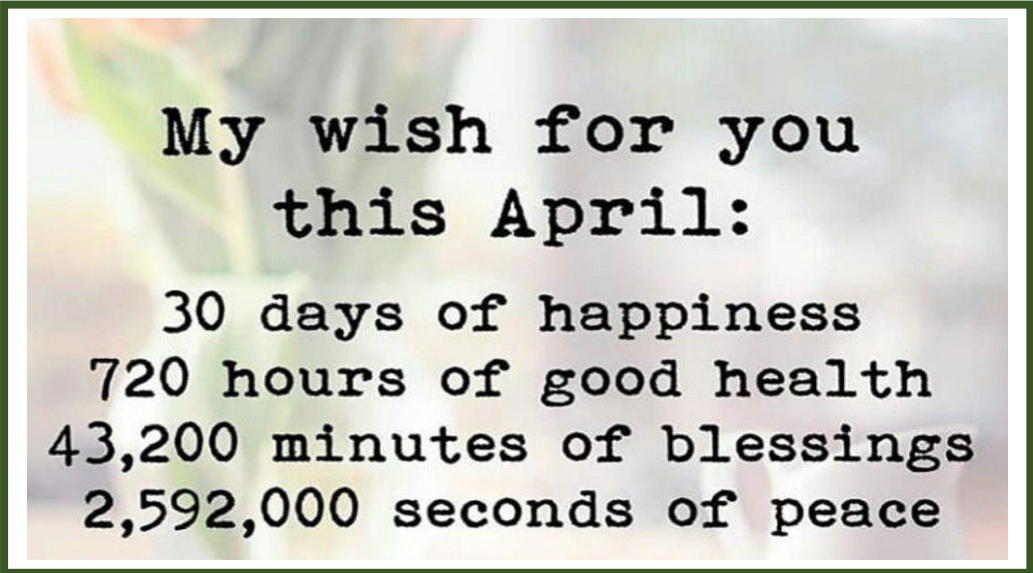
6 am Sunrise service in Fentham hall car park followed by coffee + in the vicarage garden

8:15 am Easter Eucharist

11 am Family Easter Eucharist (plus special guest) with dressing the Easter Cross. Please bring a few flowers.

NO EVENING SERVICE

Main Services are usually live-streamed if you cannot get to church. Details can be found on the church website:
hamptoninardenchurch.org.uk



My wish for you
this April:

30 days of happiness
720 hours of good health
43,200 minutes of blessings
2,592,000 seconds of peace



Baked Ricotta with Spice-Poached Rhubarb

Ingredients

- 12 ounces rhubarb, trimmed and cut into 1-inch lengths
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar,
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest plus 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice, divided
- 1/2 teaspoon fine sea salt,
- 1 whole star anise
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 16 ounces best-quality whole-milk ricotta cheese (such as Galbani)
- 1 large egg
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1/4 teaspoon of pure vanilla essence
- Unsalted butter for greasing dish

Method

- Preheat oven to 325°F. Combine rhubarb and 1/2 cup sugar in a mixing bowl.
- Add lemon juice and 1/4 teaspoon salt. Toss to coat the rhubarb evenly.
- Arrange in a single layer in a 2-quart baking dish.
- Tuck star anise and cinnamon stick into the dish.
- Cover with aluminum foil, and roast in preheated oven until rhubarb is tender when pierced with the tip of a knife, 20 to 25 minutes.
- Set aside, covered, to cool.
- The roasted rhubarb can be refrigerated up to 2 days.
- Spoon the ricotta into a food processor fitted with the chopping blade.
- Add egg, honey, vanilla, lemon zest, remaining 1/4 cup sugar, and remaining 1/4 teaspoon salt. Process until very smooth, about 1 minute.
- Lightly grease a 1-quart baking dish or a 9- to 10-inch pie plate.
- Scrape the ricotta mixture into the baking dish, and bake at 325°F until fragrant and toasty brown around the edges, about 1 hour. (The top may puff up as it bakes, but it will settle once out of the oven.)
- Let stand at room temperature at least 10 minutes. Serve warm, at room temperature, or chilled, topped with rhubarb mixture.

Gardening in April

Shrubs

Some people say it's best to cut lavender back in autumn but April is a better option, especially if you live in a frost-prone area. If you prune in autumn, all the new cuts you make will be exposed and open to infection through winter, but prune now and the plant can start growing quickly. Just turn a blind eye to the dead stems during the winter months. Lavenders are notorious for getting straggly and leggy and the best way to avoid that is to give them a really hard prune.

Tip: Look for the lowest little bud on each stem that's about to sprout and cut just above it.

Perennials

Direct sow annuals such as nigella, cosmos and Californian poppies in any gaps you have in the beds. These are the 'throw and sow' seeds and couldn't be easier. Just ensure that as far as possible the ground is clear of weeds, well-fed and raked, and then sprinkle the seeds on the surface. They should germinate in a matter of days.

Fruit and vegetables

This is the month to start off most sowings – broad beans, beetroot, Brussels sprouts, broccoli, cabbages, carrots, leeks, parsnip, peas and spinach. Also plant out seed potatoes and raspberry and blackberry canes.

There's still time to put strawberries and asparagus into permanent beds. Now is also the ideal month to plant globe and Jerusalem artichokes.

Under cover, keep sowing any tender vegetables you want to grow, such as aubergines, sweetcorn and melons. Don't forget to put in a few sunflower seeds – they'll brighten up the patch and can fit in the smallest space.

"Spring makes its own statement, so loud and clear that the gardener seems to only be of the instruments, not the composer."

- Geoffrey B. Charlesworth.