

## Parish News - August 2022

### HELLO AGAIN

**W**elcome to the August edition of your Parish Council Newsletter! After lots of exciting events taking place in the Parish over the last few months – the Platinum Jubilee, the Festival and the Queen’s Baton Relay to name a few – we have lots to tell you about! In this edition there is lots of information from your local organisations and about local clubs and societies, as well as important news on how the Parish Council are taking steps to help address the climate emergency. **Read on...**

**Doesn't our Platinum Jubilee flowerbed look amazing!?**



### HAMPTON VILLAGE FESTIVAL 2022 – WHAT A SUCCESS!

**O**ne month on and we're reflecting on what many of you have said was the 'best festival yet'. Despite the rain during the day, you came and supported the stallholders and raised lots of money for our local businesses, groups and clubs. It was great to see our local school musicians on stage, Theatretrain's lovely performance and the Dog Show so well attended. **Thank you!**

Once the evening arrived, and the sun came out, our festival kicked up a level! With several young groups performing early on, followed by Soul Matters, the 700+ of you certainly got into the festival spirit and, once our headline act '2 Week's Notice' got going there was no stopping you! They put on a fabulous two hour musical set, culminating in a wonderful firework display to round out the 2022 Hampton in Arden Festival.

Whilst the final total isn't yet in, we raised approximately £6,500, which will be fed back into the village and used to

support local causes/groups (further details to come).

The event doesn't just happen, so a BIG thank you to the following people (among others) for their help and

support... Tim Beresford, Duncan Watson, Andrew Redfern (Cars), Floyd Price (Sports Club), Steve Smith (Raffle/Auction), John Read, Richard Jones (Music), Marc Haywood (Daytime compere), David Tomkins (Evening compere), Adam Paintain (Corner Shop - Selling wristbands/Food), 2 Week's Notice, Mark Cloke (Scouts), Mike Grundy & Diane (Selling Wristbands), Hampton Gym (Wristbands/Demo), Richard Chadwick (Windmill Pet Supplies - Dog Show), Raffle/Auction donors (& bidders), the Marquee helpers & those who helped clean up the following day.



### QUEENS BATON RELAY

**I**n the lead up to the start of the Commonwealth Games, the Queen's baton has travelled all over the Commonwealth and on Tuesday 26th of July, we were very honoured to have it travel through Hampton-in-Arden and stop at the Sports Club for the relay team to have lunch.


The Sports Club committee had organised a full day of events to allow people to sample many of the sports we are lucky enough to have available in the village. There were drop in tennis, boules, football and hockey sessions, cricket nets, mini track races on the field and England Squash had provided a perspex squash court which was assembled in the car park. We are very grateful to the History Society who put together a display of the history of sport in Hampton, to Emma from Sandwiches at No. 6 who provided food and refreshments, to the Hampton Gym who provided a warm up and stretch session and to the pupils of George Fentham School who put together a display of Commonwealth art. The afternoon ended with live music from local band Off the Hook.

We hope that as well as creating an enjoyable event, we have been able to raise awareness of the sports available right here in the heart of Hampton and given people of all ages the chance to try a sport that perhaps they haven't tried before. If anyone would like to find out more about joining the sports club for any one of our sports please visit our website

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/HamptonInArden>



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## CATHERINE DE BARNES PLAYGROUND – COMING SOON!

A new playground is to be installed in Catherine-de-Barnes, within the grounds of the Catherine-de-Barnes Village Hall. Solicitors are currently drawing up a lease for the Parish Council to control the area of land where the playground is to be located and we are awaiting quotations in order that the final financial arrangements can be resolved. **All being well, it is hoped that the playground equipment will be ordered in September for installation in the spring of 2023.** Watch this space!

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – 13TH NOVEMBER 2022

An early reminder that this year's Remembrance Day service and procession will be on Sunday 13th November. As with previous events the **High Street will be closed to through traffic between 10.30am and 12.00 noon** to allow the procession from the church to the War Memorial to proceed safely.

Marshalls will be deployed to control traffic. If any residents would like to volunteer to be a marshall on the day then please contact the Parish Clerk.

