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Catney Residents Association



CATNEY NEWS

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Residents Association News

Planning News

Solihull Local Plan Review

You will recall that we outlined the two options open to the Council following the Planning Inspector's decision not to proceed with the examination of the Draft Local Plan as it stood. Following a Council Cabinet meeting it has been decided to withdraw the plan. An extract of an article by the Leader of the Council follows:-

"So, with the Plan withdrawn we must now start work immediately on a new plan. We will have to take into account the government's changes in calculating housing needs, which could increase the borough's housing requirement by an eye watering 52%! This will undoubtedly involve, again, very difficult decisions around sites for new homes and a close examination of the new planning rules. Fortunately, most of the work done on the previous plan will be relevant. In any new plan, I want to remain committed to maximising our Brownfield land and ensuring any site for new homes or jobs is supported by the necessary infrastructure. However, with the change of government, our options might be restricted and not be as expansive as we would wish. We may have little room for manoeuvre. With the fact that SMBC cannot demonstrate a 5 year land supply this could open the flood gates to numerous planning applications both on sites allocated in the review plan and new sites which will be difficult to argue against."

Watch this space!!!

Motorway Service Area (MSA) to be sited adjacent to new junction 5a off Solihull Road

Following the meeting mentioned in last month's edition we can announce the development is alive and well. There is a significant amount of design work still to do but the project is expected to start towards the end of '25 early '26 and the build phase is expected to last '2 to 3 years. During the initial discussion it has been agreed no construction vehicles should need to access the site through either CdeB or Hampton.

Arrangements have been made for quarterly meetings to be held with the PC and the developer at which the RA will be represented. The first meeting will be held in at the end of January.

PL 2024/01173/PPOL Outline planning application for up to 95 homes on Oak Farm, CdeB

This outline planning application was considered by the Planning Committee on the 11th September and approved. As it was an outline application only the access and the maximum number of homes were agreed, all other matters, e.g. layout of the site, design of the homes etc., will be the subject of a Reserved Matters application presumably in the not too distant future. The Committee together with the PC will be hoping to arrange meetings with the developer as soon as possible to discuss various aspects of the project and its impact on the Village .

Airport Matters - New Night Flying Policy

AS most of you will be aware, Birmingham Airport lodged a planning application with SMBC ref PI2024/01917/M106 to change the 106 agreement (by requesting a change to the way the maximum number of night flights is calculated) and to agree a new Night Flying Policy. We emailed members to make them aware of the situation also requesting them to write objecting to the new figures which equated to an increase of up to 47% over current numbers. The Association has submitted a response which can be viewed on our website www.catney.co.uk . We understand that the application is likely to be heard by the Planning Committee on the 4th December and we are in discussion with the PC and other communities concerning the possibility of addressing the Committee opposing the application. A meeting with our Ward Councillors has been held and one of them will be addressing the Committee on the night expressing local concerns.

Thanks to all those who have submitted a response !!

Village Hall Update

At long last we are pleased to announce that The Trustees have been successful in receiving a grant from National Highways Social Fund of £5986.61p towards the village hall kitchen refurbishment. Work will start at the end of October hopefully being completed within the week. The remaining costs will be shared by the RA and the Trustees on a 50/50 basis.

The Trustees have also been getting quotes to refurbish the hall floor, but due to the initial response it looks like that project will need to go on the back burner for a little while.

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.

Butty Breakfast



Thanks to all those who joined us for a sausage/bacon butty on the 5th . It was great to see you all.

Village Traffic Calming Measures

Following a meeting with Highways we should be receiving the final design proposals for the scheme shortly. Once received the plan is to hold a village meeting in order that everyone who is interested can see the final proposals which incorporate some of the comments raised at the meeting earlier in the year. We understand that the work is to be scheduled for summer 26.

As an aside, Contractors and members of SMBC were spotted in Oakfields Way recently and we understand that there are plans to re-tarmac it but no timescale was mentioned . We will attempt to get more information at the next meeting with Highways .

Residents Association Committee Meetings

Generally, Committee meetings are now held on the first Wednesday in the month, the next one is 6th November. 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. Non-members are able to view it on our website the following month.

