

CATNEY NEWS

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RESIDENTS **ASSOCIATION NEWS**

Table Tennis for fun

Table tennis can improve hand-eye co-ordination and develop mental agility. It's a fun and engaging way to get active that engages different parts of the brain simultaneously, increasing cognitive awareness and function. We are considering starting a table tennis session for 2 hours on a Thursday morning starting at 10.30am in the village hall. If you are interested in coming along please text Dave on 07824 696137. Currently we have no equipment but the Residents Association are willing to fund some equipment but this is totally dependent on those showing interest. We envisage starting during October.

If you are interested, but can't make the Thursday text the number above and let us know your preferred day/time and we will see what can be done.

Butty Breakfast

Now that things have settled down we are able to revive our popular butty breakfast sessions. Members are welcome to join us for a complimentary bacon or sausage sandwich ,tea/coffee on Saturday 17th September from 10.15am 'til 12.00. Vegetarians catered for. It's a chance to catch up with local news and chat with neighbours – look forward to seeing you there. It's also a chance to raise any concerns you have with at least one of your Parish Councillors.

See you there!

Traffic Calming

You will recall that a traffic calming scheme for the village was put forward to SMBC Highways for consideration. Some time ago an outline scheme was put forward to Skanska (the link road contractor) for consideration by National Highways (NH) for funding under their 'Designated Funding Schemes. After repeated assurances by Skanska that our application looked favourable to qualify for funding we have just learnt that NH aren't taking our application forward.

Very disappointing – we are talking in the region of £90k. The Parish Council who have been promoting the scheme are planning to meet with NH to see what can be done but at the moment although we might have the project approved by SMBC it will not be able to progressed until funding can be obtained. SMBC are not prepared to fund it.

Planning Matters

Members are reminded that details of all local planning applications can be viewed on the local notice boards and in future will be mailed to all members.

Village Hall

All being well the equipment for the new childrens' playground at the rear of the Village Hall will be ordered in September for installation early in the New Year. Most of the funding is being provided by the Parish Council with top-ups by the RA and the Village Hall Trust . More news next month.

A new window and 2 new doors are being installed in the outbuildings of the Village Hall to replace the rotten ones. The Trustees are currently seeking quotes to tarmac the driveway area which is likely to cost over £10k and they will be applying to the Airport Community Trust Fund for the maximum grant of £3k. We should establish whether our application has been successful around the end of October. We hope to get the project completed by the end of the year.

Quiz Night

We are planning a quiz night with a fish and chip supper on Friday evening 28th October commencing 7.30pm There will be a bar. Ticket prices are likely to be in the region of £10/£15 dependent on the costs of the fish and chips. Ticket prices will be confirmed in next months' edition but can be reserved by contacting/texting Lesley on 07776 480813

Dates for your diary

Butty Breakfast: Saturday September 17th 10.15am Village Hall

Quiz Night: Friday October 28th 7.30pm Village Hall

Catherine de Barnes Christmas Craft Fair: Saturday 26th November
11am 'til 3pm

Residents Association Committee: Monday 5th September

Should members have any issues they would like to raise at the meeting, please send details through to the email address 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.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting is being held on Wednesday 14th September in The Meeting Room, Marsh Lane, Hampton in Arden commencing 7.30pm. 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

BOOK SWAP

Unfortunately, since my last report we have had no further interest in the Book Swap and will therefore be closing this facility. If anyone would like to take any of the books from the Village Hall before we dispose of them please get in touch with me a.s.a.p on 07776 480813 or email cuthbertlm@me.com to arrange collecting them.

Lesley Cuthbert

CATNEY CRAFT CLUB

The Craft Club is a small friendly group who meet on Wednesday afternoons in the Village Hall between 2.00 p.m and 4.00 p.m. We take along our own projects and sit chatting over a cup of tea and piece of cake whilst working. If you are interested and would like to know more please feel free to pop in and join us for an afternoon or get in touch with me on 07776 480813 or email cuthbertlm@me.com

Lesley Cuthbert

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

IN MEMORIAM PETE PETERS



As many of you will be aware Pete passed away on 23rd July and his funeral was held on 10th August.

