



CATNEY NEWS



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NEWS FROM YOUR RESIDENTS **ASSOCIATION**

Planning

Solihull Local Plan- Update

An extra session was organised for 3/2 (available to watch on www.solihull.gov.uk/eip - go to the reference to Solihull You Tube channel and select the meeting you are seeking to view). At that meeting the Inspector confirmed that SMBC's "Duty to Co-operate" had been met however he was unhappy with the "Soundness " aspect of the Plan in a number of areas – one of which was the Residential development plans for the NEC. The Inspector is writing to SMBC concerning the areas he finds unsatisfactory , requiring them to address them.

Motorway Service Area(MSA)

At the time of writing , it doesn't appear that the Inspector has made his decision following the further submissions by the main parties in respect of the government's decision to accept all the recommendations in the Transport Select Committee's Report on Smart Motorways- All Lane Running which on the face of it made life very difficult for the Extra plans for an MSA at the new junction 5a

LATE NEWS. We understand the Inspector has requested further responses from the main parties concerning impact on the Ancient Woodland .

Parish Council and the Precept

We are pleased to advise that at a finance meeting of the Parish Council back in January it was agreed, unanimously, not to increase the Parish precept for the forthcoming year on the basis that residents were going to be burdened with significant other cost increases and it was felt that the financial situation was such that an increase could be foregone .

Residents are reminded that all Parish Council Meetings are open to the public and anyone wishing to, can speak for 3 minutes at the beginning of the meeting .

Traffic Calming Proposals for Catherine de Barnes

SMBC have confirmed that the traffic calming proposals prepared by a working group comprising members of the Parish Council and the Residents Association are broadly acceptable. Those proposals were shared with those attending the

Residents Association Annual General Meeting for comment and we along with the Parish Council are planning to hold a further meeting to allow all residents the opportunity of commenting on the proposals before the process goes any further .The meeting has been arranged for 15th March.

Mobile Warm Hub

WRCC's Mobile Warm Hub minibus café will be visiting Catherine de Barnes from Tuesday 5th April, and will be parked outside the Village Hall every Tuesday morning between 10.30am – 12.30pm until the end of June.

Our community minibus travels round Warwickshire and Solihull villages every day, and from April we'll be resuming our outdoor events. We'll be running our daily cafés outside local halls and community centres, setting up picnic tables and chairs, and serving free coffee, tea and biscuits to local residents. We also have a large gazebo for additional cover! Come and join us on Tuesday mornings for a weekly chat in a welcoming space – enjoy catching up with old friends and meeting new people too. Our friendly team, supported by environmental charity Act on Energy and sponsors Cadent Gas, can also offer free information on reducing energy costs and keeping warm and safe at home, and can help to put people in contact with other community support groups. For more information, please email jackieh@wrccrural.org.uk or call 01789 777986. Or visit our website at www.wrccrural.org.uk/warm-hubs. Hope to see you there !!



Planters

Hopefully you will have noticed the 2 planters that have been placed-1 at each end of the village .These were prepared by Newlands Bishop under a scheme sponsored by SMBC via the Parish Council . They are a welcome visual addition to the local street scene as are the bulbs appearing on various green space areas on street corners around the village

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
Let's keep the village nice 'n tidy = see you there !!!!

Airport News

Nothing this month

Butty Brunch

Unfortunately it's not been possible to arrange a butty breakfast in March due to the hall or personal availability and it looks like the earliest opportunity will be in May – more info next month

Dates for your diary

The RA Committee meets: - 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 The next meeting is being held on Wednesday 9th March in Catherine de Barnes Village Hall commencing 7.30pm
All residents are welcome to attend. If you have any issues you wish to raise please make the Clerk, Julie Barnes, aware that you would like to speak, with a brief description of the issue, at least 2 working days prior to the meeting.
Julie can be contacted at clerk@hamptoninarden.org.uk or phone 01675 442017

Village Tidy Up

Saturday 26th March 10.30am til 12.30pm

Traffic Calming Meeting Proposals for Catherine de Barnes

Date 15th March commencing 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Mobile Warm Hub serving teas/coffees

Tuesday 10.30am to 12.30pm at the Village Hall

HEATHER BIRD

The Residents Association wish to extend their sincere condolences to the family of Heather Bird who sadly passed away on 4th February. Heather was a well loved member of our community, she led 'Common Friends' a voluntary group that maintained the Common, was a member of the Craft Club and the Local History Society, these were just a few of the many things in which she got involved. Heather will be sadly missed by many of us in the village

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.

BOOK BORROWING

We now have more than enough books in our collection the only thing we need is for people to come and use this facility. We also have a collection of childrens books to suit all ages, toddlers to teenagers. We are open between 2.00 p.m and 4.00 p.m Wednesday afternoons in the Village Hall while the Craft Club is in session Lesley Cuthbert

CRAFT CLUB

If you are a crafter come and join us at the Craft Club on Wednesday afternoons between 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m in the Village Hall. Just bring along whatever you are working on and enjoy an afternoon of conversation, cup of tea and piece of cake. If there is a craft you would like to learn there will probably be someone amongst us who can show you what to do. Why not give us a try! Want to know more? Call me Lesley Cuthbert on 07776 480813

"March came in that winter like the meekest and mildest of lambs, bringing days that were crisp and golden and tingling, each followed by a frosty pink twilight which gradually lost itself in an elfland of moonshine."