Parish Council

Next Hampton in Arden Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting is being held on Wednesday 13th November 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

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 6th November - RA Committee meeting

Sunday 10th November- Remembrance Service Village Hall doors open at 10.30am, followed by refreshments

Wednesday 13th November Next Parish Council meeting

Saturday 30th November- Catney Christmas Craft Fair 11am 'til 3 pm Village Hall

Saturday 7th December- Christmas Social- with official Xmas light switch on-

Saturday 22nd February - Quiz in the Village Hall with Fish and Chip Supper- more info next month

Tuesday 11th March - Residents Association AGM commencing 7.30pm followed by refreshments

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 10th NOVEMBER 10.30 a.m for 10.45

On Sunday 10th November the Village Hall will revert to being a Church for a Remembrance service. We will be particularly remembering members of our village who gave their lives during the First and Second World Wars. The names of those lost in WW1 are inscribed around the water bowl of the memorial font and those lost in WW2 are inscribed on the cover of the font. One more name is inscribed on the water jug that rests at the base of the font. Their names will be read out during the service.

During these two world wars our village was a hamlet of just a few rows of cottages and a lot of families lost someone during these awful times.

We do hope you will be able to join us, doors will open at 10.30 a.m ready for the start of the service at 10.45 a.m. There will be refreshments served following the service.

Lesley Cuthbert



Refreshment Stall at the Catney Christmas Craft fair

It would be really appreciated if anyone is able to make a cake for the refreshments table at the Craft Fair on Saturday 30th November. All money taken on this table is donated to the Village Hall for maintenance and improvements. This year the money we raise will be put towards the kitchen refurbishment project. If you are able to make a cake it would be helpful if you could let me know by text on 07776 480813 or email cuthbertlm@me.com. The hall will be open to receive cakes from 10.00 a.m on the day, if you are unable to deliver please let me know and I will arrange for collection. Thank you.

Lesley Cuthbert

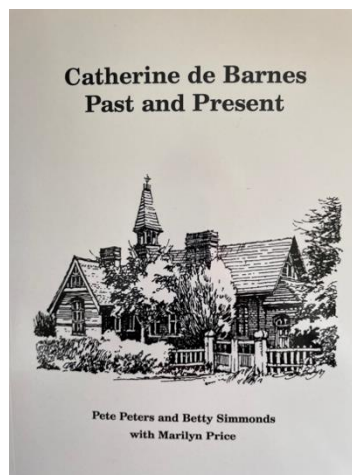
WELCOME PACK FOR NEW RESIDENTS

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 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 or cuthbertlm@me.com



“In November, the earth is growing quiet. It is making its bed, a winter bed for flowers and small creatures.”

Cynthia Rylant

Catney Christmas Craft Fair November 30th



11.00 am. to 3.00 pm.



Catherine de Barnes Village Hall

Last reminder for this year, hope to see a good turn out on the day and tell all your friends and family to come along.

We have had an excellent response to my calls for exhibitors and as well as some of our regulars, we have some new stalls. So, it's not the same old stuff year after year, so come along for some surprises. Plenty of quality handmade sewn, knitted and crocheted items, Christmas gifts and decorations, stocking fillers, toys, novelties, macrame, pottery, fused and stained glass, cosmetics, soaps, wooden gifts and signs, crocheted jewellery, pictures and homemade jam and preserves.

With a raffle for a Catney Craft Club made crocheted blanket.

Remember to bring **lots of cash** with you as most of the stalls and the tea and cakes table can only deal with real money! I know that in the past few years the use of cash has dramatically decreased, but for events like this it is essential.

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@icloud.com or 07776 480813.

Hope to see lots of you on the 30th November.

Liz Boxall



History of Catney Village Hall

In 1879 a dual purpose chapel and day school was opened in Hampton Lane at the expense of Joseph Gillott, a wealthy pen manufacturer. At that time it was not under the auspices of The Church of England. On his death in 1903 his estate was sold and a group of trustees were able to buy the building in 1937. The school is fondly remembered by those who attended, but it closed in 1974. The Charity Commission passed the administration and management of the property to the Church of England. The church became one of the sister churches to St. Alphege. Due to falling attendances, the number of services was reduced to one a month in May 2007 and ceased altogether after the final service on Sunday, June 20th 2010. The building is now managed by local residents as "Trustees" and the building continues to serve the community as the village hall with occasional services such as Remembrance being held. The Sanctuary at the east end of the building is furnished for worship but this is curtained off when the building is used for community events.


