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Catney Residents
Association



CATNEY NEWS

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Residents Association News

Planning News

PL2024/01198/PPFL. New 9 bedroom dwelling at Heath Farm, Henwood Lane

The Association has had sight of the response to this application by the Parish Council and has written objecting to it on the grounds of the size and mass of the new development and its impact on the openness of the Green Belt.

National Planning Policy Framework

Perhaps sooner than expected details of the potential changes to this framework are now in the public domain for consultation. The review amongst other matters covers changes to house building in the Green/grey belt and how local authorities will be required to deal with housing numbers. These changes could possibly affect the current **Parish Neighbourhood Plan Review** and members of the working group are due to meet with SMBC officers later this month to establish if and how the review could be affected.

Airport Matters-Night Flying Review (NFR)

For the past 15 or so months the NFR working group, which we participate in, have been in dialogue with Airport representatives discussing possible changes to the now expired current policy. The discussions include night time noise levels, numbers of movements and uses of various types of aircraft at night. The Airport's final proposals will be presented to the Airport Consultative Committee on the 5th September. The Airport Company will then present them to SMBC who will be asked to approve them as part of the S106 conditions, and a new Night Flying Policy application from October for the next 3 years. As a result of these discussions it has been agreed that a Noise Working Group will now be a permanent entity constantly monitoring all elements of the new policy, rather than the ad hoc group formed just to deal with a review. We will report on the base elements of the new policy pay next month.

Village Hall Update

Kitchen refurb- following information from National Highways (NH) some months ago, we were advised that our application for a £10k grant for the hall kitchen refurbishment would go before their grant committee back in June. Then we were told it would be September, but recently we were notified that representatives from NH wanted to discuss the application further. Arrangements have now been made to meet with them mid= August so we should be able to give you more news next month - let's hope it's positive news. Fingers crossed.

Outbuilding tidy up – thanks to those who turned up on the 18th to go through the contents of the 3 outbuildings at the rear of the hall. Unfortunately, most of the contents were riddled with woodworm and beyond saving and destined for the skip.

The Play Area- we have received confirmation from ROSPA that the Annual Inspection of the play equipment will take place in September.

Village Tidy Up

Following the very successful tidy up earlier this year and taking up the numerous suggestions we should do another later in the year a “Tidy Up Event” has been arranged for **Saturday 21st September at 10 am meeting at the Village Hall** to pick up the equipment being provided by SMBC. Complimentary tea and biscuits afterwards.

If you can spare a couple of hours to help keep our community neat and tidy please let Frances know by emailing secretary@catney.co.uk or text to 07768 502039 as soon as possible . Thanks for your support!!!

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

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.

Residents Association Committee Meetings

Generally, Committee meetings are held on the first Monday in the month, the next one is September 9th. 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.

Dates for the Diary

Residents Association

Monday 9th September - RA Committee meeting

Saturday 21st September- Village Tidy up meeting at the Village Hall at 10 am -all equipment provided- followed by complimentary refreshments

Saturday 5th October. - Butty brunch in the Village Hall commencing 10.15 am until 12 noon. Members are welcome to a complimentary bacon or sausage butty with a tea or coffee. Non-members are welcomed for a donation of £3/head - which covers RA membership for 2025.

Sunday 10th November- Remembrance Service Village Hall

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

Saturday 7th December- Christmas Social- with official Xmas light switch on- more news next month

Remembrance Sunday

As you will have read, 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. 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.

There will be refreshments served following the service. We do hope you will be able to join us, time of service will follow in the next Catney News.

Lesley Cuthbert



Rich William Getlevog

It is with deep regret we have to report the death of Rich William Getlevog of Lugtrout Lane whose life was taken too soon on August 8th following admittance to hospital in July.

Rich will be missed by many in the village for his warm nature, always the comedian, a much loved person, husband and father.

The Residents Association wish to pass on their deepest condolences to his wife Laura, formerly Jackson. who has lived most of her life in the village, and their two daughters Leah and Kirsty.

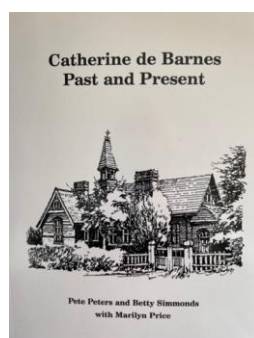
Lesley Cuthbert

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 History

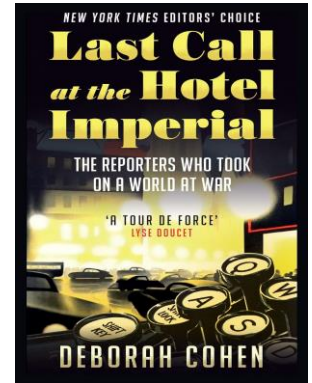
If anyone would like to learn more about the area, we are so lucky to live in, for £5 you can purchase a book which was co-authored by our Residents Association founder and first Chairman Pete Peters entitled Catherine de Barnes Past and Present. Money from the purchase of these books goes to Village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



BOOK REVIEW by JOHN ALDERSON

LAST CALL at the HOTEL IMPERIAL

A book by Deborah Cohen



This is not a novel, it's a true story of a group of five American reporters covering the events of the world largely between the two World Wars. Their names, now largely forgotten are John and Frances Gunther, Dorothy Thompson, H R "Knick" Knickerbocker and Vincent "Jimmy" Sheean.

