

CATNEY NEWS

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Catney Residents
Association



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RESIDENTS **ASSOCIATION NEWS**

Planning applications

PL/2023/01173/PPOL Outline application for residential development for the construction of up to 95 dwellings with associated infrastructure and open space with all matters reserved except access. | Oak Farm Hampton Lane Catherine De Barnes Solihull B92 0JB. This site is known as HA2 in the draft Solihull Local Plan currently in limbo awaiting news of Government reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework and as such will be taken out of the Green Belt to support development.

However, as this new Plan has not yet been adopted the site currently consists of both Brownfield (previously developed land) and Green Belt. Members may recall the last planning applications for a care village on the same site was refused on the basis of inappropriate development in the Green Belt with the very special circumstances put forward to support development, not accepted as sufficient to outweigh the impact on the openness of the Green Belt. The decision was appealed by the applicant but upheld by the Planning Inspector. The one factor that might change things is the fact that currently SMBC can't display a 5-year land supply.

The number of dwellings represents an increase in the village size of nearly 30% and with a provision of 190 parking spaces would represent a significant increase in traffic movements. It's interesting to note that in 2012 a SHLAA housing assessment SMBC concluded that the site was not suitable for family housing due to its poor accessibility/proximity to local schools.

Nothing has changed as far as that is concerned – no new footpaths and a poor public transport service.

Representatives from the Committee and our ward councillors/Parish Councillors will be meeting shortly to discuss the application and any conclusions reached will be forwarded to members. We do urge residents to respond to the application; the relevant contact detail for any response is: planning@solihull.gov.uk

For the attention of Becky Matravers- Case Officer.

Battery Storage Facility Proposals: Still no news

Solar Farm Proposals: No further news on this proposal

Motorway Service Area – Update: No further news

Emerging Solihull Local Plan Review: No further news

Airport News

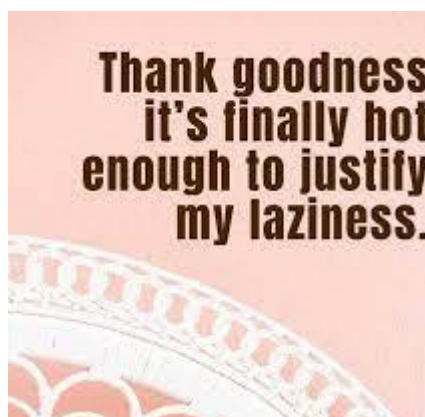
The Airport Company were reporting that they extremely busy – bookings were strong. Passenger numbers for the last year were 10.4 million and 12.4 million passengers were expected 2023/24, (just under 90% pre-covid levels). A strong investment programme was in place including new security facilities which will be in place June 24 which will mean passengers will not be restricted in terms of the liquids carried. Saudi and Qatar were starting operating from Birmingham from July as does the Airbus 380 Emirates service to Dubai. Their program to be carbon neutral by 2033 is on target.

They are expecting to launch their draft Noise Action Plan this month and the Night Time Noise level review, which we will be taking part in, commences late Autumn

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. The July meeting will be held on Monday 3rd July.

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.



Committee Activities this month

- Held 2 coronation event meeting to finalise the event –
- Held a debrief meeting with residents of Catherines Close concerning the meeting with SMBC 22/5
- Further liaising with our ward councillors concerning the Newlands Bishop Licence application and submitting a response to the recent planning application for the retention of the triple tepee- which we support only if it's to be used as indicated on the application and conditioned that no musical events be held in the installation
- As a member of the Airport ACC we attended the full Committee meeting on 8th January.
- Attended a meeting with Skanska to discuss road closures and possible traffic issues resulting from them
- Monitored and responded to planning applications.
- Held a meeting with local residents interested to arrange future social events; more news in September but see under Dates for your Diary
- Attended a Teams meeting with PC councillors with SMBC Highways concerning the diversion route and our traffic concerns following CdeB Lane Closure expected 26th June.
- Update Frances, our secretary and Glenn, who manages our Facebook page, of notices of various types, including road closures that would be of interest to members and others
- Chased for an update of the repair of pot holes on Oakfields Way – expected 26/6

Pot holes

- If you see potholes, please send details to the PC clerk

clerk@hamptoninarden.org.uk – we find things get attended to quicker that way

**I've been
waiting all
winter to start
complaining
about the
summer heat.**

Catherine de Barnes History (Catney Archive)

Many of you will know that Pete Peters, a long-standing resident of the village was a keen historian and kept documents /photographs of village activities over the years.

