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NEWS FROM YOUR RESIDENTS **ASSOCIATION**

Residents Association – Annual General Meeting **Tuesday 22nd February 2022** **(meeting in Village Hall 7.30pm)**

All members are encouraged to attend, and non-members are welcome too and will be asked to join the Association on arrival. The meeting will be followed by wine and nibbles
The Committee look forward to seeing you all there!!

Planning items

PL/2015/51409/PPOL Motorway Service Area (MSA)at Catherine de Barnes new jct 5a

PINS Appeal Ref: APP/Q4625/W/21/3275290 -Solihull Appeal Ref: AP/2021/00013/REF

As you may recall from the last issue, Parliament's Transport Select Committee (TSC)published a report on Smart Motorways – the dangers of ALL Lane Running(no hard shoulder) just at the end of the Public Inquiry. We anticipated the Inspector would not be taking much notice of the report due to its lateness in the proceedings and on the fact that he did not comment on it during his summing up before closing the enquiry. Following a number of discussions with representatives of the RA Committee, the Parish Council (PC) and our Ward Councillors (WC) it was agreed the Parish Council and our Ward Cllrs's would write to both Secretaries of State for Transport and Levelling Up, Housing and Communities advising them of the relevance of this report to the Planning Appeal currently being examined by the Inspector and requesting the report be taken into account . The reason behind this request is the Planning application for the MSA near Catherine de Barnes specifically involves the introduction of All Lane Running for its successful operation.

One of the recommendations of the TSC report was no new All Lane Running (ALR)schemes should be rolled out until 5 years safety data has been analysed and then a decision would be made whether ALR rollout continue, if so on what basis.

In early January, Parliament announced that they would accept this

recommendation. We now understand that the Inspector has offered the main parties to the appeal to submit a further submission outlining how the Report affects both applications. The Inspector has also been made aware, as had the Secretaries of State of the Petition containing over 1060 signatures against the siting of an MSA at Jc5a which can be viewed on www.change.org

We understand that the Planning Inspector has now requested further submissions from the appellants, Applegreen (Jct4 MSA) Extra (Jct5aMSA) , National Highway and SMBC to offer further submissions to the Inspectorate relating to this decision . At the time of writing this piece we are endeavouring to establish what the current situation is regarding the potential submissions. The TSR has, we believe, could have significant negative implications to the jct5a proposal as it currently stands.

Traffic Calming Proposals for Catherine de Barnes – Pedestrian Crossing on Hampton Lane outside the Village Hall

Unfortunately, no news has been received from the Highways department any comments relating to the scheme proposals, so we are unable to arrange a Village Meeting to discuss the proposals. The AGM is planned for Tuesday 22 nd April so all being well we will have some news in time for the proposals to be discussed at that event. We are also chasing them for the status regarding the installation of the pedestrian crossing on Hampton Lane outside the Village Hall.

Hampton in Arden Neighbourhood Plan Review.

Following the meeting with SMBC, the working group has been advised to proceed with caution until the situation is clearer vis a vis the adoption of the new Solihull Local Plan. Hence the group are working on aspects of the Plan not related to policies. The SLP examination is due to finish at the end of January which would indicate that the Inspector may request changes or accept it as presented around late Spring early Summer.

Village Hall

Work on the new fence and re-positioning of the gate has now been completed and hope you will agree that the site is starting to look a little better, there are plans to replant a couple of trees and a number of laurels replacing those that unfortunately had to be removed. Discussions are currently in progress regarding the tarmacking of the unfinished drive and hope we will be able to report more on this next month.

M42 new link road update

Following a recent meeting with Skanska (the main contractor) agreed to prepare an information sheet detailing the current and future works. Unfortunately, the document is not yet available but will be included with the next edition of the Parish News due in early February. Regular monthly meetings have now been set up between the Parish Council and Skanska so if members have any issues they wish raised please forward these to the Secretary and they will be discussed at the next available meeting.

Mobile Warm Hub

The Mobile Warm Hub service is run by WRCC and VASA working together, supported by Cadent. The converted community minibus – nicknamed the “Chattybus” – took to the road in May 2021. Since then, has run a Monday to Friday service visiting local communities on a regular basis. More information on the Mobile Warm Hub can be viewed at www.wrccrural.org.uk/services/halls/warm-hubs/

We are hoping to bring this amenity to the Village, with the minibus being sited in the grounds of the Village Hall sometime in April – more information in next month’s edition. See photo on next page.

