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Catney Residents
Association



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RESIDENTS **ASSOCIATION NEWS**

Planning Update

Planning applications

We have just received details of planning application PL/2023/01954/PPFL for a Battery Storage Facility on Henwood Lane. This follows on from the exhibition put on by Arlington in the Village Hall earlier this year. A meeting has been arranged in the Village Hall for Tuesday 17th October commencing 7.30pm for it to be discussed and possible actions agreed.

Emerging Solihull Local Plan Review

Following a recent Court ruling concerning planning applications in areas where the Local Plan is being review but not yet adopted we have learned that SMBC Planning are prepared to consider planning applications for sites that are in their Emerging Plan (although it's not been adopted) on the basis that the policies of the existing Plan are still in place and for any application to succeed it would need to conform with those policies .

Airport News

Unfortunately we were not represented at the recent ACC but as soon as the minutes are available any relevant information of interest will be made available .

Butty Breakfast

Thanks to all those who volunteered to help cooking, order taking, buttering bread, and serving refreshments to help make the event a success. It was good to see some new faces and welcome again to Callum and his family recently moved in to Bickenhill Lane.

We aim to hold another Breakfast in February so keep an eye open for the date.

"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers." — Lucy Maud Montgomery, Ann of Green Gables.

CdeB Residents Association Committee Meetings

Generally Committee meetings are held on the first Monday in the month the next one being held on Monday 2nd October

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.

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

Committee Activities this month(another quiet month)

- Met with some residents of Catherines Close again concerning noise disturbance emanating from Newlands Bishop Farm who were hosting a wedding event. A further meeting will be arranged shortly to discuss the SMBC response to the complaints which we hope our local ward councillor is able to attend
- Communicated with SMBC Environmental over the disturbance mentioned above.
- Attended a meeting at Skanska's offices ,along with our Parish councillors, to discuss current works, road closures, diversions etc concerning the M6 improvement works. Notifications of diversions closures etc., will be notified to members by email and on the Catney Facebook page.

“There is no season when such pleasant and sunny spots may be lighted on, and produce so pleasant an effect on the feelings, as now in October.”

Nathaniel Hawthorne

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.

Dates for the Diary

Next RA Committee Meeting-Monday 2nd October 2023.

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

Thank you

Halloween Event Sunday 29th October in the Village Hall

Next Hampton in Arden Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting is being held on Wednesday November 8th 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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Music in October

On Sunday 8th October, 4.00 pm, in Fentham Hall, Hampton Singers will perform Carl Orff's Carmina Burana. Joining Hampton Singers in this rousing performance are pupils from George Fentham School, with an accompaniment of 2 pianos and rather a lot of percussion.

Tickets are available from choir members and from the website. www.hamptonsingers.co.uk
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**“In the entire circle of the year there are no days so delightful as those of a fine October.”
— Alexander Smith**

Ring and Ride Service

You may or may not be aware that Solihull residents are able to use the Ring and Ride service. To become a registered user of the service, you must find it difficult or impossible to use conventional public transport. users are able to make the same short journeys that would make on normal public transport although trips to hospital appointments do not fall within the type of journeys that qualify. The Ring and Ride service is available from Monday to Saturday 8.00am to 11.00pm (8.00am to 8.00pm on Sundays) Single journeys by a registered user (age 16+) cost £1.30 for a single journey . More info is available from www.ringandride.org or call 0330 053 8141

Live Concerts on the Mighty Compton at Fentham Hall

Monthly concerts continue at Fentham Hall, Marsh Lane, Hampton-in-Arden, B92 0AH. Doors open 1.30 pm, curtain up at 2.30 pm. No need to book. Admission £10 cash on the door, including interval refreshments and parking. Visiting organists play to a wide variety of tastes and offer a wonderful afternoon's entertainment.

The organ is available for individuals to play, by arrangement. We look forward to welcoming you.

Forthcoming concerts:

Sunday, 5th November 2023 – Michael Carter – Michael comes from just down the road in Balsall Common and he plays both electronic and theatre organ.

Sunday, 3rd December 2023 – Organists on Parade – a selection of our local organists with the widest repertoire – a concert not to be missed.

Would you like to receive information from the Parish Church at Hampton in Arden about services, events, Hampton church news and occasional updates from the Church of England? Please email the church office – currently chris.cluley1@gmail.com and ask to be put on the communication list.

Solihull Tree Warden Volunteer Group.