Pete was the founder of the Catherine-de-Barnes Residents Association which was formed back in 1986 and remained the Chairman until he retired from the Committee 15 years later and as you know the Residents Association is still very active today. Even after he retired Pete retained a keen interest in everything going on in and around the Village. As well as doing Chairman duties looking after the interests of the Village, he also resurrected the Village Fete, photos of which are in the Village Archives. The logo for the Residents Association is an image of Pete's boat 'Tres' sailing under the canal bridge on Hampton Lane and still appears on the Associations letter heads and front cover of the monthly Catney News, the Catney News being another of Pete's inspirations.

We understand there are discussions in progress to hold an event to celebrate Pete's life in September/October as many of his friends were unable to attend his funeral. Please look out for further information which will be published by email and on the local notice boards.

Pete will be sorely missed by many.

Pete co-authored a book entitled 'Catherine-de-Barnes Past and Present' which he sold for £5 to raise funds for the Village Hall. I still have copies available so if anyone is interested in obtaining

one please contact me on 07776 480813 or email cuthbertlm@me.com

Lesley Cuthbert

WALTER “PETE” PETERS

26th June 1926 - 23rd July 2022

A personal recollection



I first met Pete properly 16 years ago. My husband Ken and I had just moved into the village and I had heard about the book Pete had co-written about the history of the village. I went round to his house and we had a good chat about all things Catney and he found me a copy of this excellent book.

We already knew Catney church from previously attending St. Francis church in Elmdon Heath for 25 years - we often came to services at Catney and even ran stalls at the Catney Fete during that time, so we already felt at home, but it was nice to be welcomed by Pete, who was a retired senior engineering lecturer.

Pete at that time produced the Catney News. Although no longer the chair of the Residents Association at that time, having passed the baton to Russell Hogg, he was very much involved and interested in all the Residents Association did. He was deeply interested in the future of the Village Hall and was the person to contact for information on every aspect of the village history and past Residents Association efforts. Ken and I joined the Residents Association Committee on his recommendation.

Pete enjoyed being involved in the annual Remembrance Day service in the Village Hall and always had something to say at Residents Association AGM's. He and Betty attended virtually every event held in the village over the years. He had been a member of organisations and clubs both in Catney and Hampton having lived in Catney for over 35 years. He organised the McMillan coffee morning in the village in aid of Cancer Research.

He handed over the Catney News to my safekeeping about 15 years ago – but up to a few weeks before his death he would phone me with new ideas to try.

Pete attended Hampton Parish Church and would pop into my office in the vestry on a regular basis to say hello and have a chat about life, but mostly Catney, after the Thursday morning service.

His funeral on the 10th August at the Woodlands was taken by Rev. Anne Hinks and the chapel was full, attended by many friends from both Catney and Hampton as well as family, some of whom had come over from America. As is usually the case at funerals, we learnt new things about Pete, and some things

we knew from articles Pete had given to the Catney News. His carers were particularly thanked, as Pete always sang their praises and was so grateful for their help to enable him to keep getting around in his later years.

The Liberty Bell – by the band of the Grenadier Guards was the music chosen to accompany Pete’s coffin into the chapel and When I was a Lad from H.M.S Pinafore was played as we left.

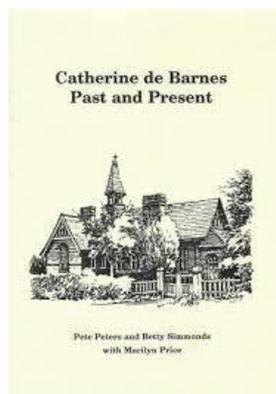
Catney Village Hall was appropriately the venue for the wake, where we had the opportunity to view photos through the years, raise a glass to Pete and chat to friends and his family with our memories.

Catherine de Barnes has so much for which to thank Pete for all the many years he has devoted to it’s past, present and future.

He will be very much missed.

