

CATNEY NEWS



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RESIDENTS **ASSOCIATION NEWS**

Planning Update

No new planning applications this month.

Hampton in Arden Parish Neighbourhood Plan Review

A draft copy of the document was sent to SMBC seeking their comments. These have now been received and the resultant work to bring the document up to meet their requirements means that the public consultation will not now be able to take place until early in the New Year.

Solihull Local Plan Review

No more news yet on the current situation following the Planning Inspectors request to SMBC to look at two major issues concerning housing numbers detailed in last months Edition.

Childrens Play Area coming to Catherine de Barnes

Following the receipt of £36k from Hampton Parish Council's Community Infrastructure Levy the playground equipment has now been ordered and will be installed w/c 5th December in time for the Christmas Holidays. The Residents Association have contributed just under £3k to the project

The accompanying picture shows the layout and equipment that will be installed in the grassed area at the rear of the Village Hall and will be available for all to use



Quiz Night 28 th October

Unfortunately the quiz night was cancelled due to a low level of response -but thanks to those residents and friends who did come forward for tickets for their expression of support.

We hope to organise another quiz event early in the New Year this time avoiding avoiding school holidays which we hope will improve our chances of getting a more positive response

Christmas Social –Friday 2nd December at the Village Hall

Join us at your village hall on Friday 2nd December to celebrate the start of the festive period. The official Christmas light switch on at 7.00pm will be accompanied by mulled wine, soft refreshments, mince pies and nibbles etc—a lovely way to meet your neighbours and get into the Christmas Spirit.

Dates for your Diary

Residents Association Committee

Next meeting :Monday 7th November

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 9 th November 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





Catney Common Working Group

There continues to be good use made of the common especially now that there are three benches. Heather's bench and Rowan tree are much admired. The boardwalk was repaired this year. The mowing and clearing team from Newlands Bishop Farm have kept the central grassed area well trimmed this year, leaving the front areas to further develop summer wildflower areas. Our working group has coppiced some young hazels, cleared returning brambles and nettles and kept the path clear throughout the year. Holly is now establishing as natural woodland succession though we'll need to keep an eye on that too! New bird boxes have been successful and two more purchased. Overall half of the bird boxes showed signs of occupancy this year. The crab apple trees next to the road are stunning again and bracket fungi are looking good too! We'll be looking for new volunteer to join us in the spring. We meet for about an hour every few weeks as needed. If anyone would like to volunteer in advance please contact Do Connolly 07913846986 and leave a message.

Do Connolly



Bird Box on
the Common





Catney Christmas Craft Fair

November 26th

11.00a.m. to 3.00p.m.

Catherine de Barnes Village Hall



Last reminder for this year, hope to see a good turn out on the day and tell all your friends and family to come along. We have had an excellent response to my calls for exhibitors and as well as some of our regulars, we have some new stalls. So, it's not the same old stuff year after year, so come along for some surprises.

Remember to bring lots of cash with you as most of the stalls and the tea and cakes table can only deal with real money!

I know that in the past few years the use of cash has dramatically decreased, but for events like this it is essential. As in previous years we rely on donations of home-made cakes for the tea stall. Will those of you who can help, please bring the cakes to the hall between 9 and 10 am on the day or contact Lesley Cuthbert on cuthbertlm@me.com or 07776 480813 and she will arrange for the cakes to be collected on the afternoon of the 25th.

Hope to see lots of you on the 26th November.

Liz Boxall

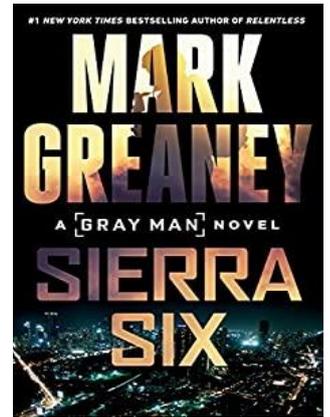


BOOK REVIEW

SIERRA SIX

A military thriller by Mark Greaney

A book review by John Alderson



Greaney is an American novelist perhaps better known for continuing the Jack Ryan novels following Tom Clancy's death in 2013.

This is a military thriller with the main character, the eponymous Sierra Six, or the Gray Man whose real name is Court Gentry being co-opted as the junior member (no.6) of a CIA action team.

Greaney has written a series of Gray Man stories, but new to me, of which this is one and is currently in production as a Netflix film.

Sierra Six is a CIA action team performing high threat incursions all over the world but in this story they are being parachuted into the Pakistan / Afghanistan border to find a high value target - the second in command of a new terrorist organisation - pick him up and get back to base. Thanks to some poor intelligence the mission is a disaster with number six being killed.

The Gray Man is working elsewhere on a simple surveillance mission, when he sees a face he recognises, but who is supposed to be dead and also the high value terrorist referred to above. With his background knowledge of the area and the person involved, Gentry finds himself drafted into a new and equally difficult mission replacing no. 6 in the original Sierra Six group.

Greaney has lots of knowledge about jargon, military equipment and fighting techniques that make this into quite an exciting story if that is your interest.





YOU ARE INVITED TO A

Christmas with Ex Urbe

SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER, 6.30PM
HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN PARISH CHURCH

SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER, 6.30PM
ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH, WARWICK

Also guest choir at a charity event on
THURSDAY 15 DECEMBER
ST. JAMES' CHURCH, PACKINGTON ESTATE

Tickets from £12 (under 16s free)
Buy tickets now at www.exurbe.org

Ex
Urbe
chamber choir

Hampton Parish
Church

Tea and Toast



A social gathering for parents and carers
with their pre-school children

Hampton in Arden Church Hall B92 OAE
Term-time Friday mornings 9am – 10.15am
Sept 9th, 23rd; Oct 7th, 21st; Nov 4th, 18th; Dec 2nd
All welcome.
Tea, coffee, squash, toast, toys, games, song, toddler
activities...

Let's talk about Jam!

What Jam?
Jesus And Me Jam!

Singing

Crafts

Stories

Games

Acting

Treats

Children's Church
at Hampton Parish
Church B92 OAA

Sundays from
11am-12MD.

Meet in Church at
10.55

Term dates for
Autumn 2022:

September 11th, 25th

October 9th, 23rd

November 6th, 20th

December 11th



All ages welcome; we ask a parent/carer to stay with under 3s. All
volunteers DBS checked.

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HAMPTON CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR

SATURDAY, 10th DECEMBER 2022

10.30 am to 1.30 pm

In

Hampton Church Hall

Stalls, Tombola, Raffle and Refreshments

HELP NEEDED PLEASE, TO RUN THE STALLS AND REFRESHMENTS
DONATIONS FOR STALLS PLEASE, Toiletries, Gifts, Tombola prizes, etc –
SEE BOXES AT BACK OF CHURCH

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE HAMPTON IN ARDEN

Please gather at Engine Mews side of the war memorial in Hampton
before 10.10 am on 13th November, as the parade will come down
from the church at 10.15 am. The service should last about 40
minutes. Please remember roads will be closed off by 9.45 am so
come early. If weather is bad, service will be in church at 10 am.