There was a filing cabinet in the upstairs of the village hall containing records relating to the Village School which closed in 1974 as well as a number of church records. In order that these don't get lost all the documents/records and photographs held have been passed to the Local History Group in Hampton. Dave and Lesley Cuthbert have joined the group with the intention of fully archiving Catney records. The intention is for the archive to be linked into Solihull Library's archive of Local History. If anyone has any photographs/documents etc of village events which they no longer wish to hold on to the group would be keen to act as custodians for them. For further information please contact Dave on 07824 696137.

Dave Cuthbert Chair

Dates for the Diary

Next RA Committee Meeting. Monday 3rd July

If you have any issues you wish to raise or would like to talk to us about – please contact secretary@catney.co.uk

Butty Breakfast Saturday 8th September in the Village Hall 10.15 'til 12.00 noon. Members are welcome to drop in for a complimentary bacon or sausage sandwich and a cup of tea/coffee – it's an ideal opportunity to meet your local Ward Parish Councillors and neighbours.

Macmillan Coffee afternoon.

We are hoping, this year, to hold a Macmillan coffee afternoon on the 29th September. More information in the September issue (there will not be a Catney News in August)

Next Hampton in Arden Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting is being held on Wednesday July 12th in the Meeting Room next to the new Soho Tavern in Marsh Lane, Hampton in Arden 7.30pm.

Residents are welcome to attend.

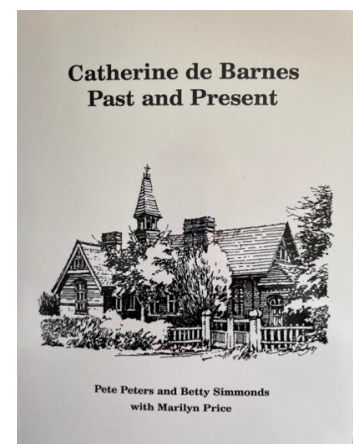
If you have any issues you wish to raise, please make the Clerk, Julie Barnes, aware that you would like to speak, with a brief description of the issue, at least 2 working days prior to the meeting. Julie can be contacted at clerk@hamptoninarden.org.uk or phone 01675 442017

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

Catherine de Barnes Past and Present

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 the Village Hall fund. If anyone would like a copy, please contact me Lesley Cuthbert on 07776 480813



VILLAGE HALL NEWS

July will be a very busy month in terms of events at our village hall. Every weekend is now fully booked out, Saturdays and Sundays. The majority of these comprise children's parties and family gatherings. We also have a new regular hirer, Katharine, who has started up a sequence dancing class running on Friday evenings (7.30pm – 8.30pm).

When events are on at the hall, please note that the children's play area at the rear is still open and available to residents and their children. It is not for the exclusive use of the people hiring the hall. If hirers have put up a bouncy castle or soft play areas on other parts of the grounds then these are private, as is the inside of the hall.

We have had a meeting with National Highways to explore whether we could secure some funding from their Designated Funding Schemes to improve the indoor toilet facilities and to potentially install solar panels on the roof at the rear of the hall. The meeting went well and further progress updates on this initiative will be provided over the coming months.

Steve Dodsworth

St. Alphege Charity for the Homeless

(SCAH)

This charity is desperate for "shoppers" to buy a starter pack for when a home is made available for a client. You will be reimbursed straight away. It is probably better to work as a pair if you have a friend who is prepared to "shop" with you. Please contact: debbyread@hotmail.co.uk Thank you



Community Social Events

Join Us in Shaping our Community: Participate in our Event Survey!

Following a very successful Coronation Community Event we would like to hear from you what type of event you are interested in attending. We are excited to announce that we are in the process of organizing our next community event that aims to bring us together again and create memorable experiences. To ensure that this event reflects the needs and desires of our diverse community, we are conducting a survey to gather your thoughts, preferences, and suggestions. Your participation is vital in shaping an event that truly represents our community spirit!

Survey Details: The survey is designed to capture valuable insights from every member of our community, regardless of age, background, or interests. By participating, you will have the opportunity to voice your opinions, contribute ideas, and influence the event's theme, activities, and overall atmosphere.

Access the Survey: Look out for the survey link from Survey Monkey on behalf of the Residents Association, which will be shared very soon through community newsletters, social media platforms and via email.

