

# July/August 2024



Catney Residents  
Association



## CATNEY NEWS

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## Residents Association News

### Airport Update-Night Flying Review

The working group met with representatives of the Airport's review group again on the 13<sup>th</sup> June having submitted our suggestions for inclusion in a new Night Flying Policy. At the meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> June the Airport Company following discussions with the airlines, put forward their alternative proposals based on the anticipated demand for the next 3 years. Following a vigorous discussion, it was agreed that a further meeting would be arranged after the community group and the Airport Company had time to review the contents of the discussion. The community group will be meeting again on the 26<sup>th</sup> June with the intention of deciding the next steps and it is anticipated that the group will meet with the Airport Company again in early July and it is anticipated that a level of agreement will be reached. There is a time pressure as the new policy needs to be in place in October with SMBC having agreed it and a consultation needs to take place before that happens.

On the afternoon of the 13<sup>th</sup> June our representative attended the quarterly meeting of the Airport Consultative Committee. (ACC) Members can learn about the work of the ACC at [www.birminghamairport.co.uk/about-us/community-and-environment/airport-consultative-committee](http://www.birminghamairport.co.uk/about-us/community-and-environment/airport-consultative-committee)

### Traffic Calming in Catherine de Barnes

Following the open meeting in May to discuss the proposals were discussed and a number of suggestions etc were received. These have been put to SMBC who are in the process of reviewing them. The final scheme will be locally consulted. Work on the scheme, when finally approved, is likely to commence Spring 2025.

### Street Parking

Where residents find it necessary to park using the pavement/footpath please bear in mind that parents with buggies etc and users of wheelchairs need to be able to pass.

Thank You

## Planning and Neighbourhood Plan Update

### PL 2023/01031/ Newlands Bishop Farm. Erection of Triple teepee

This retrospective application is still awaiting consideration. As many of you will know, the teepee, has since its erection, been used during the summer as a wedding venue and as such has given rise to numerous complaints in previous years from local residents for noise disturbance with numerous complaints to SMBC resulting in environmental visits. Unfortunately, similar incidents are occurring again this year.

### PL/2024/00976/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

This application supersedes the application PL2023/01173 and is currently under consideration by the RA Committee and the Parish Council and any response will be posted on the respective websites. As the Local Plan is still held up, any proposed development in the Green Belt; which is approximately 50% of this site needs "very special circumstances" need to be accepted in order to overcome the situation that any development of this nature represents inappropriate development. Members are encouraged to comment on these proposals using the planning portal or by emailing Becky Matravers at [planning@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:planning@solihull.gov.uk)

### Village Hall Update

Following the discovery of the leaking the roof on one of the outbuildings, a contractor was appointed and the roof replaced. In addition, the lead coping on the top of the entrance posts has been repaired and repainted and the hall chimney has been capped to stop resident jackdaws from nesting and pecking at the mortar. The cost of these repairs has amounted to £4400. Now that the building is dry, work to eliminate the leak will be arranged as soon as possible.

We are still waiting to learn if our application to National Highways for a grant to replace the kitchen units has been successful.

## RA Committee members typical activities this month

- Arranging and attending a meeting with SMBC Highways to discuss the suggestions etc., raised at the village meeting
- Preparing and distributing welcome packs to new residents
- Liaising with NH refunding for traffic calming
- Monitoring membership receipts.
- Attended two meetings concerning the review of the airport's Night Flying Policy together with the associated background work
- Liaising with PC and Ward councillors re planning applications still awaiting decision
- Attended the ACC meeting with preparatory work.
- Contributing to this newsletter
- Attending the monthly committee meeting and recording
- Circulating communications which may be of interest to residents
- Liaised with Trustees over possible refurbishment of the kitchen in the Village Hall,
- Liaising with local residents concerning issues at Newlands Bishop Farm

## 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](mailto: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.

## Residents Association Committee Meetings

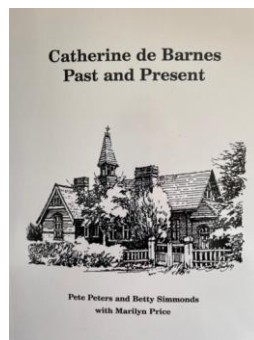
Generally, Committee meetings are held on the first Monday in the month, but the next one is **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July**. Any resident wishing to raise any issue with the Committee can do so, at least 48 hours before the meeting, by contacting [secretary@catney.co.uk](mailto:secretary@catney.co.uk). Any items of importance discussed at the meetings or decisions made, are communicated to members via Catney News, which is distributed to members only.