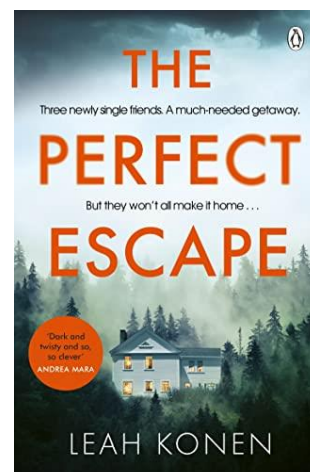
— **L.M. Montgomery**

BOOK REVIEW

THE PERFECT ESCAPE

A physiological thriller by Leah Konen

A book review by John Alderson



Leah Konen is an American author having written a number, of what are referred to as, young adult novels. I have no knowledge of her earlier work but found this to be a very cleverly written book, fitting quite easily after a quiet start into the difficult to put down category.

It is a story of three women all friends, but whose marriages are all disintegrating and decide to go away for a few days holiday together and to forget their current problems.

Things soon begin to go wrong, having a problem with the car and one of the women Diana, directing them to a small unfamiliar town. They find somewhere to stay but then the key for their rented car goes missing and so does Diana.

The author then uses the interesting technique of each of the two remaining friends, Sam and Margaret, being the subject of alternating chapters often having a twist in the final sentence, which makes you want to continue reading.

The twists and turns of the of the story leave you with no real idea as to where it is going to take you and you are kept guessing until the final paragraph.....or beyond?


I found this a fascinating story with detailed insight into the characters of each of the individual women and their husbands and recommend it.

"That's the trouble with March—the warmth never lasts. There's that narrow stretch when it parades as spring, just enough for you to thaw if you're sitting in the sun, but then it's gone."

— V. E. Schwab, *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue*

DO YOU REMEMBER?





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mind active

Meet nice
people

Stay alive
and happy



Join us at **Arden u3a**

We meet every Monday morning at Solihull Bridge Club in central Solihull. We are a small, friendly and active group offering a range of dynamic talks by members and outside speakers, plus a range of interest groups to “**feed the brain, meet new friends and have fun**”

Arden u3a
For more information visit our
website u3asites.org.uk/arden/home
or call Carol on 0121 704 2508

“Yes, but it’s, you know—every year, you’re all, ‘March! This is going to be great! Start of spring!’ But it’s definitely not, right? Because there will be a weird, freak snowstorm, and it’s like winter’s started all over. Unexpected things happen in March.”

— **Kate Clayborn, Love Lettering**

REMEMBERING HEATHER

Heather Margaret Bird 19th October 1942 – 4th Feb 2022

Heather credited her enduring love for the British countryside, and the rich layers of history it contains, to her childhood growing up in Suffolk with “freedom to roam.” She dedicated much of her life to exploring new areas and revisiting old favourites, in particular the Scottish islands. She did a lot of research over the years, covering many aspects of local history, including most recently working with the Birmingham Roundhouse to study the role of working horses in Birmingham. Her hobbies were many, including gardening, walking, knitting, sewing, cooking and grandparenting.

A lifelong career in housing led her to understand our largest cities as well as she did the countryside. She began working with families in the North Kensington slums in 1964, ended in sheltered housing for the elderly in Leicester, and also worked at the Bournville Village Trust in the late 1960s. She understood the strength and courage of vulnerable populations, and appreciated the diverse cultures and values that make up our country. She could, and invariably did, find common ground with anyone she met!

Heather moved to Catherine de Barnes 8 years ago, to be near Juliet and her family in Hampton in Arden. She said it was the best decision she ever made! She became involved in several local groups and made some wonderful friends, for which we thank you. In particular the Catney Common captured her heart and we will work with the group to find a way to remember her there.

RUTH SANTOS and JULIET MION (Heather’s daughters)

We are so grateful for all Heather did for Catney and I am personally thankful for her friendship. She will be missed.

Chris Cluley

Wear your daffodil to support Marie Curie and the National Day of Reflection



This March the UK's leading end of life charity Marie Curie will once again be asking people across the UK to support its Great Daffodil Appeal.

Money raised from the flagship fundraising appeal will help the charity's doctors, nurses and hospice staff continue their vital work providing expert care to people at the end of life, and their families. Funds raised also go towards the Marie Curie Information and Support Line, which provides support for people dealing with all aspects of end of life including bereavement. Last year Marie Curie provided direct support to more than 69,000 people – a 15% rise on the previous year – which is more than ever before. Marie Curie would like to encourage as many people as possible to give their money or time through volunteering, donating, and fundraising. This could include taking part in a Step into Spring challenge, organising a fundraising event, purchasing products from the Marie Curie online shop, or donating.

