

CATNEY NEWS



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RESIDENTS **ASSOCIATION NEWS**

Planning Update

Planning applications

No new applications this month- thank goodness

Battery Storage Facility Proposals

Currently no planning application lodged .

Solar Farm Proposals

We have been made aware of proposals for a solar farm on land bordering the north bank of the canal. The Parish Council along with representatives of the Association are hoping to meet with the developers in April and when more information is forthcoming we will keep you updated

Emerging Solihull Local Plan Review

SMBC have now received a response from the Planning Inspectors which is likely to trigger a pause of the Local Plan examination pending the publication of the revised National Planning Policy Framework(NPPF) document in the Spring. All information regarding the Examination of the Local Plan Review can be found on the Council's website www.solihull.gov.uk/eip More news next month !

Hampton In Arden Parish Neighbourhood Plan Review

The Neighbourhood Plan consultation process ended on the 22 nd March (2 days following the writing this item) . Whilst the responses to date have not been analysed we understand the response level was disappointing – more information next month

Airport News

An RA representative attended the ACC meeting earlier this month . Among the items discussed was the soon to be published draft Noise Action Plan which will be published for consultation shortly and plans were being drawn up for a working group to be formed made of a interested ACC members including those from local community organisations, to discuss and come up with the Night Time Noise Plan for the years 2024/7. We will be represented.

The passenger predictions for 2023/24 are better than pre covid figures despite the cost of living crisis.

Significant expenditure including solar panels, new roofs in some areas, new stands and a new security area complete with sensitive full body scanners to meet the new Govt requirements. The 100ml liquid limit is also disappearing in this country although still in existence in some countries. The Airport have a dynamic Net Zero / Carbon Reduction policy details of which are on their website.

At the AGM on the 3rd March several concerned residents raised concerns with Saqib Bhatti MBE.MP over the potential summer noise nuisance they have been experiencing over the years emanating from NB events being held in the triple tepee. (Newlands Bishop Farm Planning application 2020/02784 for the erection of a triple tepee) The application itself was withdrawn in Sept.22. As a result of this discussion, the residents met with representatives of the RA and CdeB Ward Councillor Giles Cook on the 3rd March with a view to see what can be done.

Village Hall News

Hope you all agree the new tarmac drive looks fantastic . We apologise to the local residents living across from the hall for any inconvenience caused during the construction which thankfully was done quickly.

The Trustees are pleased to announce that a 5 camera CCTV system will be installed during April providing reassuring security protection for the hall and play area.

CdeB Residents Association Committee Meetings

Generally Committee meetings are held on the first Monday in the month except there is no meeting in August . Any changes to the date will be notified on social media and our website .

Any resident wishing to raise an issue with the Committee can do so, at least 48 hours before the meeting, by contacting secretary@catney.co.uk . Any items of importance discussed at the meetings or decisions made, are communicated to members via Catney News, which is distributed to members only.

“Our spring has come at last with the soft laughter of April suns and shadow of April showers.”
– Byron Caldwell Smith

A new item for the Catney News – we will let you know what we have been up to in the month = first snapshot :-

- ❖ Held 2 coronation event meetings – arranged hog roast
- ❖ Organised/held AGM with associated reports/minutes and finalising accounts
- ❖ Held Residents meeting in VH re Newlands Bishop issue with other associated meeting.
- ❖ Notified to the PC the need for a highway survey on Lugtrout Lane due to the number of pot holes and collapsing edges. Also the road surface between the roundabout and the canal bridge.
- ❖ (If you see potholes, please send details to the PC clerk clerk@hamptoninarden.org.uk – we find things get attended to quicker that way - albeit still a little slow.)
- ❖ Arrange/facilitate the village tidy up and collection of equipment and rubbish
- ❖ Monitor planning applications
- ❖ Review and deal with 2023 membership drive
- ❖ Liaise with ward councillors and PC re village issues
- ❖ Meeting at SMBC re village issue
- ❖ Attend Airport ACC meeting
- ❖ Deliver the hard copies of CN to distributors

Dave Cuthbert - Chair

Dates for the Diary

Monday April 3rd - Next RA Committee Meeting.

If you have any issues you wish to raise or would please contact secretary@catney.co.uk

Coronation Village BBQ Event Sunday 7th May 12.00 'til 4.00pm -

The next Hampton in Arden Parish Council Meeting is the AGM being held on **Wednesday 10th May** in the Meeting Room next to the new Soho restaurant due to open soon in Marsh Lane, Hampton in Arden 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

Hampton In Arden Parish Meeting Wednesday **24th May** - Review of 2022/23 more info next month.