“But here I am in July, and why am I thinking about Christmas pudding? Probably because we always pine for what we do not have. The winter seems cozy and romantic in the hell of summer, but hot beaches and sunlight are what we yearn for all winter.” —  
Joanna Franklin Bell

## 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](mailto: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



## Dates for the Diary

### Residents Association

Committee meeting Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July

### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September

Village Tidy up meeting at the Village Hall at 10 am -all equipment provided- followed by tea and biscuits - more news later

### Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October

Butty breakfast at the Village Hall commencing 10.15 am til 12. noon. Members are welcome to a complimentary bacon or sausage butty with a tea or coffee. Non-members welcome to join us for a small charge of £3.

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November Remembrance Service Village Hall

More information re timing in our next issue which is in September

"If I had my way, I'd remove January from the calendar altogether and have an extra July instead." - Roald Dahl

## Parish Council

### Next Hampton in Arden Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting and is being held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July in the Village Hall in CdeB commencing 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](mailto:clerk@hamptoninarden.org.uk) or phone 01675 442017

**Residents are welcome to attend- it usually lasts around 90 minutes.**

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### D DAY 80 YEARS ON AND REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

This year, as you will be aware, saw the 80th anniversary of the D Day Landings when so many young men lost their lives and others went on to bravely fight for the liberation of France and Europe.

On 10th November, Remembrance Day, our Village Hall will revert to being a Church for a Remembrance Day Service when we will pay our respects to the brave men of the D Day landings as well as the heroes from our Village who lost their lives during WW1 and WW2. Our local hero's names are commemorated on the Font and Jug, our Village War Memorials, in the Village Hall.

Lesley Cuthbert

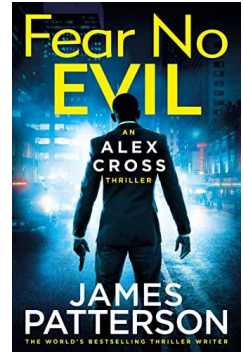


### WELCOME PACK FOR NEW RESIDENTS

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](mailto: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



## FEAR NO EVIL An Alex Cross Novel by James Patterson

A book review by John Alderson

There is both a problem and an advantage with books who have the repeated protagonist in all of them. Alex Cross is such a protagonist and the problem is that you know with this author that there will be a fast paced story with violence and some technical wizardry and that the advantage is that Cross will prevail in the end, particularly when written in the first person. Indeed, some readers will reverse my definitions, I'm sure.

Fear no Evil is no exception. This story deals with corruption in the CIA and opens with a nasty treatment of a CIA operative corrupted by the need for additional money to care for her disabled daughter. Alex Cross and his friend and DC Metro Police officer are instructed to investigate the killing and we are introduced to a mysterious figure M who appears to be involved in the killing and calls Cross to warn him off. Bree Stone now appears, brought in by a security firm called Bluestone to help, investigate a potential security scandal in France and which appears to be linked to the CIA problems when another CIA operative is found to have been killed in a similar manner.

So, we now have Cross, Bluestone, the CIA and the police all trying to track down who and why is responsible for the killings. The prime suspects appear to be the Alejandro Cartel in Mexico but whose leader is actually in jail and what about M and his group,; how do they fit in?

This is easy reading and certainly moves at pace if you like the type of novel that James Patterson writes. Allowing for my reservations above, I quite enjoyed it.

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### Thank you John

John has been reviewing books for the Catney News for the last 13 years. He is now moving out of Catney and has decided this is the time to pass the baton to someone else. I would like him to know how very grateful I am for all his regular and excellent reviews and to wish him well in his new home in Solihull.