This year, for the first time in two years, Marie Curie's volunteer collectors will be back on the streets donning their daffodil hats and selling the charity's iconic daffodil pins. During the Great Daffodil Appeal, on 23rd March, Marie Curie is inviting everyone in the UK to take part in the National Day of Reflection. It will be a day to come together and support the millions of people who are grieving and remember those we have lost. You can show your support for the day by wearing a daffodil pin and joining the minute's silence at 12 noon. Or take part by joining one of the many local events happening across the UK or join one of the online talks for inspiration, support and reflection.

"March is such a fickle month. It is the seam between winter and spring—though seam suggests an even hem, and March is more like a rough line of stitches sewn by an unsteady hand, swinging wildly between January gusts and June greens. You don't know what you'll find, until you step outside. Estele used to call these the restless days, when the warmer-blooded gods began to stir, and the cold ones began to settle. When dreamers were most prone to bad ideas, and wanderers were likely to get lost."

— **V. E. Schwab, *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue***

REMEMBERING BRIAN

It is with great sadness that late January saw the passing of Brian Joiner of Lugtrout Lane. Brian had lived in the Lane since 1968 and was a popular figure with his white hair & beard. A true custodian of the Lane and greatly missed. His wife Gina and family would like to express their heartfelt thanks for the many messages of condolences they have received and for the continual support from friends and neighbours.

Debbie Moseley

MOTHERING SUNDAY 27TH MARCH 2022

The honouring of mothers goes back to Roman times. Each Spring, a pagan festival honoured Cybele, supreme Goddess of Fertility and Mother of all the Gods. Other celebrations paid tribute to Mother Earth. From the Middle Ages, in England, it became traditional for outdoor labourers and craftsmen to have a day off in Lent. Later, domestic servants were also given short leave to visit their mother and family. These brief holidays became opportunities to go to church. This might have been their home church or their nearest cathedral. The Services at the 'mother' church symbolised the coming together of families. The term 'Mothering Sunday' dates from the 16th century. This year it falls on the 27th March.

'Mother's Day' is a secular festival. It originated in 1908 after a woman called Anna Jarvis held a church memorial service for her mother in West Virginia, USA. She was a peace activist and a nurse. She founded Mother's Day Work Clubs to address public health issues. Anna wanted people to honour the mother of the family, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. Before she died Anna regretted the commercialism that followed and expressed that this was never her intention.

The Parish Church at Hampton in Arden will hold a Mothering Sunday service on the 27th March at 11 am. Everyone is welcome. Small bunches of flowers will be available to give to your mums, dads, or anyone who deserves a bunch.

"They captured in their ramble all the mysteries and magics of a March evening. Very still and mild it was, wrapped in a great, white, brooding silence -- a silence which was yet threaded through with many little silvery sounds which you could hear if you hearkened as much with your soul as your ears. The girls wandered down a long pineland aisle that seemed to lead right out into the heart of a deep-red, overflowing winter sunset."

— L.M. Montgomery

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

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

15th April: **Good Friday**

10:30 Easter Trail

2pm Vigil, Stations of the cross prayers and reflections by Stephen Cotterell, Paula Gooder and Philip North

7:30 Choral Easter Music and reflections

17th April: **Easter Sunday**

6am 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)

NO EVENING SERVICE

GARDEN JOBS FOR MARCH

- Finish cutting back dead foliage from perennials and ornamental grasses to make way for new growth.
- Prune overwintered fuchsias back to one or two buds on each shoot. This will encourage a bushy growth habit. For more information about growing your own fabulous fuchsias, check out our [fuchsia hub](#) page.
- Prune winter-flowering jasmine (*Jasminum nudiflorum*) after flowering, to encourage new growth for next year's blooms. Cut back the previous year's growth to 5cm from the old wood.
- Trim winter-flowering heathers as the flowers disappear, to prevent the plants becoming leggy.
- Keep an eye out for slugs as the weather warms. Pay special attention to soft, new growth, which slugs love. Use nematodes for an effective organic control.
- Cut the old leaves off hellebores to remove any foliar diseases and make spring flowers more visible.
- Continue to deadhead winter pansies to stop them setting seed. This will encourage flushes of new flowers throughout the spring.

SWEET POTATO AND BANANA PANCAKES

(Makes 1 serving)

Ingredients:

- 1 handful of Sweet Potato
- 1 Banana
- 3 eggs
- Juice of 1/2 a Lemon
- Splash of Soya milk
- 1 Tbsp of Full Fat Greek Yoghurt
- 1 tsp of Coconut Oil
- Pinch of cinnamon

Method:

1. Peel and cube the potato and boil until cooked through and soft.
2. Mash the potato together with half of the banana.
3. In a blender beat the eggs for a minute then add the mash, a splash of soya milk and the cinnamon.
4. Now make the pancakes with your batter and squeeze the lemon juice over the pancakes (optional).
5. Slice your remaining half a banana finely and place over the pancakes with a tablespoon of Greek yoghurt.



“It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade.”

— Charles Dickens, Great Expectations