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

AGM 2023

The AGM was well attended with over 40 people in the audience. Saqib Bhatti MP gave a short introduction to his priorities and challenges. He is a firm supporter of the green belt, approves of the net zero target, and is part of a pressure group trying to revise planning laws to reduce the influence of the planning inspectorate and give more power to local authorities and local plans. Questions from the floor were mainly concerning local planning applications. Saqib pointed out that an MP has no power over local authority planning departments but he has and will support local campaigns, which he advised to be the best way forward. He was part of a successful campaign to re-open the minor injuries unit in Solihull. The business part of the AGM followed, with reports from the RA Chairman (Dave Cuthbert), Treasurer (Annette Scott) and Social Secretary (Lesley Cuthbert). Hall trustee Steve Wallis, updated us with news on the Village Hall. Steve gave a special thank you and a gift to Gareth Thomas, a trustee and our Hall Manager for the past 9 years, who is moving away.

If you want to read more about the AGM, the minutes are on our website (www.catney.co.uk)

April was just beginning, and after the warm spring day it turned cooler, slightly frosty, and a breath of spring could be felt in the soft, cold air.”

– Anton Chekov

Membership Report, April 2023

Our thanks go to everyone who has already renewed their membership or joined for the first time this year, and for your many very generous contributions. We have 168 members at the time of writing which is pleasing but still short of our goal of 200.

Your membership is important to show that you support what we do and so we can say that we speak on behalf of many residents when submitting opinions or raising issues with the Council. Remember that only members will receive the Catney News or be on our lists for other local information by email. Please join.

If you've lost your membership form, just ask me for a new form or simply put your details (name, address and e mail) on a slip of paper and hand it in at the NISA with your subs.

Or you can pay online:

Bank Sort code: 30-97-78

Account No: 01989267 Catherine de Barnes Residents' Association

Please put your house number and road name with the payment.

The subscription fees are £3 for individuals, £5 for couples and £10 for a family of 4 or more adults. Everyone who has joined should have received a membership card as a receipt so please get in touch if you haven't had one.

Thank you for your support!

Frances Cook (secretary@catney.co.uk) (07768 502039)

The Residents' Association website (www.catney.co.uk) is in need of a review and refresh. It is a wix.com website. Is there anyone who has some expertise in this area and could give us some help and advice to expedite this process?

Please contact secretary@catney.co.uk if you could help. Thank you.

Great British Spring Clean

Thank you to everyone who turned out to collect rubbish from our hedgerows etc. We had a fantastic response to our request for people to help collect rubbish from around the Village, approximately 33 people - unfortunately such a tremendous amount of rubbish including car tyres, several bags full of empty cider cans, and a large plastic chair is a sad indictment of our world today. It was then back to the Village Hall for well earned refreshments. Also thank you to our Councillors Bob and Gail Sleight for turning up to support us.

Lesley Cuthbert



P.S. Can we respectfully ask the dog owner/s who hang poo bags from trees in the cut through between Oakfields Way and Hampton Lane to please take them home. Thank you

"Winter's done, and April's
in the skies. Earth, look up
with laughter in your eyes!"
— Charles G.D. Roberts

Catney Craft Club

Looking for good company for a couple of hours a week, enjoying a piece of home made cake and a cup of tea while working on your personal project? We are here in the Village Hall from 2.00 p.m till 4.00 p.m every Wednesday. Look at the cross stitch project I finished this week, started it many years ago, forgot about it, rediscovered it a few months ago and is now finished!



Lesley

Save the date with Ex Urbe Chamber Choir - Eternal Harmony on 29th April

Ex Urbe have started to rehearse for their Spring concert, which will take place at Hampton Church on April 29th and in the afternoon of 30th April at Dorridge Methodist Church. Our Spring concert includes Bach motet Komm Jesu, Komm!, Taverner`s Svyati and the beautiful Durufle Requiem. With the accompaniment of organist Kevin Gill and Cellist Mark Walkem, this promises to be an enjoyable concert, full of beautiful harmonies. Visit our website for more information and to buy tickets. www.exurbe.org

“A gush of bird-song, a patter of dew
A cloud, and a rainbow’s warning
Suddenly sunshine and perfect blue
An April day in the morning.”
– Harriet Prescott Spofford

CORONATION CELEBRATION 7TH MAY

Don't delay! Make a booking today!

Contact Lesley by email—cuthbertlm@me.com or call 07776 480813. When booking tickets please advise how many/if vegetarian options are required.

NO ORDERS CAN BE TAKEN AFTER 25TH APRIL



The Catherine-De-Barnes Residents' Association are looking forward to celebrating The Coronation of the King and the Queen Consort with local residents at the Coronation big lunch on **Sunday 7 May 2023 between 12:00pm and 4:00pm at the Catherine-De-Barnes Village Hall**

Join us for a Hog Roast (veggie option available)

Bar & live music!