Chris Cluley

Catherine-de-Barnes past and present, by Pete Peters, Betty Simmonds and Marilyn Price.



Pete Peters, chairman of the Catherine-de-Barnes Residents Association, has spent eight years fighting this planning battle against the motorway service station (News item from the Birmingham Post 1999).

See the three Residents Association chairmen below, taken outside the hall in 2016 – Russell Hogg, Pete Peters and the current chair Dave Cuthbert



Pete on his boat on Catney Canal.



Pete would want us to continue raising money for McMillan – so do support the following:

MCMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Hampton Church Hall on 24th September from 10 – 11.30 pm

If you would like to donate a cake, please bring it along by 10 am.

I would love more Catney News contributions from village residents. Could you provide a regular article on an item of interest to local people? Or an occasional contribution? Do get in touch with me if you feel you could do this.

Let me know If you would like to advertise your club or society, or simply recommend days out, or places to holiday, local restaurants etc., Tell me about special birthday or anniversary congratulations too. I would be very pleased to hear from you. Chris Cluley

Is your neighbour a member of the Residents Association? The more people that join – the more perks that can be offered and the more social events that can be arranged. I am sure the RA Committee would love more supporters for the work they do on behalf of the village. Please encourage others to join. Thank you.

CONCERTS IN HAMPTON IN ARDEN

Great choral music in Hampton

On Saturday evening 10th September, at 7 pm Ex Urbe Chamber Choir will be performing in Hampton Church a concert of favourite English songs from composers such as Elgar, Holst, Tallis, Byrd and Purcell, along with a dash of French pomp, with Charpentier's Te Deum. Pay on the door or their website: Tickets £12.

On the evening of Saturday 15th October at 7 pm, Hampton Singers will be performing a concert of famous favourites in Fentham Hall, including personal choices from choir members, with a wide range of music promised - from early music, folk, jazz, opera, to the modern day. Not to be missed!

For more information, visit our website or contact Sue Kiely

01675 443989 www.hamptonsingers.org

CONCERT IN AID OF "MIND"

Sunday 18th September

The Firebird Singers will be performing Super Groups Volume 3 at the Manor Hotel, Meriden on the above date at 2.30 pm and 7.30 pm. Tickets are £8 from - FORDES ON THE GREEN, Meriden or on the door.

ALSO

Saturday 24th September

Also in aid of "MIND"

A FAMILY FUN DAY AT THE SPHINX CLUB, COVENTRY

(This day is being held in memory of a local young man who committed suicide at the beginning of the year)

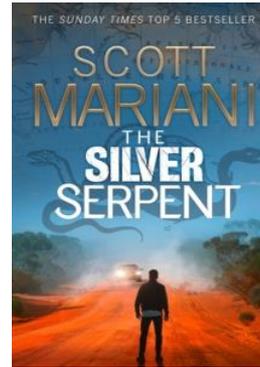
All are most welcome to these events to support "MIND"

BOOK REVIEW

THE SILVER SERPENT

A Ben Hope Novel by Scott Mariani

. A book review by John Alderson



This is one of a series of books featuring Ben Hope, an ongoing hero of Mariani and not known to me prior to reading this book.

The Silver Serpent is set in Australia, which makes a change, but don't think Sydney, Melbourne or even Darwin. This is a big sky story set in the Northern Territories among vast areas of empty land and therefore different from anything I have recently read.

Kit Malloy, runs a large crocodile farm in Hobart's Creek, near the Gulf of Carpentaria, but he also inherited a piece of land, some five hundred thousand acres, from an uncle known as Mad Mick Malloy, who had never farmed it and left nature to take it over. There had always been rumours that he spent his years roaming the land in the belief that silver could be found in such quantities to make mining sustainable, the Silver Serpent.

Kip takes off to visit the old farmstead and comes across solid evidence that the old man may have been correct. However, he is promptly attacked and captured by men working for Wiley Cooper, a local property developer of dubious reputation who has heard that evidence has been found of the Silver Serpent.