## UNDER 7'S PLAY AREA AT THE RECREATION GROUND - WE NEED YOUR THOUGHTS!

The Parish Council are considering providing 'all-weather' surfacing to the Under 7 Play Area at the Sports Ground. The area is currently grassed between the swings and slides, and becomes very wet and muddy after wet weather. The proposal is to replace the whole grassed area with an all-weather surface that will avoid future damage and wear and tear from inclement weather and will allow use throughout the year. The approximate cost is estimated to be around £20k.

**Do you think this project should proceed? Will it benefit the community? Do you think the costs are reasonable/too high? These are the type of questions we are discussing. We would like to seek resident's views before proceeding further.**

***Please contact our lovely Parish Clerk, Julie, if you would like to comment ([clerk@hamptoninarden.org.uk](mailto:clerk@hamptoninarden.org.uk)).***

## PLANNING NEWS

For up to date planning news from the Parish Council please check out the Planning section of our website: <http://hamptoninarden.org.uk/your-parish-council/planning/>

## MOBILE WARM HUB COMMUNITY CAFÉ

**Did you make it to the Community Cafés held in Catherine-de-Barnes and Hampton-in-Arden? WRCC run the Warm Hubs project and Mobile Warm Hub community cafes in Warwickshire and Solihull. They are working hard to target social isolation and loneliness in rural and semi-rural communities, as well as providing support and advice on energy efficiency and keeping warm and safe at home.**



Over the past few months, they have held mobile Warm Hub community cafes in the Parish and we have been very grateful to have them. Unfortunately, these events have now come to an end (for the moment at least). **We would like to say a big thank you to WRCC for provide such an excellent service.**

## COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY FUNDS USED TO BUY FESTIVAL MARQUEE

**The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a charge levied by Solihull Council on new development in the borough. Up to 25% of the sums raised in this Parish are returned to the Parish Council for disbursement.**

Hampton Parish Council received CIL funds as a result of the development on the old Cricket pitch off Lapwing Drive, and much of this has been spent or earmarked for schemes such as traffic calming and enhancements to community and school facilities.

Most recently we have used CIL funds to enable the Hampton Festival Committee to purchase a new Marquee, which came in really useful at this year's Festival. Other recent CIL purchases have included additional dining furniture for the George Fentham School.

***If you have a proposal which you feel might qualify for CIL support funding you should check our website and if it might be eligible submit an email with outline details to the Parish Clerk.***

## NEWS FROM THE HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN SOCIETY

**It was so great to see so many villagers at our Summer Social. There was great food, great music, great company and dancing until late. Our next event will be an ever-popular talk by the History Group, hopefully on the mysterious Broke's Brass, currently missing from the Church. The talk will take place at Fentham Hall on Thursday 22nd September at 7.30pm.**

**COMPETITION TIME!** We are also currently running a competition to find a new logo. Our logo has served us well over the years, but we feel we need something new. We're looking for an eye-catching logo that sums up the character of Hampton-In-Arden and will appeal to the whole village. It needs to be black and white and easy to recognise, even if quite small. The competition is open to all and the chosen logo designer will win a chocolate hamper. **Please send designs to 41 Meriden Road or email [chair@hamptoninardensociety.org.uk](mailto:chair@hamptoninardensociety.org.uk) by 9th September 2022.**

As always, sign up to our mailing list to be kept up to date with all our events, at [www.hamptoninardensociety.org](http://www.hamptoninardensociety.org).

## 1ST HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN SCOUTS



Hampton-In-Arden is home to a very popular Scouting Group, comprising Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Boys and girls aged 6 to 14 learn life skills from survival to team building whilst having fun along the way. **We are currently looking for a Treasurer to join our leadership committee.** The role does not involve working with children unless you choose to, but you will be responsible for keeping our accounts and preparing them for an independent audit. If you think you could be part of a much loved village institution, please email [vickyw79@gmail.com](mailto:vickyw79@gmail.com)

## LIBRARY NEWS AND EVENTS

● **The Library Opening Hours are as follows:** Tuesday 2pm – 5pm, Thursday 2pm – 5pm and Friday 2pm – 5pm.

● **Stories & Painting for Under 5s:** Starting from **Tuesday 6th September**. Every Tuesday at 2:15pm, we read a fun story and do some painting to go with it! Suitable for under 5s. Warm water to wash hands is provided, but we recommend wearing clothes that can get messy.