Food served at 1:00pm



Fancy Dress Competition for Children— come dressed as a King, Queen, Prince or Princess for the day (or wear your favourite fancy dress outfit). **Traditional games** and **face painting** are being organised for children.

Ticket only event— Adults (11 & over) £10,
Children £5 and under 5s free

Tickets must be purchased before 25 April 2023.
For tickets please contact Lesley Cuthbert by
email—cuthbertlm@me.com or call 07776 480813



EASTER SERVICES 2023

at The Parish Churches of Hampton in Arden, Bickenhill and Barston

April 2nd 11 am Palm Sunday service at Hampton

**April 6th Maundy Thursday service
7:30pm at Hampton in Arden**

**April 7th Good Friday
10:30 Easter trail around Hampton for all the family– starting at the Church Hall and finishing at the Church Hall with hot chocolate or coffee, hot cross buns and Easter Crafts for children.**

2pm Stations of the Cross at Hampton

7:30pm Choral Easter Music and reflections at Hampton in Arden

April 9th Easter Day

6:15am joint sunrise service with Barston, Hampton and Bickenhill in Fentham Hall car park followed by coffee in the Vicarage garden

8:15 Easter Eucharist. Hampton in Arden

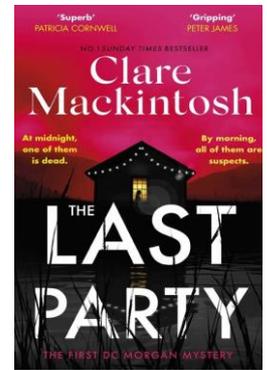
10:30 Easter Communion service St Swithins, Barston

11am family Easter Eucharist. Hampton in Arden

"No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn. April is a promise that May is bound to keep, and we know it."
– Hal Borland

BOOK REVIEW by John Alderson.

THE LAST PARTY A Novel by Clare Mackintosh



I understand this book is to be the first of a series featuring DC Ffion Morgan, which although I wasn't aware of this when I read the book, that may be good news, as DC Morgan is a very interesting character to be further developed.

The Last Party takes place on New Year's Eve hosted by Rhys Lloyd, a failing opera star from the village of Cwm Coed a tiny village on the edge of Llyn Drych, a small lake through which runs the boundary between Wales and England.

The Party is to celebrate the opening of a very contentious modern group of holiday homes built on the opposite side of the lake to the village, and which Rhys Lloyd has been instrumental in helping to develop and employed a local builder for the construction.

Rhys is found dead and the police are brought in, represented by DC Ffion Morgan who was born and bred in the village and DC Leon Brady of the English side where the body is found.

The plot takes time to develop as there are quite a lot of characters and therefore suspects in a very small space, but Christie like, Mackintosh works through it well for a satisfactory conclusion.

There are a number of interesting issues explored in this story; the relationship between the two detectives and their respective bosses, Welsh village life, the attitude of wealthy visitors and not least the setting in a beautiful wooded lakeland valley with a mountainous peak at its head.

There is a lot about normal life in this book which I found quite enjoyable.

Mini Eggs cookies add a fun Easter twist to these delicious chocolate chip cookies. A great, easy recipe for getting kids busy in the kitchen this Easter.

INGREDIENTS

- 100 g (¼ cup) butter softened
- 150 g (¾ cup) brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 200 g (1 ¼ cup) self-raising flour
- 50 g (¼ cup) chocolate chips
- 2x 90g packets of mini or micro eggs



METHOD

Preheat your oven to 180C / 170C Fan / 325F and grease or line 3 baking trays.

Mix the butter and sugar together

Weigh the butter and sugar and add them to a large mixing bowl or freestanding mixer.

1. Beat the butter and sugar together using the paddle attachment of your mixer or a handheld mixer until they are light and fluffy.

Add the egg and vanilla extract

1. Add the egg and vanilla to your bowl and mix until it is well combined.

Add the flour and mini eggs

1. Add the flour and mix it well together.

2. Bash half the mini egg to break them up and make them a little smaller. Add the broken mini eggs and chocolate chips and mix them in with a wooden spoon.

Bake the Easter cookies

1. Spoon large dollops of cookie mix onto your prepared baking trays. Leave space between them as they'll spread in the oven.

2. Put a few mini eggs on top of each cookie before they go in the oven.

3. Bake in the oven for 8-10 minutes. They're ready when they have flattened down a little and started to turn a little golden.

Remove the cookies from your oven. Leave to cool on the baking tray for a few minutes then move them on to a wire rack to cool completely