It is registered as a building of significant historical interest.

Over the centre of the building is a timber framed turret containing three bells that are hung dead, with the tenor on top of the other two. The bells, which have canons, are sounded via ropes that are connected to the clappers.






Catney Christmas Craft Fair



Saturday 30th November
11am to 3pm



Catherine de Barnes Village Hall
B91 2TJ

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With a raffle for a Catney Craft Club made crocheted blanket.



To Raise funds for the Village Hall.

Tea/coffee and homemade cakes

BRING LOTS OF CASH!



Catney Village Christmas Celebration

Saturday, 7th December





4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Village Hall


Free for all Catney residents

Join us for a festive evening of community cheer and celebrate the season with your neighbours!

Event Highlights:

- 4:00 PM: Children's Mini Disco with Games and Prizes 
- 5:00 PM: Christmas Lights Switch-On 
- 5:10 PM: Christmas Carol Singing 
- 5:30 PM: Refreshments – Mulled wine , soft drinks and Christmas nibbles 

Special Feature:

-  **Christmas Raffle**
 - **Grand Prize: £100 voucher to spend in our village pub The Boat**
 - Raffle entry: £5 per strip; tickets available for purchase on the day, cash and card payment accepted
 - All proceeds will go towards Village Hall kitchen refurbishment

Bring your family for a wonderful evening of holiday fun!

Event organised by Catney Residents' Association

“Fear not November’s challenge bold. We’ve books and friends, and hearths that never can grow cold. These make amends.”

Alexander L. Fraser



MUSIC ... MUSIC ... MUSIC

A SERIES OF TUESDAY EVENING SUPPER CONCERTS AT

ROGER'S - THE MUSIC CLUB WITH A DIFFERENCE

The Arden Room – Fentham Hall – Marsh Lane – Hampton-in-Arden – B92
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7:30pm – 10pm

Come along and enjoy an evening of superb entertainment from musicians of the highest quality, in an intimate and relaxing atmosphere. From Gershwin to Grieg, you will savour a selection of musical styles and genres to delight everyone. Seating is cabaret style.

Tickets are usually £20, to include a light supper and tea and coffee. A full bar is normally available. Limited tickets so reservation essential. Contact Roger on 07599 002275 or email rogernwaring@aol.com for full details and to book your table. Singles are welcomed.

A full programme of music for 2025 will be published soon, but in the meantime, here are the next offerings:

November 19th

Rogue Shanty Buoys are a group hailing from rural Suffolk. They sing Sea Shanties with an unmistakably bold and original sound and an emphasis on strong vocals, tight harmonies and unfussy arrangements, giving fun and energetic performances with a fresh and dynamic approach to the music.

December 17th

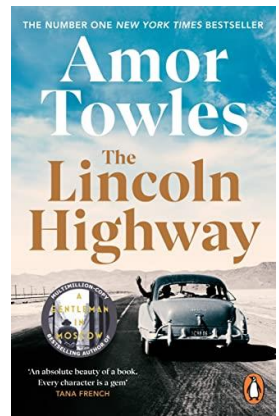
The Yorkshire Military Band are a five-piece brass orchestra guaranteed to bring a bit of Christmas cheer to our concerts. Based in Barnsley, they will finish off our year in great style.

There is a special concert on **Tuesday March 18th 2025**. Appearing in the Main Hall will be the very highly regarded **SIMON & GARFUNKEL THROUGH THE YEARS**. They are considered the premier tribute band and have travelled and performed worldwide. Priority for bookings will be given to local residents before wider publicity is given to this concert, so please contact Roger to ensure and reserve seats. £30 a ticket. No payment necessary until January.

BOOK REVIEW by JOHN ALDERSON

THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY

A Novel by Amor Towles



Some of you may recall my very positive review of “A Gentleman in Moscow” by Amor Towles and I was delighted to find another book by the same author - “The Lincoln Highway”.