RA Social Events Volunteer Group

THINGS TO DO AROUND SOLIHULL IN JULY AND AUGUST

Go and look at Berkswell windmill in Windmill Lane, Balsall Common. It is open to the public on Saturday 8th July. There will be Morris Dancers, Windmill Tours and the Coventry Spinners & Weavers

Explore Hobs Moat. Hobs Moat is an ancient, moated site located to the west of Hobs Moat Road and north of Castle Lane. It is a scheduled Ancient Monument and was the subject of a great deal of excavation in the 1980s.

£5 cash adults, £1 under 16s and free for under 12s- includes a guided tour. Cream teas and other refreshments on sale.

Play equipment for under 5s.

Hobs Moat is said to have been the site of the home of the de Odingsells and later the de Limisi family who were lords of the manor of Ulverlei and founders of what we now know as Solihull.

Where: Hobs Moat Road, Solihull, B92 8JW

Heronfields Small Breeds Farm and Animal Rescue Centre Knowle

This little rescue centre has been in Knowle for many years and offers a home to abandoned small breeds.

There are over 140 animals including ducks, sheep, pigs, llamas and goats. There is a small charge to cover the cost of veterinary care for the animals and it is run solely by the owner Mitch.

Where: Warwick Rd, Knowle, Solihull B93 0EE

The Transport Museum. Wythall

Home to more than 90 buses and a large collection of battery vehicles, such as milk floats. Many of the buses are still working and you can hop aboard for a ride around the local area. The museum is run by a friendly group of volunteers, plus there's an on-site café if you fancy a cup of tea or coffee.

Where: Chapel Lane, Wythall, B47 6JA

Middle England Farm Alpacas

These wonderful animals are rather popular these days and in Henley in Arden visitors can enjoy an Alpaca Walking Experience which includes feeding them tasty treats.

For the more adventurous try an Alpaca Trekking experience where you will be able to harness the animals before walking around 64 acres of beautiful countryside.

For a perfect gift you can even adopt an alpaca.

There's also sheep, donkeys, ponies, emus, chickens and goats

Where: Off Oldberrow Lane, Henley in Arden, Warwickshire

Contact: Email bookings@middleenglandfarm.co.uk.

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Christmas Craft Fair November 25th 2023,

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. Following the 2021 Fair which was affected by Covid rules and very bad weather, the 2022 Fair was our best ever and was well attended. These 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 products. 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 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 in renting a table before the end of August as tables will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Tables are £12 for a large one [6foot] or £6 for a small one [3foot] 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

**CHRISTMAS CRAFT
FAIR
2022**



Were you there?

Put the date in your diary for this year!

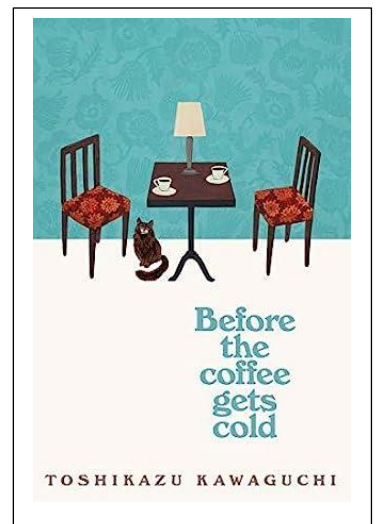


BOOK REVIEW by John Alderson

Before the Coffee gets Cold

A novel by Toshikazu Kawaguchi.

Translated by Geoffrey Trousselot



“If you could go back, who would you want to meet?”

This is the premise of this unusual novel and by an author not known to me but who has written earlier work of a similar nature.

The action takes place in a small basement cafe off a quiet side street with a counter with three seats and three two-seater tables. There are a few shaded lamps but the whole atmosphere is almost sepia.

A woman alone sits at one of the tables reading a book.

The other table is occupied at different times by three or four other characters in the story.

The principal service that this cafe offers is to transport people back in time to right a wrong in their earlier life or to meet someone long dead or in one case to attend his mother’s funeral.

The point is, that no matter how hard the individuals try, they cannot alter the present time and there are a number of other rules that have to be followed. There is only one seat that allows you to go back in time and you cannot move from that seat. There is also a time limit based on returning from the past before a cup of coffee served by the waitress goes cold.

As to me this is premise based on fantasy, I found the book interesting but of course not believable, but the stories the individuals relate are fascinating glimpses into their private lives and it’s easy to relate instances in one’s own life that you might have wished to revisit and change.

I couldn’t say I enjoyed reading this book, but it was certainly interesting.

“August of another summer, and once again I am drinking the sun and the lilies again are spread across the water.” – Mary Oliver