I have a few of his reviews still to publish but if anyone would be interested in taking on the book review later this year, do get in touch with me.

Chris Cluley  
Editor

# **WHAT'S ON LOCALLY IN JULY/AUGUST?**

## **HAMPTON in ARDEN FESTIVAL 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

### **The Festival (Saturday)**

The main Festival itself is on the Saturday, beginning at 11am and going on until approximately 3pm.

With a large classic car show, stalls for the Church Fete, the cake/bake sale, plenty of fun for the kids (Fire Engine from Solihull Station, subject to call outs, bouncy castles, TheatreTrain performance, candy floss and ice cream stalls) and the adults (BBQ, Curry, auction, classic car show, raffle, beer) it is a fantastic day out for all the family.

Add to that live music from local musicians as part of "Soul Matters - the Village Band" during the evening, with 'Music thru the Decades', a mix of 60, 70, 80, 90's and current songs, and then our HEADLINE act - 2 Week's Notice (Ticket price for 2024 held at just £10 per adult, but children Under 16 go free) and culminating in a fabulous FIREWORK extravaganza, come along and see how the small village of Hampton in Arden will be putting on a big show.

### **Purchasing Tickets**

During the day, entry to the festival is FREE.

For the evening concert, tickets can be purchased nearer the time from the village stores/off license, Sandwiches @ No. 6 and The Corner Shop for just £10 per adult (Under 16's go free).

### **Open Air Church Service (Sunday)**

Following an active part in promoting the Church Fete on the Saturday, our vicar returns to lead an open air church service at 11am on the recreation ground.

Assisted by the church choir (and hopefully good weather), they engage all generations within the community with a mix of spiritual understanding and humour.

Bring a chair, picnic blanket and join us before we enjoy the 'The Community Lunch'.

The 'Community Lunch' is organised by the Parish Council, with a lunch provided for the elder members of the village, alongside their families and friends – so bring your picnic. It is a lovely occasion, reflecting the community spirit of the village, and brings this fabulous weekend towards a close.





## Solihull Music Summer Vocal Fiesta Concert 2

Tues 9 Jul, Fentham Hall, Hampton 6 pm Adult £5 Child and Concessions £3

Solihull Music present a Summer vocal fiesta concert, featuring talented pupils from Knowle Primary School, Lady Katherine Leveson Primary School, and Meriden Primary School.

## TITANIC EXHIBITION AT THE NEC 27 July - 25 Aug 2024

Experience the story of the Titanic as you've never before. Trace its journey from the Harland and Wolff Shipyard in Belfast, through its fateful voyage and sinking, to its rediscovery at the bottom of the Atlantic and the legacy it leaves today.

Using remarkable footage of the wreckage, along with real objects and interesting artefacts recovered from the seabed, the exhibition offers a rare chance to discover more about the crew, engineers and passengers that set sail on the ship that was known as the 'unsinkable'.

Visitors will be able to see items and read stories about first, second and third class passengers from both ships, as well as discovering items such as silverware and chinaware, a photographic collection from on-board passenger and survivor, Father Browne, plus many more of the Titanic's interior and exterior artefacts that have been recovered from the wreckage site

# Angelica Sprocket's Pockets Outdoor Show

Sat 10 Aug, Brueton Park, Solihullfamily, other venues, theatre & dance

Filled with live music, puppetry, audience interaction and madness! This fun-filled outdoor show is the perfect treat for the whole family.

Adult £15 Child £12 Family £12



# The Importance of Being Earnest Outdoor Show

Thurs 22 Aug, 6 pm Brueton Park, Solihull

Oscar Wilde's classic comedy, performed outdoors in Solihull's scenic Brueton Park.

Adult £20 Concession £15 Child £12 Family £13

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Ex  
Urbe  
chamber choir

Sadly , the Summer Village Event organised by Residents Association which was due on 6th July is cancelled due to lack of support from the community. We would appreciate any feedback with regards to the reasons why there has been very little interest in attending this event.