Village Tidy Up

As part of the GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN 2022 campaign, we are holding a Village Spring Clean event on Saturday March 26th. Volunteers should assemble at the Village Hall at 10.30am where all necessary equipment and information will be provided followed by free Refreshments

Butty Brunch

Now that covid -19 restrictions seem to be easing -provisionally we are seeking to hold a Butty Brunch event on Saturday 12th March commencing 10.30am til 12.00 – more information next month

Commonwealth Games 2022 and Queens Platinum Jubilee

More information in next month’s edition

Airport News

No news this month

Dates for your diary

The RA Committee meets: -

Monday 7th February (virtually)

Monday 7th March (virtually)

Should members have any issues they would like to raise at the meeting, 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 email address above

Parish Council Meetings

Wednesday 9th March (To be held in Catherine de Bares Village Hall commencing 7.30pm)

Wednesday 9th March(venue TBA)



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 CRAFT CLUB

Do you enjoy crafting, want to learn a craft or just want to enjoy company for a couple of hours for a chat, piece of cake and a cup of tea. We are at the Village Hall every Wednesday afternoon from 2.00 p.m. until 4.00 p.m. and always look forward to welcoming new members. If you would like any further details please call me, Lesley Cuthbert on 07776 480813 or email cuthbertlm@me.com.

CATNEY BOOK BORROW

After the mobile library stopped coming to the village we started a free book borrowing club in the Village Hall. We have had so many people kindly donating books that we now have a large varied selection. You can come and borrow books every Wednesday afternoon when the Craft Group is in session, between 2.00 p.m and 4.00 p.m. Please come and make use of this facility.

BEST DRESSED CHRISTMAS WINDOW COMPETITION

The Best Dressed Christmas Window Competition was won by Marie Adkins of Oakfields Way. Congratulations Marie and thank you for your effort and for entering the competition

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

At the end of November we were once again able to hold our Christmas Craft Fair with all COVID precautions put in place.

A great big thank you goes to everyone who turned out in the freezing cold and snow to support the Christmas Craft Fair. Special thanks go to everyone who helped out on the day and to all the lovely Bakers out there who donated cakes for the Refreshments.

On the day the Craft table, Refreshments and stall hire took a total of £407, considering the weather conditions that was fantastic. Even though we were unable to hold a Fair in 2020 due to COVID people still asked our jam makers for supplies and we raised £70 during that time. Also the Craft Club did have some pre and post Craft Fair sales this year, giving us a grand total of £547.45. Before passing the money onto the Village Hall Trustees we intend keeping a small amount of money back for marketing purpose e.g a decent banner to properly advertise the Fair outside the Village Hall.

We have a date for your new diaries, this years' Christmas Craft Fair will be held on Saturday 26th November. We look forward to welcoming you all.

Lesley Cuthbert and Liz Boxall

“Though it was the end of February, the day was a lazy sort of cold. The sun slipped through the cloud in bursts, reminding the landscape that it was still there, prodding snow piles to relax into puddles and stirring sleeping seeds under the ground.”

— Erika Robuck, [Call Me Zelda](#)

CATNEY CRICKET CLUB

The Cricket Club starts its indoor nets at Lode Heath School on Sunday 13th February at Lode Heath School and are looking for new Players ,Please contact Eddie Hewitt on 07826 465805 if of interest,

We are pleased to advise that the Club won the most improved ground by the Warwickshire League which is a high accolade for the Club,

Regards Eddie Hewitt
Chairman
Catherine de Barnes CC



Volunteers required

We are looking for volunteers to get involved with our WH Auden Festival (18-21 February)! Did you know this famous poet grew up in Solihull? This festival is going to have concerts, talks, film screenings, and lots of live performance, so we're looking for some volunteers to help us make it happen! We have opportunities for both stewarding and performing, and would love to hear from anyone, no matter their experience level.

Please find below links to our two upcoming interest meetings - please get in touch with any questions. Your help is greatly appreciated!

21 Jan, 6pm: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/culture-makers-interest-meeting-21-january-tickets-249107024817>

26 Jan, 6pm: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/culture-makers-interest-meeting-26-jan-tickets-249115781007>

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Thank you,
Skylar Mabry

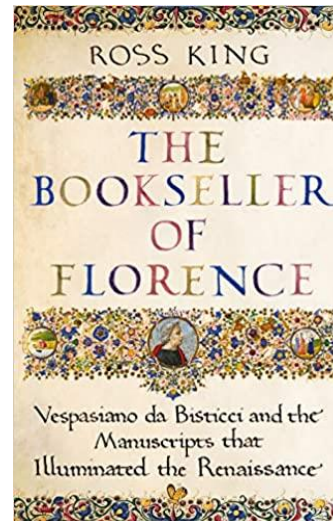
**"The February sunshine steeps your boughs and tints the buds
and swells the leaves within." —William Cullen Bryant**

BOOK REVIEW

A book review by John Alderson

THE BOOKSELLER OF FLORENCE

A historical narrative by Ross King



Ross King is well known for his work on the Italian Renaissance.

The Bookseller of Florence is the story of Vespasiano da Bisticci, the owner of what was to become a famous bookshop in the Via dei Librai. Vespasiano's bookshop held the works of Plato, Aristotle and Cicero when there was a strong movement in Florence in the fifteenth century to read and debate the Classical works of five hundred years ago and apply the philosophy to their times. This required the works to be copied and Vespasiano and his team were to produce magnificent manuscripts to serve the Medici and other prominent men of the time to enable them to build great libraries.