Ben Hooper's business partner, Jeff Decker happens to be the son of Lynne, Kip's wife and on being advised of Kip's disappearance takes off to Australia with Ben Hope to help, and the story is simply what happens next.

This is a fairly standard adventure story but being set in such a different and at times alien location, there is much interest in watching the story unfold and there are some interesting historical aspects thrown in for good measure.

Catney Christmas Craft Fair November 26th 2022

11.00a.m. to 3.00p.m.

Catherine de Barnes Village Hall

The Catney Christmas Craft Fair is now an annual event and will always take place on the last Saturday in November, so put this date in your dairies. The only year we missed was 2020 and we were even able to hold one last year just before we were all locked down again!

Despite the worst weather of the winter, we were able to hold a fair and had a reasonable turn out and still raised some funds. The events are hard work but are generally enjoyed as a village 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.

Once again, we are looking for local people with talents of all sorts to rent tables to sell their wares. I am aware that there are people who are new to the village, and I am hoping that there may be some with crafting talents who 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, art work 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, please indicate your interest 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]

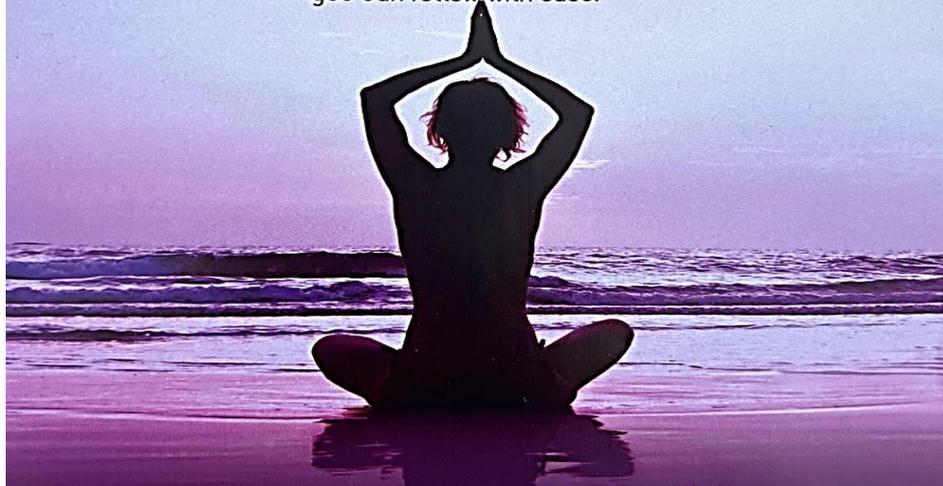
Those who wish to rent a table please contact Liz Boxall on 0121 705 7531, Text to 07939 073416 or email at liz@boxall.info

“O sweet September, thy first breezes bring
The dry leaf’s rustle and the squirrel’s laughter,
The cool fresh air whence health and vigour spring
And promise of exceeding joy hereafter.”
— George Arnold, September Days

Pilates by Jason New class opening 6th September

All exercises will be layered to be suitable for all fitness levels from beginners to intermediate. We follow the basic concepts that the founder Joseph Pilates laid out and makes Pilates by Jason so unique.

Controlling the movements requires concentration while focusing on good technique & body awareness.
We limit class size to only 15 to ensure we can coach correctly and you can follow with ease.



Catherine-de-Barnes Village Hall
Tuesdays 8:15pm-9pm

For more information please Call Jason on 07515 360 586

Hampton Church Pet Blessing Service

Sunday September 4th 2022
11am



Dogs on leads please

New Karate Class

Catherine-de-Barnes Village Hall

Starting Tuesday 13th September

7pm-8pm



Instructor Sensei Jason is a former 2x European Champion & World Bronze medalist. He has been training Karate for over 35 years.

Ages from 6 years and above.
Families most welcome.

Sensei Jason Smith 6th Dan 07515 360586

by all these lovely TOKENS
september DAYS ARE HERE,
WITH SUMMER'S BEST OF *weather*
AND **autumn's**
best of cheer.