Thank you  
Catney Social Events Team

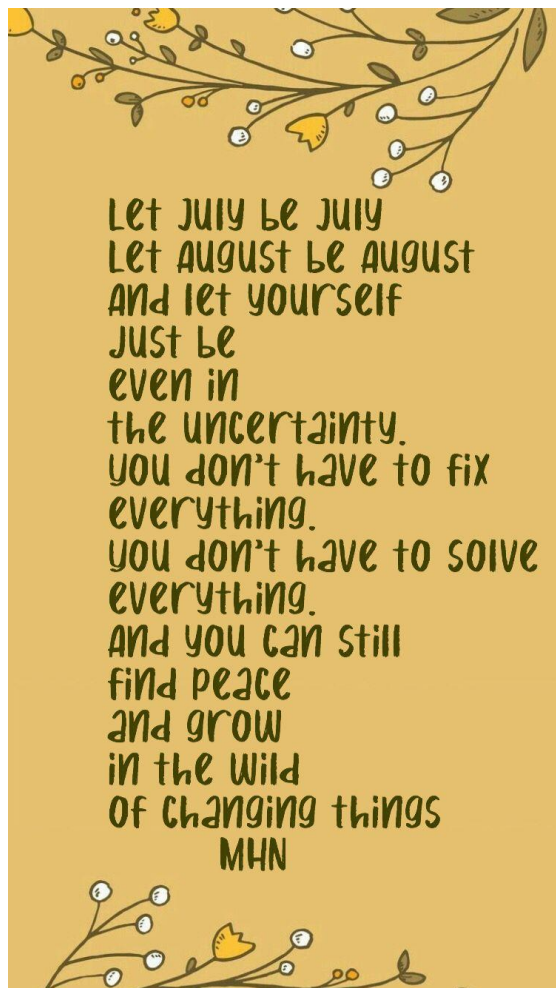
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If you have any photos of Catney taken throughout the year I would love to have them to add to the front page of the Catney News. Thank you so much.

The next edition of the Catney News will be in September. Please send any information for that edition to me by the 20<sup>th</sup> August. Thank you.  
Contributions of interest to Catney villagers are always very welcome.

Chris Cluley, Editor

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Daffodil planting 2011



# Stuffed peppers on the barbie

## Ingredients

- 2 tbsp [olive oil](#)
- 50g pine nuts
- 140g [long grain rice](#)
- 2 [garlic cloves](#), chopped
- 350g vegetable stock
- 1 bunch [spring onions](#) sliced thinly
- 140g [cherry tomatoes](#), halved
- 150g ball mozzarella, chopped
- 140g [gorgonzola](#)
- handful each of [parsley and basil](#), chopped
- 3 red and 3 yellow peppers
- string, for tying

## Method

### • STEP 1

Make the stuffing: heat the oil in a medium pan with a lid and fry the pine nuts until lightly toasted, then add the rice and fry until the grains are glossy. Stir in the garlic, then add the stock and bring to the boil. Cover and cook for 10 minutes, until the rice is tender. Remove from the heat, cool slightly and stir in the spring onions, cherry tomatoes, mozzarella, gorgonzola and fresh herbs. Season well and leave to cool.

### • STEP 2

Stuff the peppers: cut around the stalk from one pepper, remove and set aside. Make one slit down the length of the pepper and open out gently. Remove the seeds and membrane. Spoon some filling into the pepper cavity, taking care not to overfill.

### • STEP 3

Take about a metre length of kitchen string and wrap the centre point several times around the pepper stalk, tying it firmly. Top with the stalk and wrap the ends of the string several times around the pepper to secure the filling. Tie the ends in a knot. Repeat with the other peppers.

### • STEP 4

Barbecue the stuffed peppers over moderate heat for 15-20 minutes, turning gently until the peppers are evenly browned. Don't worry if the string chars and if the peppers split too much – wrap them in a piece of foil and finish cooking in the foil wrappers.

“In the month of August, nature’s symphony is at its peak, reminding us of the beauty that surrounds us.” – John Muir, My First Summer in the Sierra (1911)