This led to the design and development of printing and printing presses forming the basis of printing as we know it today.

This is also a reflection of the uncertain religious and political thinking and ambition prevalent in Italy at the time and Vespasiano can be seen to be a little known but very important contributor to the growth of the Renaissance in Italy throughout the fifteenth century.

This is a very interesting story for anyone in the Renaissance, is not a difficult read (apart from the Italian names) and a fascinating insight into the invention of the printed word. It's not bedtime reading, but well worth a few quiet afternoon hours.

"Though, February is short, it is filled with lots of love and sweet surprises." —*Charmaine J Forde*

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Spiced beef and feta filo pie

INGREDIENTS

- 1/3 cup (80ml) extra virgin olive oil
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 1/3 cup (50g) pine nuts
- 500g beef mince
- 1 tbs baharat (Middle Eastern spice mix)
- 1/3 cup (90g) tomato paste
- 4 ripe truss tomatoes, roughly chopped
- 1/2 bunch flat-leaf parsley leaves, finely chopped
- 200g feta, crumbled
- 16 sheets fresh filo pastry
- 120g unsalted butter, melted
- 1 1/2 tbs white sesame seeds
- Lemon wedges & Greek-style yoghurt, to serve



METHOD

1. Heat oil in a large non-stick fry pan over medium heat. Add onion and pine nuts, and cook, stirring occasionally, for 5 minutes or until onion has softened. Add mince and cook, breaking up with a spoon, for 5 minutes or until browned. Add baharat, tomato paste and tomato and season with salt flakes and freshly ground black pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, for 10 minutes or until fragrant and tomato has broken down. Remove from heat. Stir through parsley and feta. Set aside to cool completely. Preheat oven to 200°C.
2. Brush 4 filo sheets with butter and lay on top of one another to create a stack. Spread one-quarter of the mince mixture down the short side of the stack, then roll to enclose the mince and form one large log. Repeat with remaining filo, butter and mince mixture to make 4 logs in total. Place seam side down in a 20cm x 30cm baking dish, brush with extra butter and scatter with sesame seeds. Place in oven and bake for 30-35 minutes until golden and crisp. Cool slightly before serving with lemon wedges and yoghurt alongside.

“There is always in February some one day, at least, when one smells the yet distant, but surely coming, summer.”



“Walks from Catney”

Walk 4: Berry Hall Estate, Brueton Park, Canal: 5.6 miles

By Neil Smith

This walk takes you to Brueton Park mostly on footpaths then back through Solihull and along the canal.

The walk is 5.6 miles.

1. Starting outside the village shops, head across the canal bridge and cross the road to take the towpath heading south.
2. Walk 0.6 miles until you go under the Henwood Lane bridge. Leave the towpath, double back to cross the bridge and take the signed track to the left.
3. Follow the track and then footpath past the Canal and River Trust compound and across the fields for 0.5 miles until you come out on Ravenshaw Lane.
4. Cross the lane and through the kissing gate into the field. Cross the field heading for the kissing gate on the far side.
5. Cross the track, through another gate and follow the footpath for 0.5 miles past the farm buildings, through the Berry Hall Estate and across the fields.
6. You will come out on the bypass. Cross, go through a gate and turn right onto Avenbury Drive and then left onto Marsh Lane.

7. Follow Marsh Lane south past the hospice, taking the short spur of road marked as a cycle path next to the hospice.
8. Cross and turn left onto Warwick Road to follow it to the entrance to Brueton Park.
9. Follow the footpath through Brueton and Malvern Parks. Where signposted follow the "New Road Entrance" sign.
10. At the statue of The Horse and His Master, take the right footpath which runs up to the main entrance gates of the park.
11. Turn right outside the gates onto New Road then right onto Warwick Road, crossing it to head up Hampton Lane.
12. Take the first left onto School Lane.
13. Take the second right into Broomfields Farm Road. Cross Shustoke Road and a footpath takes you through a tunnel under the bypass.
14. Follow the footpath across Elms Close and Redlands Road until you come out on Cornyx Lane, opposite the Greville Arms.
15. Turn right onto Cornyx Lane, cross the road and turn left into Damson Lane.
16. Follow Damson Lane for 0.3 miles, cross the canal and turn immediately right onto the footpath which runs between the canal and Damson Lane Park.
17. Join the canal towpath at Damson Lane.
18. You can return to Catney on the towpath if you wish. Alternatively go through the kissing gate just on the other side of Damson Lane (or the gap in the fence a bit further down) and follow the footpath through the fields and woods to come out on Catney Common
19. Walk through the Common and turn right into Bickenhill Lane and back into the village. .

A GPX of the map will be posted on the Catney Facebook page.