MEXICAN SOUP

This soup is spicy, filling and so easy to make. With only one ingredient needing to be chopped, and the option to make a vegetarian or meaty version, it's a great base to make your own.

Ingredients:

- 1/3 cup of dried quinoa
- 2 large sweet potatoes
- 1 can black beans
- 1 can chopped tomatoes
- 1 teaspoon chopped garlic (either 2 cloves, or a big squeeze of tubed garlic puree)
- 1 packet of mexican season mix (fajita, taco or chilli con carne)
- 2 veg / chicken stock cubes
- Salt and pepper

Optional

- 2 chicken breasts
- Fresh parsley, to serve
- Greek yogurt or fromage frais, to serve

Method:

1. Chop the sweet potato into large cubes - leave the skin on if you don't mind the texture, for added fibre. Drain and rinse the black beans.
2. Add all the ingredients into a large saucepan, along with a generous pinch of salt and pepper and a litre of water. Add the chicken breasts whole, if using.
3. Bring to the boil, then simmer on low for 40 minutes, stirring occasionally.
4. If the soup is looking a little thin, simply crush some of the sweet potato to thicken the soup.
5. Remove the chicken breasts, shred with 2 forks and stir through the soup.
6. Serve with a swirl of yogurt or fromage frais, and some fresh parsley

Tip: If you already have a slow cooker, follow the above method and cook on high for 3-5 hours - the soup will be even richer!



September Gardening



- Collect seed from perennials and annuals and store them somewhere cool and dry.
- Deadhead [dahlias](#). Cut all the spent flowers off to the buds below them. With a little TLC, they'll keep flowering until the first hard frost. Pick a few pristine heads as you go and arrange in small glasses or bottles on the dining table. While you're at it, deadhead all your tender perennials – pelargoniums, arctotis, argyranthemums and trailing verbenas. This will give them a new spurt of life. Combine this with a feed of [liquid seaweed](#) or general fertiliser for an extra tonic.
- Pinch out the tips of wallflowers to promote bushier growth.
- Early chrysanthus are a must in the garden, and will give you a decent few weeks of bloom before the worst of the autumn weather. The later flowering chrysanthus are an asset if you have a greenhouse, where they can happily carry on flowering through winter, under cover.
- Prune climbing/rambling roses once they've finished flowering. Remove suckers from the base of roses and trees. Remove any fallen leaves from the base of roses to prevent the spread of disease.
- Sow all your autumn-winter picking salad leaves and herbs if not done in August.
- Cut and hang herbs to dry for using in the kitchen over winter.
- Sow coriander now and you may be harvesting until April or May next year. Sow in a row outside, or into a gutterpipe for planting out in a month's time.
- Long-season herbs, such as chives, lovage and sorrel, should all be cut to the ground. They will be up again in a couple of weeks with fresh leaves. Drench with slow-release, potash-rich liquid comfrey fertiliser to encourage strong regrowth.



Charity Garden Party at Olton Friary

A fun filled afternoon of live music, raising funds for Cancer Research UK and Birmingham's St Mary's Hospice. Bring your own, picnics, chairs and blankets.

Booking recommended as we have the option of performing inside if required due to weather so will only be selling limited tickets in advance. Weather permitting more tickets will be available on the day.

Tickets are £10, email Boogalobabes@gmail.com, call 07984 270317

Elmdon History Walk FREE EVENT

Sun Sep 4, 2022 2 pm. Meet at Elmdon Church.



Join us on one of our exciting history walks led by our very knowledgeable committee member and local historian Stephen Carr. Through Elmdon Park you will be guided to clues and remains of Elmdon's rich history and heritage, from where Iron Age huts possibly stood, to the sites of grand buildings built by previous Lords of Elmdon Manor. An event not to be missed!

All walks will meet and commence from the large notice board in the car park in front of Elmdon church. Each walk lasts around 2.5 hours.

No need to book, just turn up! Walks are free to attend but if you would like to make a donation at the end this would be greatly appreciated. All proceeds will go towards our fundraising activities to enhance the park. In the event of heavy rain the walk will be cancelled.