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Catney Residents
Association



CATNEY NEWS

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Residents Association News

Planning applications

PL/2023/01954/PPFL for a Battery Storage Facility(BESS) on Henwood Lane.-

UPDATE No further news. However, the Planning Committee did refuse an application for a solar farm in Balsall Common on Green belt grounds. You are able to view the documents on the planning portal; the application reference is PL2023/01952

PL2024/00037/PPOL an application for up to 50 dwellings involving the demolition of existing agricultural buildings, with all matters reserved except access. | Land north of Lugtrout Lane. Catherine De Barnes. Solihull.

No further news but we are keeping in close touch with our local councillors. Further news will be sent out when we get it.

PL/2023/01031/PPFL | Erection of a triple combined Tepee tent for use by adults with learning disabilities and for weddings and hospitality events, as part of the small business work stream at Newlands Bishop Farm | Newlands Bishop Farm Berry Hall Lane Catherine De Barnes Solihull B91 2RY. The latest information we have is that it is likely to go before the Planning Committee in April or May. We will send an email to members if we get any further news

PL/2022/02283/PPFL | Demolition of existing buildings and the erection of 5 dwellings, formation of new access and associated landscaping. | 104 Lugtrout Lane, Catherine De Barnes, Solihull, B91 2RU

Five new documents appeared on the planning portal on the 5th February and we took the opportunity of writing to SMBC planning expressing our concerns to the siting of the access to the development as its almost on the junction with Damson Parkway. We suggested the access should be on Damson Parkway. PL2024/00037

Airport News

The Airport Noise Working Group (ANWG) were due to meet with representatives of Birmingham Airport on the 20th February to discuss the proposals put to the Airport Company at the meeting in December. In broad terms we are endeavouring to reduce both daytime and night time noise levels, restrict night time departures to at least current levels. Our Airport representative will be attending the next ACC meeting which is being held in March. Details of what the ACC does and copies of agendas and minutes etc can be viewed at the following :-

www.birminghamairport.co.uk/about-us/community-and-environment/airport-consultative-committee

Pot holes /Drainage issues/ Faulty Street Lighting/ Fly tipping

If you see issues with any of these - please send details to the PC clerk at clerk@hamptoninarden.org.uk – we find things get attended to quicker that way. If you can send a picture so much the better but please provide details of its location.

CdeB Residents Association News

Butty Breakfast 17th February

Thanks to all those who supported the event and as you can see from the picture they were enjoying a complimentary bacon/sausage sandwich and we raised £23 in donations. We hope to run another similar event later in the year.



Village Litter Tidy Up Saturday March 23rd 10.am from the Village Hall

Many of you will recall the very successful morning we had last year, so we are planning a similar event this year in line with the National Village Tidy Up Campaign. If you can spare a couple of hours on a Saturday morning helping to keep our village tidy please let us know by texting Dave on 07824 696137 or emailing committee@catney.co.uk as soon as possible but no later than 5 th March. Following the litter pick we are planning tea/coffee and biscuits at the hall. Children welcome so long as they are accompanied by an adult - all equipment including hi viz jackets will be provided by SMBC

Residents Association Committee Meetings

Generally Committee meetings are generally held on the first Monday in the month but the next one is our Annual General Meeting (AGM) which is being held on Tuesday 5th March – Most if not all of our Parish Councillors will be in attendance.

The meeting will be followed by drinks and nibbles. To make the best use of time - some of the Officer reports will be emailed to members prior to the meeting with an opportunity for questions at the meeting, some hard copies will be available on the night for those without internet access. Copies of the accounts will be available on the nights as usual and the Treasurer will respond to any questions. Any resident wishing to raise any 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.

Catherine de Barnes Village Traffic Calming

At a recent meeting with National Highways (NH) last month our traffic calming project (which has been approved by SMBC Highways) we were encouraged that our project has not been excluded from going to the next stage . As we said last month we were hoping to learn that the project will be funded by NH but it looks like we are going to have to wait a little longer.- Keep your fingers crossed !!

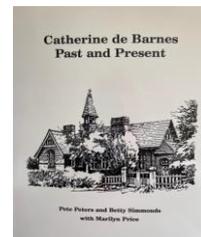
Village Hall Update

We are planning to get quotes for new kitchen cabinets and equipment and will then be applying for grants with a view of hopefully getting the kitchen refurbished by the end of the year. The Chair of the Trustees will be providing members with a review of the last 12 months activities at the AGM on the 5th March .

