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CATNEY NEWS

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Residents Association News

Planning News

PL/2025/00547/MAJFDW Outline planning for the demolition of Mell Square site and full planning application for redevelopment of Phase 1 .

Of interest may be the plans to redevelopment the site adjacent to Morrisons car park. In brief the development consists of 1 block 13 m high the other 3 at 9-10m. The blocks contain 346 apartments of various sizes, with parking provision for only 60 cars, (1 disabled space) and 120 cycle racks. Although the official response date has passed you are still able to comment and we encourage you to do so Stakeholder responses to the application can be viewed using the following link [Simple Search](#) and entering 0547 in the Keyword box.

The pictures below show what the views will be from Warwick Road(Morrisons next door) and Drury Lane -- quite a change !!!

Phase 1 – from Warwick Road



Phase 1 – from Drury Gardens



Figure 3.1: Masterplan Parameter Plan 03 – Proposed Phasing & Block Plan (ref: 17500-HWS-ZZ-ZZ-D-A-05003 P01.4)

This will be the only opportunity you have to comment on Phase 1 of the redevelopment.

PL/2024/02987/PPRM Oak Farm Hampton Lane Catherine De Barnes Solihull B92 0JB

Reserved matters application for the development of 85 dwellings, including design, layout and appearance, highways and drainage infrastructure, car parking, public open space and landscaping pursuant to planning permission reference PL/2023/01173/PPOL

You will recall that members were advised on an email dated 7th June that the planning application as currently proposed could well result in the closure of the Solihull Canoe Club based on the side of the canal in the village and members were asked to write to Becky Matravers the Case Officer at becky.matravers@solihull.gov.uk) objecting to the application on the grounds that it contravened Policies P14 and P18 of the Local Plan 2013. If you would like to, it is not too late, thank you.

Motorway Service Area (MSA):

Awaiting further news

Airport News

The Airport has a £76 million infrastructure development plan with significant improvements to many of its facilities eg toilets and washrooms, baggage handling and security. They have handled over 13million passengers in the last financial year with a target of just under 14 million for this year. Following recent lowering of noise limits at least 1 airline has changed its procedures so as to avoid exceeding those limits and the subsequent fines for breaching the limits. As a member of the Noise Group we will continue to press for noise reduction, a night time quiet period and a reduction in night time movements

Village Hall

We will shortly be obtaining quotes for roof repairs which were identified in a recent survey which has been paid for by funds from the Parish Council Community Infrastructure Levy Fund. The outbuilding has been repainted and plans are afoot to install a small PA system in the hall complete with a remotely controlled video screen.

The hall will revert to a Church again for Remembrance Sunday on the 9th November .

We are currently looking at options as to how to fit a pre lit Christmas tree or Christmas tree affect in the grounds – more news in later editions.

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 now held on the first Tuesday in the month, the next one is 1st 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. 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.

Date for the Diary

Village Litter Pick – September 20th 10.00am til 12.00 with complimentary refreshments – equipment provided – Meet at the village hall – volunteers needed - please contact secretary@catney.co.uk if you can spare an hour or two

Quiz night – Saturday 18th October starting at 7.30pm licensed bar and fish and chip supper – more info in September issue – but can book now -contact cuthbertlm@me.com with numbers and dietary requirements

Remembrance Sunday 9th November -assemble from 10.40am followed by refreshments.

Annual Catney Christmas Craft Fair Saturday 29th November 11.00am ‘til 15.00pm in the village hall

Christmas Social – Light switch on, Christmas songs and Christmas fayre. **Saturday 6th December.** We are hoping to organize a Christmas film for the younger folk in the afternoon but more news in later editions

Ring and Ride

We’d like to remind members that this service is available to residents of CdeB- further information is available by phoning 0330 053 8141 or from ringandride.org

Parish Council

Next Hampton in Arden Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting on Wednesday 16th July in the Meeting Room in Marsh Lane , adjacent to the Soho Tavern starting at 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@hamptoninardenparish.gov.uk or phone 01675 442017

Residents are welcome and encouraged to attend

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

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Catney Christmas Craft Fair November 29th 2025,

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. 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, pottery, jewellery, art work, wreaths and a wide variety of items including Christmas decorations and homemade jams and preserves 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 £15 for a large one [6foot] or £10 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



"July is the month when the air is full of energy and the sky is full of promise." — Unknown

CELEBRATORY ANNOUNCEMENTS

As you know I have made a few announcements in the Catney News recently of the sad passing of some of our Residents. It would be lovely to be able to also announce your happy occasions, e.g. births, special birthdays, marriage, special anniversaries, graduations etc. If anyone would like to make a special announcement of any kind in the CN please email me cuthbertlm@me.com or contact me by phone 07776 480813, alternatively you can contact our Editor Chris Cluley direct, her contact details are on the front page of every CN.

Lesley Cuthbert

Catney History

Berry Hall (continued)

BIRMINGHAM MAIL, 2ND JANUARY 1939

The Trustees of William Albert Upton sold the Berry Hall Estate – comprising Berry Hall, Old Berry Hall and about 136 acres – on 8th June 1939 for £37,000. The purchaser was Mr Harold Arnold Tippetts, chairman and joint managing director of L. H. Newton & Co., nut, bolt and screw manufacturers, of Nechells, Birmingham.

Tippetts family

The *Warwick County News* of 17th June 1939 reported that Mr Tippetts, of Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield, had fallen in love with the gardens at Berry Hall and so resolved to buy the entire estate. He apparently out-bid a prominent Solihull businessman in the last round of the auction. The newspaper noted the new owner's intention to modernise Berry Hall considerably, with the installation of electric light everywhere being the principal improvement.

D178/6



The Ladies' Walk, Berry Hall

THE CORE
library

Christmas Greetings

Christmas card, probably from the early 1950s, showing the Ladies' Walk, [new]
Berry Hall
ref.: D178/6

An article in the *Birmingham Post* on 11th August 1978 reported that Mr & Mrs Tippetts had floodlit the mansion and gardens and, in the 1950s, were the largest private consumers of electricity in the West Midlands.

"Let July be July. Let August be August. And let yourself just be even in the uncertainty. You don't have to fix everything. You don't have to solve everything. And you can still find peace and grow in the wild of changing things." — Morgan Harper Nichols



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The concert will help raise money for the Mayor of Solihull's nominated charities for 2025-26.

The three charities that the Mayor has chosen to support are the Cameron Grant Memorial Trust, Newlands Bishop Farm, and Our Voice, Our Services (OVOS).

Event Details

**Doors Open at 6:30PM
Starts at 7:00PM**

Location

St Philips Church, Solihull, B93 8DX

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