The Solihull Tree Wardens were formed in 2000 to serve and protect the local environments trees, hedges and woodland. My name is Rachael and I want to introduce myself as the tree warden volunteer for Catney. I am new to the group and joined to learn more about trees. I have already learnt lots from the established group of tree wardens who volunteer across Solihull.

Tree warden group activities include:

- Organising tree walks and talks
- Tree planting and tree aftercare
- Local woodland management
- Street tree watering
- Ongoing training with other regional Tree Warden groups
- Liaising with the council's Forestry Team regarding tree concerns (disease, damage, vandalism)
- Monitoring tree welfare in Solihull

If you have any concerns about trees around Catney, have ideas for where you think more trees should be planted or want to know more about the work of the group, please get in touch - rachaelarussell@outlook.com

What is happening in October in Solihull

1st October 2023 at 11am Harvest Festival, Hampton Parish Church – please bring items for the Food Bank

13th -15th October Solihull Beer Festival – The Royal British Legion, 18 Union Rd, Solihull.

18th October 18:30–22:30 Ludovico Einaudi at Resorts World

21st October 7.30 pm “Ground Rules” by Eric Chappell at the Studio, Core Theatre – from £20



Get ready for a hauntingly good time at the Catney
Halloween Party!



Date: October 29th, 2023 🕒



Time: 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Join us at Village Hall for a spine-tingling evening!
Catney Village welcomes all, young and old, for a
ghoulishly delightful gathering.

It's a family-friendly affair, so bring your little



goblins and ghouls to enjoy:
Spooky Food and Drinks
Halloween Party Music and Lights
Children's Activities
Halloween Fancy Dress Competition
And that's just the beginning!



The Catney Halloween Party promises a night of
thrills and chills with surprises lurking around every
corner.

Don't miss out on the spookiest soirée in town. Put it
in your calendars and join us for a hauntingly good
time. Ticket price and more details to follow.

See you there... if you dare!!

“October had tremendous possibility. The summer's
oppressive heat was a distant memory, and the golden
leaves promised a world full of beautiful adventures.
They made me believe in miracles.”

— Sarah Guillory, Reclaimed



October is Pancreatic Cancer month.

Sadly, diagnosis is difficult and usually too late as my family and I know only too well. It can affect men and women and is one of the cancers that gets the smallest amount of donations to enable research. Slow and inaccurate diagnosis is a strong factor and It's unacceptable that more than half of people diagnosed with pancreatic cancer die within 3 months. A way of quickly diagnosing this distressing type of cancer needs to be found.

Could you: **Walk 31 Miles in October and help fund research breakthroughs?**

We're facing a pancreatic cancer emergency. Survival rates have improved enormously for most cancers. Sadly, for pancreatic cancer, this is not the case.

But there is hope. Take on the Walk 31 Miles in October challenge and help us fund world-leading research and ensure support is available for people now.

To get started, all you need to do is:

1. Join the [Facebook group](#)
2. [Register](#) for your FREE t-shirt and fundraising pack
3. Set up your [JustGiving page](#) to kickstart your fundraising
4. Start your challenge on 1st of October if you can or as near as possible.

Become part of Team Pancreatic Cancer UK, and together we can transform the future for everyone affected by pancreatic cancer.

Famous people who have died from pancreatic cancer include John Hurt, Alan Rickman, Patrick Swayze, Aretha Franklin, Steve Jobs, Michael Landon, Joan Crawford and Luciano Pavarotti.

Or would you feel able to buy something from the Pancreatic Cancer UK Shop? <https://shop.pancreaticcancer.org.uk>

They have a wide selection of beautiful Christmas Cards, plus gifts and clothing.

Please help if you can

Thank you so much

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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. 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. It's important that we get a good turnout, so tell all your friends. Many people enjoy coming in for a browse, a chat and tea and homemade cakes.

We have had an excellent response to my calls for exhibitors in the Catney News and the Hampton Parish News and as well as some of our regulars, we have some new stalls. In the past we have had tables selling fused and stained glass, fabric and knitted items, scented candles, jewellery, wooden jigsaws, and a wide variety of items including homemade jams made by members of the Catney Craft Club. This year we are adding handcrafted soaps, hand and foot balm, dog accessories and hand thrown pottery jugs, bowls dishes and tea lights. We hope to provide something different each year.

As in previous years we rely on donations of home-made cakes for the tea stall. Will those of you who can help, please contact Lesley Cuthbert on cuthbertlm@me.com or 07776 480813.