Committee Members Activities this month

- We organised and ran the Butty Breakfast event
- Liaised with our ward councillors re the various planning applications being considered currently
- Prepared night noise information in preparation for the meeting on the 20th February
- Secretary organised the membership drive for this year, updating records and delivering membership cards, sending out reminders.
- Distribute information items from local organisations and utilities that may be of interest to members
- Attended the monthly meeting at Skanska's offices, along with our parish councillors, to discuss current works, road closures, diversions etc concerning the M6 improvement works.

- Attended the meeting at Fentham Hall arranged by National Highways concerning the M6 improvement scheme
- Prepare for and attended the Airport Noise Working Group meeting and the ACC steering group meeting
- Investigating purchasing a chip and pin type machine that we can use for collection payments, subscriptions etc
- The RA accounts were prepared for audit and audited .
- Welcome packs are prepared and delivered to new residents
- Research various websites for information which may be useful when responding to planning applications
- Keeping abreast of new planning regs
- Preparing Catney News and Parish News articles



Catherine de Barnes History

If anyone has any historical pictures, documents etc about the village, and they are willing to donate them to the archive please let Dave /Lesley know 07824-696137/07776-480813 or send copies to cuthbert488@outlook.com

If anyone would like to learn more about the area we are so lucky to live in, for £5 you can purchase a book which was co-authored by our Residents Association founder and first Chairman Pete Peters entitled Catherine de Barnes Past and Present. Money from the purchase of these books goes to Village Hall funds. If anyone would like a copy please contact Lesley Cuthbert on 07776 480813

Did you know you can get notice of any new planning applications in our area straight to your inbox?

Solihull Council will email you as soon as there anything new relating to planning applications in Hampton-in-Arden parish.

To receive these: Go to publicaccess.solihull.gov.uk.

- Click “Register” and set up an account.
- Click “Search” and carry out a search of recent planning applications in Hampton-in-Arden parish.
- When you have the results of the search click “Save search”.
- Click “Yes” for “Notify me via email about new search results” then “Save”.

Neil Smith

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 5th March 2024. Residents Association AGM Meeting

Commencing 7.30pm in the Village hall

If you have any issues you wish to raise or would like to talk to us about – please contact secretary@catney.co.uk .There will be the usual wine and nibbles following the meeting .

Wednesday 13th March Hampton in Arden Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting is being held on in the Meeting Room next to the new Soho Tavern in Marsh Lane, Hampton in Arden 7.30pm.

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

Residents are welcome to attend.

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Membership Report, March 2024

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 148 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.

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)

WELCOME PACK FOR NEW RESIDENTS

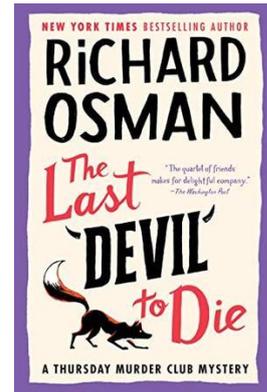
If anyone has a new neighbour, knows of a new resident to the village or is in the process of moving, I would very much appreciate it if you could let me know the address of the new resident so that I can deliver a Welcome Pack to them. The Welcome Pack contains information of the village amenities, 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 REVIEW by JOHN ALDERSON

THE LAST DEVIL TO DIE

A novel by Richard Osman



This will be the third Osman book I have reviewed for you and you may recall that I liked his first one, not so much his second one and his third, this one.....well I'm not quite sure to be honest.

There seems to be yet more violence in this story and I still can't accept Osman's easy relationships between the residents of Coopers Chase and the criminal fraternity or even the police, but he tells a complicated story in simple way.

There is however a very good piece of writing about Elizabeth and her husband Stephen, which is very well handled and quite a lot of the (implausible) story is related by and about Joyce.

On further reflection, as I write this review; if you enjoy Richard Osman and his group of friends at Coopers Chase, then I would recommend this book but only because of how he treats Elizabeth and Joyce.

Every cold and dark phase ends and hence begins a beautiful phase of warmth and vibrance. Don't believe? Just notice March.

~ Anamika Mishra

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

CATNEY MEMORIES

I would like to tell you about my school days. along with three sisters and one brother we went to school in the church next to the Boat inn. There were only about 20 kids in the school, five of them us. The headmaster's name was Mr Dingly, nice chap. The school heating consisted of a coke boiler in the middle of the room, un-guarded if you went too near it and burnt yourself, well that was that, you knew better the next time. On Fridays we were given a round wafer of bread and wine was poured over our fingers? The toilets were out around the back of school one building shared by all. There was a wall which we would stand on and look into the pub car park and chat to the customers. The landlord of the pub was named Mr Hinckley, his daughter Ray came to the school and she became my girlfriend - Ahh. Then one day they left and I was devastated. In 1978 we met by chance at a night club had a good chat, I've never seen her since. Every Friday before we went home we were told to remember the three Mms - MANNERS MAKETH MAN. Loved that school.