Their stories are of ambitious reporters sometimes working for national Newspapers or Radio or sometimes freelance rushing from one hotspot to another, reporting from London, Berlin, Addis Ababa, Shanghai, Delhi, Jerusalem and Barcelona. These are a highly intelligent fast paced group, promiscuous hard drinking reporters with incredible contacts to world leaders but with complex home lives and very normal gentle sides to their personalities.

The rise of Hitler and Mussolini and the inevitable march to WW 11, figure prominently and it is very interesting to observe the American view of this period of time through the eyes of people who were telling the story to an initially unresponsive nation.

Deborah Cohen tells the stories beautifully, capturing the louche world of Europe between the wars and the frantic pace at which these people moved around, anxious to inform the world and America in particular, of how they saw the gathering storm.

This is a big book, 500 pages of small print paperback, but I found it easy and fascinating read and recommend it to anyone with an interest in this period of history

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— Rowland E. Robinson

Catney Christmas Craft Fair November 30th 2024,



**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 enjoying coming in for a browse, a chat and tea and homemade cakes.

We have not had to advertise for stall holders this year as I have had some approaches for stalls already and most of our regulars are very happy to come back. In the past we have had tables selling fused and stained glass, fabric and knitted items, wooden novelties, scented candles, hand crocheted jewellery, handcrafted soaps, hand thrown pottery and a wide variety of items including homemade jams and preserves made by members of the Catney Craft Club. This year we are adding macrame and a lady who sells locally grown flowers. Once again there will be a raffle for a blanket made up of crocheted squares made by members of the craft club.

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 on 07776 480813.

I know that in the past few years the use of cash has dramatically decreased, but it would be extremely helpful if you brought cash as most of the stalls and the refreshment table will not have credit card facilities.

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

Liz Boxall

"September! I never tire of turning it over and over in my mind. It has warmth, depth, and colour. It glows like old amber." – *Patience Strong*

WHAT'S ON LOCALLY IN SEPTEMBER?



The poster features a photograph of a busy picnic area in a park with many people, tents, and colorful inflatables under a blue sky with clouds. In the top left corner, there is a green 'SAVE THE DATE' sticker. In the top right corner, there are logos for Meriden Parish Council, ssafa (The Armed Forces charity), and Meriden Community. The main text is in white on a dark green background, and the bottom section is on a dark green background with white text.

SAVE THE DATE

Meriden Parish Council
ssafa The Armed Forces charity
Meriden Community

Meriden Picnic In The Park
In Aid of 80th D-Day Anniversary

Saturday 7th September 2024

12:00pm - 8:00pm | Meriden Sports Park, Solihull CV7 7SP

Live Music & Acts • Inflatables • Street Food & Bars • Craft Stalls
Fairground Rides • Milkshakes & Cakes • Carnival Games
Local Produce Stalls • Live Magic Show • Face Paint & Glitter

THE 3 LIONS BEER AND CIDER FESTIVAL

FRIDAY 6TH AND SATURDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2024 AT SHIRLEY BRITISH LEGION,

THIS IS A CHARITY EVENT ORGANISED JOINTLY BY ACOCKS GREEN LIONS CLUB, SHIRLEY LIONS CLUB AND SOLIHULL LIONS CLUB.

Opening times for both days are 12.00 noon to 11.00 pm

The entry fee will be set nearer the date of the event but will still include a souvenir beer glass, programme and a supply of beer tokens.

Advance tickets for the Festival can be obtained from Shirley Royal British Legion or simply pay on the door by cash or card.

On both days entertainment will be provided by Ray's Open Mic Performers

Please also follow us on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram

SOLIHULL FOOD FESTIVAL: Taking place between 27th – 29th September

The region's biggest and best celebration of food returns in September as the Solihull Food Festival takes over the town centre!

The free family festival will feature over 80 food and drink traders in Mell Square, Mill Lane and Solihull High Street. Organised by Solihull BID and supported by RR Events, the event will also feature the popular live music Rum & Reggae zone.

Plus, there's the much-loved demo kitchen, taster tent and roaming entertainment across the town centre. A full line-up of music and celebrity chefs will be released in the New Year – get the dates in your diary!