● **Readers Group:** We are looking to start a new Readers Group at Hampton Library. Everybody is welcome. The group will meet monthly on the second Friday of the month at 2:15pm. The first meeting will be on **Friday 14th October**, and we will be discussing the works of Matt Haig. Copies of his books will be available at the library desk from September.

● **Libraries Week 3rd to 9th October: Never Stop Learning:** In 2022, Libraries Week takes place between the 3rd and 9th October, celebrating the nation's much-loved libraries and the central role that libraries play in supporting life-long learning. On **Friday 7th October**, between 2:15pm to 4:15pm, visit the library to find out more about the e-resources that are available free of charge with your library membership.

● **Free for All:** We don't charge overdue fines for any library members – it's still important to bring books back on time though! We have free reservations from any Solihull Library too. If you aren't already a member of the library, it's easy to join. All you need is proof of your name and address, like a driving license or an official letter, and you can access all our books and our digital collections for free.



## PEDESTRIAN CROSSING WORKS IN CATHERINE-DE-BARNES

The latest information we have from the Highways dept is the crossing will be completed on **21st August 2022**. If this does in fact prove to be the case an official opening event is hopefully being planned for shortly afterwards. **Please see Parish Facebook pages and websites for updates nearer the time.**

## CATNEY CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR - NOVEMBER 26TH 2022 (11.00A.M. TO 3.00P.M)

**The Catney Christmas Craft Fair is now an annual event held at Catherine-de-Barnes Village Hall and will always take place on the last Saturday in November, so 26th November is a date for your diary!**

The fair is a social event, which brings in quite a few visitors and raises funds for the village hall. Many people come in for a browse, a chat and tea and homemade cakes.

We are looking for local people with talents of all sorts and I am hoping that there may be Parish residents who have craft skills and would like to exhibit and sell their wares. In the past we have had tables selling fused and stained glass, fabric and knitted items, cosmetics, cards, scented candles,

recycled wood items, jewellery, artwork including pet portraits and a wide variety of items including homemade jams made by members of the Catney Craft Club.

**As the space in the village hall is limited, can anyone who is interested let me know before the end of August as tables will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Tables are £12 for a large one [6 foot] or £6 for a small one [3 foot].**

**Those who wish to rent a table or want further information please contact Liz Boxall on 0121 705 7531, Text 07939 073416 or email [liz@boxall.info](mailto:liz@boxall.info)**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

● **13th August:** Hampton Wombles Litter Pick (meet at 11am in White Lion car park) ● **5th September:** Catherine-de-Barnes Residents Association (RA) Committee Meeting ● **10th September:** Hampton Wombles Litter Pick (meet at 11am in White Lion car park) ● **14th September:** Parish Council Meeting ● **3rd October:** Catherine-de-Barnes Residents Association (RA) Committee Meeting ● **15th October:** Hampton Wombles Litter Pick (meet at 11am in White Lion car park)

● **Parish Council Meetings:** Take place at 7.30pm. The public are welcome and encouraged to attend. If you would like to join the meeting please contact Julie Barnes (Clerk) at [clerk@hamptoninarden.org.uk](mailto:clerk@hamptoninarden.org.uk) or phone 01675 442 017 for advice as to how to participate.

● **Residents Association Committee Meetings:** Take place at 7.30pm. Members of the Residents Association are encouraged to attend. Members can request to speak at the start of the meeting and/or if they want to raise a query/question please contact the [secretary@catney.co.uk](mailto:secretary@catney.co.uk) three working days prior to the meeting.



## GEORGE FENTHAM TRUST UPDATE

● In late August/early September we will be undertaking some work to thin the trees in the Shadowbrook woodland area. The wood was planted over 15 years ago by the Trust on farmland beyond Shadow Brook and bordering onto the railway line. Since the planting it has become rather dense and needs to be thinned. As part of the process, the pathways will be widened and any dangerous trees will be removed. There are some areas of Ash which have unfortunately suffered from Ash Dieback – these will be removed and the area replanted. There will be signs up to warn any walkers of the areas being worked on and hopefully this work will ensure the woods can thrive and be enjoyed for years to come.