Opposite the school there was a garage with two pumps, Mr Bradley owned that, he had a daughter called Rosemary who kept horses in the field next to our house in Henwood Lane, one was called Candy. Next to the garage was the newsagents called Blackhursts. His son Chris came to the school and we were best mates. On my birthday, his mum and dad took me to see The Bachelors live. Next to the shop was a scrap yard, all types of stuff in it, like bits for Spitfire aeroplanes. Fond memories

**This memory was provided by helicopter777 on Monday March 23rd 2015
TAKEN FROM THE FRANCIS FRITH COLLECTION**



Now when the primrose makes a splendid show,
And lilies face the March-winds in full blow,
And humbler growths as moved with one desire;
Put on, to welcome spring, their best attire...
~ William Wordsworth



This shows the bakery. They used flour produced by the mill at the ford in Henwood Lane.



Remember this? The young man on the right designed the flag.

SO SORRY YOU ARE LEAVING US A TRIBUTE TO ANDY OUR POSTMAN

Andy has been a postman in Catney and Hampton for years. In that time he has gone out of his way to be friendly and helpful. We understand he is being moved to central Solihull and we wanted him to know how we appreciate all he has done and how much he will be missed.

I have included just some of the lovely Facebook comments below. I hope someone is able to pass on a copy of the Catney News to him as he will have left before it is published.

CC

Andy looks out for the elderly on his round. Has an endless supply of treats for all the dogs he meets. Is helpful and mindful of where parcels can be left safely.

Will miss Andy, he's the best postie, always friendly and professional.

Andy is a super postman and we will miss him, Always friendly, he knew everyone's name and so helpful.

How am I going to tell the dog?

It just won't be the same without Andy, he is such an important member of our village. So sad and our dog will be too, he loves him.

No, we are losing the best postie ever

Oh no! He will be missed. Nothing is ever too much trouble for him.

Andy has been an absolutely amazing postie. Lovely bloke, a professional and punctual postman.

We will miss him as he has been our postie for years. Such a lovely chap, always pleasant and passes the time of day with everyone.

We moved house from one village to another, but he knew where we were and still delivered post to us that was incorrectly addressed to our old house, long after the time we'd arranged.



Susan Elks, nee Hill, remembers her classmates fondly at Catherine de Barnes Church School.

In the photograph from 1953 Susan is seven years old, front row, third from the right.

It was June, 1953 and this was our Queen's coronation photograph, young faces staring out at the camera.

"I've tried to contact a lot of people, but many of the girls have changed their names," said Susan, who lives in Wythall.

I'm currently trying to write an extensive autobiography based on those school days.

"Of course, it's 70 years ago but it would be lovely to make contact with and perhaps meet up with them."

"It would be wonderful to include their outstanding memories of a wonderful rural school life, particularly in the formative years of five to 11," said Susan.

She can be contacted on 01564 824739.

Chicken moussaka

CALORIES: 571



For a slight variation, use turkey mince or to make a vegetarian version use Quorn mince, or just leave out the mince altogether.

INGREDIENTS

- 300g brown rice
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 onion, finely diced
- 2 medium carrots, finely diced
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 250g low-fat chicken mince (typically 5–6% fat)
- 150g frozen sliced peppers
- 400g tin chopped tomatoes
- 400g tin cannellini beans, drained and rinsed
- 3 teaspoons dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon dried mint
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 250ml low-fat Greek-style yoghurt
- 2 eggs

METHOD

1. Preheat the oven to 200°C/180°C fan.
2. Prepare the wholegrain rice according to packet instructions.
3. Heat the oil in a large non-stick pan over a medium heat. Cook the onions and carrots until starting to soften. Add the garlic and cook for a further minute.
4. Add the chicken mince, stirring constantly and breaking into small pieces with a wooden spoon, until cooked.
5. Add the frozen peppers, tinned tomatoes, cannellini beans, 2 teaspoons of the dried oregano, dried mint and freshly ground black pepper. Bring to the boil and simmer on a low heat for a few minutes until the ingredients are all heated through and the sauce has slightly thickened.
6. Put the sauce into an ovenproof dish.
7. In a separate bowl, mix the yoghurt, eggs and 1 tsp of the mixed herbs. Spoon evenly over the top of the chicken mixture to cover it and place in the oven for 15–20 minutes until the top has set and has gone golden brown.
8. Serve with the rice.

March is the month God created to show people who don't drink what a hangover is like.
~ Garrison Keillor