Remember as most of the stalls are by people who will not have facilities for using credit cards, please bring lots of cash! I know that in the past few years the use of cash has dramatically decreased, but for events like this it is essential.

Hope to see lots of you on the 25th November.

Liz Boxall

“Ah, Lovely October, as you usher in the season that awakens my soul, your awesome beauty compels my spirit to soar like a leaf caught in an autumn breeze and my heart to sing like a heavenly choir.”

— Peggy Toney Horton

SMILING FAMILIES CHARITY



Many of you may not know but we have a charity locally that supports families with a member suffering terminal/serious illness or disability through respite, support sessions, activities and ways to smile for family memories and they struggle to fund raise each year.

One of our supporters/fund raiser/sponsors, RPG Promotions aka Paul Ryder has so wonderfully offered to arrange a Pink Ball for Smiling Families Charity.

<https://www.facebook.com/SmilingFamiliesCharity>

To book and be an early sponsor with your company logo on the posters/banners and programs please message Paul Martin on the Hampton in Arden and CDB Group on Facebook and we will send more details. £100.00 per person or £900.00 a table including auction/raffle, a well-known band (won't be disappointed, comedian and compare; again you won't be disappointed PLUS other celebs in attendance.

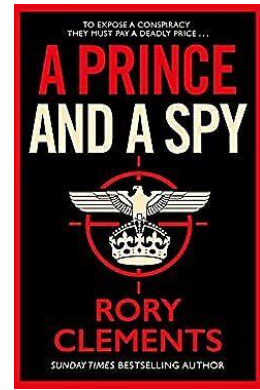
Venue Drayton Manor, Tamworth, Tower Suite. It will be a pink ball (our fave colour at Smiling Families and on our logo) so please dress accordingly i.e., pink dresses or black dress, pink clutch bag or hat etc, gents the same pink dress or suit, or pink shirt/tie etc

We are trying to secure ten sponsors, can your business help?

“Listen! The wind is rising, and the air is wild with leaves. We have had our summer evenings, now for October eves!”

— Humbert Wolfe

A BOOK REVIEW by John Alderson



A PRINCE AND A SPY

A novel by Rory Clements

Rory Clements has written many books split between historical mystery novels and those relating to World War II.

A Prince and a Spy is a spy thriller set in the second World War and revolves around the death of the King's brother, who was actually killed in the war, and his cousin, a member of the German line of the Royal Family who is a supporter of Hitler.

A crash in which the Duke of Kent died is fact; a meeting between him and his cousin Prince Phillip von Hessen may well have taken place and the attempt by sympathetic Nazis to make Western leaders aware of the concentration and death camps, which were ignored for various reasons is also true.

The story here takes the facts referred to above but links them together in a fictional tale involving a Cambridge professor, a young lady who apparently survived the plane crash, and Rudi Coburg a Nazi officer who is an amalgam of the real people who tried to warn the West of what was really going on in Germany at the time.

This is quite an interesting story, but to me the principal character, Tom Wilde the American Cambridge professor and sometime officer in the OSS is a bit of a cardboard character of the "with one bound he was free" group of action heroes and a bit thin on believability.

OK for holiday reading but personally, I shan't be rushing to buy any of his other books.

“The end of the summer is not the end of the world. Here’s to October...”

— A.A. Milne

Grantham Gingerbreads

4oz (100g) butter
12oz (350g) caster sugar
1 large egg – beaten
9oz (250g) self raising flour
2 good teaspoons ground ginger or more to taste



1. Beat the butter to a soft paste
2. Gradually beat in the caster sugar
3. Add the egg a little at a time, beating each addition well into the butter and sugar mix
4. Sieve the flour and ginger together and gradually combine with the ingredients in the bowl to form a thick paste. If the paste is very soft, wrap in cling and chill for 10 minutes in the fridge.
5. Take small pieces of the paste and roll into a ball. Put these onto greased or silicon lined baking trays, space them well as the biscuits do expand on cooking. Aim for around 24 – 30 biscuits
6. Cook the biscuits at 150°C, 140°C fan, Gas Mark 3 for around 30 – 40 minutes. The biscuits should be a pale golden brown and very crisp
7. Once cooked put onto a cooling tray and allow to cool completely before transferring to an air tight tin where they can be kept for a week

“She fastened her attention on the taxi window as they drove crosstown. It was one of those last wonderful days in October, when the air is balmy and the faded sun tries to pretend it's spring.”

— Jacqueline Susann, Valley of the Dolls