In many ways, this is an even more delightful book with its range of young characters trying to fulfil a dream. The chapters are each defined by relating by name to one of the individuals and therefor continuously explains their various backgrounds and reveals more of their characters in detail as the story moves along. This is a very helpful device which enables the reader to understand more readily some of the actions taken by the young people.

The scene is Nebraska in the American Mid-West in the 1950’s when Emmett Watson has been driven home from a stint in a young offenders institution in Salina. His father, a failed farmer, has died and his younger brother Billy has been staying with a neighbour whose daughter Sally is a similar age to Emmett. The brothers decide there is nothing for them now in Morgen and decide after clear prompting from Billy that they will leave and drive to California on the Lincoln Highway in the only possession that they have left - a powder blue, four door hardtop, 1948 Studebaker Land Cruiser.

The story, in which the boys find themselves teamed up with a couple of other Salina friends, is how they try to get to California: being full of twists and turns with them often going in the wrong direction. The joy of this book is in the drawing of its characters. It’s beautifully written with lots of emotion and observation of America in the 50’s.

A second small book which might be of interest is “**RIVETS, TRIVETS AND GALVANISED BUCKETS**” by Tom Fort, which is a lovely story of a man who moves out of his comfort zone to take over a village hardware shop; a 1920’s building which has seen better days and is filled with goods he knows nothing about. A nostalgic and very English true story.

Catney Clean Up day

The Catney Wombles had their first outing in September. Twenty-one volunteers and a beautiful dog turned out on Saturday morning and collected over 20 bags of litter from the streets and lanes of Catherine de Barnes. The litter pickers were rewarded with refreshments afterwards in the Village Hall. Thank you to all who helped and also to the community minded residents who often collect rubbish when they are out walking. Look out for another clean-up day in Spring 2025.



If you see fly tipping in the village you can report it to Solihull Council https://solihullcouncil.custhelp.com/app/smbc/dio/report_it/forms/streetcare/report_fly_tipping or contact the clerk at HPC (clerk@hamptoninarden.org.uk) who is very efficient at getting these things

The next Catney News will cover both December and January as usual. If you have any item for that edition, please get it to me by the 20th November. I would love to hear from you if you have an article which would be of interest to members of Catney Residents Association. Do tell anyone in the village who may not be a member to get in touch with Frances (contact on front page) who will let them know how to join. They will receive the Catney News once they are a member, either by hard copy or email. Don't forget to renew your membership when prompted in the New Year. Thank you.

Chris Cluley

Editor

WHAT'S ON LOCALLY

MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT FESTIVAL

<https://www.mindbodyspiritfestival.co.uk/birmingham/whats-on/features>

The festival will take place from Friday 15 Nov to Sunday 17 Nov at the Birmingham NEC, B40 1NT.

- **Opening Hours**
- 11.00 - 18.00 Friday
- 10.00 - 17.00 Saturday
- 10.00 - 17.00 Sunday

“ABBA-RIGINAL” tribute to ABBA and 70s show - 8th November

Venue: The Lake at Barston

Dig out your 70's gear and groove the night away as Abba-riginal perform classics such as Waterloo, Voulez Vous, and Mamma Mia. Great for all ages, doesn't fail to get the crowd on the dance floor.

Ticket price is £33 per person, or £28 in the Annexe, which includes a 3 course Dinner, Entertainment and late bar. Ticket price show only – £10 per person



CALL TO BOOK – 01675 444890

Solihull Festive Village

Celebrate Christmas in Solihull town centre!

November 29th - December 22nd

Solihull town centre

Readers' Tea & Talk at Hampton Library

08 Nov 2024 - 2:15 PM to 3:15 PM Hampton-in-Arden

Join us for a hot drink and a chat about any books you've read this month. We have a monthly theme to kick off conversation but talk about any books are welcome.

Registration not required Free



**EX URBE CHAMBER CHOIR
CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

**Bach to
Bethlehem**

**6PM SATURDAY
7TH DECEMBER 2024
HAMPTON IN ARDEN PARISH CHURCH**

CONDUCTED BY BENJAMIN HAMILTON
ORGAN STEPHEN PERRINS

tickets from www.exurbe.com

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“Peering from some high window, at the gold of
November sunset and feeling that if day has to become
night, this is a beautiful way.” E. E. Cummings