● Our elderly support worker, Eve Hickman, and our wonderful volunteers put on a celebratory Jubilee themed afternoon tea for our OAP Lunch Club in May which was enjoyed by all that attended. **The Lunch Club is open to village residents and runs every other Wednesday from 10.30am with tea or coffee and biscuits, time to socialise followed by a home-cooked two course meal and entertainment.** Due to the success of the Lunch Club, we now run a coffee morning on the Wednesday where tea or coffee is served with cake or scones. Desserts and cakes are all home baked by village volunteers on a rota. Transport can be provided where needed. Please get in touch if you are aware of anyone in Hampton-in-Arden who would benefit from the Lunch Club or if you would be willing to go on the rota to make a cake or dessert.

● During June we interviewed a number of students from the village who will receive a grant from us to assist with their studies in Further Education. **Remember, the Trust was created to support the residents of the village so if you find yourself needing assistance, or are aware of another village resident in need, please get in touch with us in writing on [clerk@georgefenthamtrust.org.uk](mailto:clerk@georgefenthamtrust.org.uk)**

## CLUBS SECTION

● **The Hampton-in-Arden Local History Group** was formed in 1992 to assist in providing historical information about the village and to manage the village's large archive of artefacts and records. They have held a number of exhibitions and have given many talks over the years. If you wish to find out more, or join the regular meetings, email them at [info@hamptoninardenhistory.org](mailto:info@hamptoninardenhistory.org) or visit [www.hamptoninardenhistory.org](http://www.hamptoninardenhistory.org)

● **The Hampton in Arden Wine Society** meets five times a year in the Arden Room at the Fentham Hall to taste a variety of wines presented by Independent Wine Merchants. There is a long waiting list but you are always welcome to apply. See the website at [hamptonwinesoc@gmail.com](mailto:hamptonwinesoc@gmail.com).

● **The Hampton-in-Arden Probus Club** meets on the **third Monday of each month at 2.00pm** in the Arden Room, Marsh Lane, B92 0AH. The club, which is open to men aged sixty or over, is a social club which organises talks, excursions, sports events, social evenings, walks and a Christmas lunch, to which guests, partners and spouses are also invited. Anyone interested in finding out more should just turn up at one of their meetings, check out the website at [www.hamptoninardenprobus.co.uk](http://www.hamptoninardenprobus.co.uk) or contact [peter.j.green@live.co.uk](mailto:peter.j.green@live.co.uk).

● **Hampton Singers** was established 30 years ago and continues to meet for rehearsals on **Monday evenings** at the Scouts & Guides HQ in Shadowbrook Lane. The choir currently comprises around 50 members from the parish and around the Solihull and South Birmingham area. They present three concerts a year, often in Hampton Church or the Fentham Hall, frequently with guest musicians and soloists. The repertoire is varied, ranging from classical, sacred, light operatic, jazz and contemporary music. If you can hold a tune and enjoy singing within a group, contact Sue Kiely on [Peelwood3@gmail.com](mailto:Peelwood3@gmail.com) or go to [www.hamptonsingers.org](http://www.hamptonsingers.org)

● **The Hampton-in-Arden Bowls Club** plays on the beautifully maintained Crown Bowling Green behind the Beeches from April to October each year. Applications from all age groups and genders are welcome. **They have sessions for Gents on Tuesdays at 10.00am and Ladies on Wednesdays at 10.00am, with open sessions for all at 2.00pm on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.** They also organise tournaments and competitions throughout the season. If you wish to find out more, please contact [peter.j.green@live.co.uk](mailto:peter.j.green@live.co.uk).

**If you would like to see your Club featured in this section contact [peter.green@hamptoninarden.org.uk](mailto:peter.green@hamptoninarden.org.uk)**

## CLIMATE AND NATURE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

**The Parish Council recognises the gravity of the climate change emergency and - in support of the Solihull Council Climate Change Emergency Statement - has now set up a Climate and Nature Emergency Committee. Through this committee we will seek to minimise the environmental impacts of our activities and investigate how we can contribute to the improvement of the wider environment through local action.**



As a first step, the lighting columns at the Recreation Ground have all been converted to LED bulbs, thus helping to reduce the amount of electricity used.

**If you have any ideas on what the Parish Council could do to take action and address the climate and nature emergency please do get in touch.**

## THANK YOU FOR READING AND WE WILL SPEAK TO YOU AGAIN IN NOVEMBER

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