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**Catney Residents
Association**



CATNEY NEWS

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Residents Association News

Planning News

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

Together with the PC we met with the applicant and their various consultants on the 24th January. The main topic of discussion was the development of a future communication strategy. Meeting Place have been given the role of coordinating communications throughout the parish using the monthly and quarterly newsletters, social media and the village notice boards. It looks like there could be a village meeting sometime in April/May to discuss the programme - more info next month

Airport Matters

Our representative will be attending the first Airport Consultative Committee meeting of the year on the 13th March and will provide members with an update next month. Details of what this committee does together with copies of agendas and minutes can be viewed on the following link:

Airport Consultative Committee at Birmingham Airport Website

PL2024/02987/PPRM all matters except access relating to building 85 dwellings on Oak Farm

Both the RA response and the Parish Council response to this application can be viewed on the relevant websites.

PL/2025/00113/VAR External alterations to previously approved Class Q prior approval consent PL/2023/01507/PNCUDW. Heath Farm 26 Henwood Lane Catherine De Barnes Solihull B91 2TH

This retrospective planning application refers to extensive modifications to the building design previously approved and await to see the officers report.

Village Tidy Up - Great British Spring Clean

We are seeking volunteers to help in the village tidy again this year. All equipment will be provided. Please meet at the Village Hall at 10am on Saturday followed by complimentary refreshments. If you are able to spend a couple of hours to tidy up our village please let us know by texting or emailing us with your name together with number of helpers to 07824 696137/cuthbert488@outlook.com

HELP GIVE OUR VILLAGE A SPRING CLEAN

Village Hall Update

No news this month

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.

Village Traffic Calming Proposals

Following the village meeting held in January to discuss the proposals and the end of the SMBC consultation period. Work started on the scheme during w/c 18th February. It is fair to say that we were made aware of a number of early concerns relating to the lack of signage and vehicles who were not aware of the cushions not slowing down resulting in noise issues. The matter was taken up immediately with SMBC who pointed out that works were incomplete and signage was erected at project completion. However, some short-term signs were put in place which hopefully will result in motorists taking more care going over the cushions thereby eliminating the noise issue.

March is an example of how beautiful new beginnings can be.” – Anamika Mishra

Solihull Borough Rural Volunteer Community Transport

Ring and Ride

This service also operates in our area -phone Ring and Ride is: 0330 053 8141.for more details

SOLIHULL BOROUGH RURAL VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY TRANSPORT



If you need help getting to a medical appointment or a social inclusion event and live in rural Solihull (outside the M42) we may be able to help

Tel: 01789 262889

Email: transport@vasa.org.uk

www.vasa.org.uk



What You Need to Know:

- All our drivers are volunteers and use their own cars.
- We charge a small admin fee and drivers are reimbursed costs for petrol and wear and tear - just ask for details when booking.
- Please give us as much notice as possible for a journey to allow us time to find a driver - ideally at least three working days.
- We can take you to medical or wellbeing journeys but not shopping.
- Our drivers will wait for up to 2 hours and bring you home. Let us know if you expect to be longer than that.
- If you don't need a journey please let us know so we can reallocate the driver.
- Many of our drivers are happy to help with folding wheelchairs and mobility aids but we cannot help with motorised chairs or scooters.

Thank You



"March weather is a masterclass in unpredictability."

Could You Be A Volunteer Driver?

Could You Be A Volunteer Driver?

**Meriden, Balsall Common, Berkswell, Knowle, Dorridge
Hampton in Arden and other Solihull villages**



Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity to fit in with
the rest of your life?

Could you help people in your community get to
medical and wellbeing appointments?

Do You:

Like driving?

Have a few hours to spare each week?

Want to help your community?

You will be reimbursed at 45p per mile.

Give us a call on 01789 262889 and
see how we can help

or email volunteer@vasa.org.uk

www.vasa.org.uk



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CHANGING LIVES BY CONNECTING PEOPLE

Residents Association Committee Meetings

Generally, Committee meetings are now held on the first Tuesday in the month, the next one is the 4th March. 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 on our website the following month.

Residents Association AGM

To be held in the Village Hall commencing 7.15pm on Tuesday 11th March

Copies of the Chair's, Treasurer's and Social reports will be sent to members prior to the meeting and can be viewed on the website from 9th March.

Wine and nibbles follow the meeting.

Parish Council

Next Hampton in Arden Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting (Budget and main meeting) will be held on Wednesday 19th March in the Village Hall 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@hamptoninarden.org.uk or phone 01675 442017

Residents are welcome to attend

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 11th March - Residents Association AGM commencing 7.15pm followed by refreshments

Saturday 29th March - 10am Village Hall -Village Tidy Up event

"It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade." – Charles Dickens, Great Expectations

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

Kim Rawson is still collecting supplies for Ukraine (ongoing, indefinitely). If you have anything to donate (including cash - which is specifically for the buying of cars to transport supplies plus fuel for the cars to travel across Europe), contact him on kim.rawson@btinternet.com or 07527540529.

Kim is the organist at Hampton church and at Balsall Common church

Thank you.

List of Supplies Useful for Ukraine

Adult Nappies / (Old) Android Tablets / Battery Operated Tools

Candles (new or used) / Crutches / Gloves (Men's) (not mittens)

CASH / Hand Sanitiser / Medication (in or out of date) ...

Cold/Flu relief sachets/capsules / Heat Gel / Cough med.

Paracetamol / Ibuprofen / Hand/feet warming pads

Men's Socks, T-shirts / Multi-Tool Pocket Knives / Powerbanks Shoe insoles /

Sleeping Bags / Thermal Underwear Toiletries: Razors / Shaving foam/gel /

Toothbrushes / Toothpaste/Torches (Recyclable) / Vests (Men's) / Walkers /

Washing Capsules

Wet Wipes (not baby) / Wheelchairs / Yoga Mats



Hampton – in -Arden Gardening Club meets monthly in the Church Hall, High Street, Hampton.

We are welcoming new members!

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 19th March, 7:20 p.m. in the Church Hall.

It's promising to be a very useful talk called 'Not just my Garden' (Lucy Hartley, Garden Designer). Given the ecological and biological crisis caused by pollution and climate change, this talk focuses on wildlife and the difference we can make.

Our April meeting is Wednesday 16th of April, 7.20 p.m. in the Church Hall.

There will be a talk on "The English and Gardening." Danny Wells will talk about our obsession with gardens, going back through the "20th century to Victorian times. Expect Vintage and nostalgia!

For more information about the club and events this year, do follow us on

Message us via Instagram: [hamptoninarden_gardeningclub](#)

Or email: hiagcmembers@gmail.com

New members are always welcome, paying £5 for a visit, deductible from the annual membership fee on joining.

Happy Growing!

"March came in that winter like the meekest and mildest of lambs, bringing days that were crisp and golden and tingling, each followed by a frosty pink twilight which gradually lost itself in an elfland of moonshine." — L.M. Montgomery

A series of Tuesday evening Supper Concerts on your doorstep at

ROGER'S – THE MUSIC CLUB WITH A DIFFERENCE

The Arden Room, Fentham Hall, Hampton in Arden. 7.30 pm – 10 pm

Dear Music Lovers

I am grateful for your continuing support and have a full programme set out for 2025 featuring much of the same variety of music as we have heard over the last 12 months. All concerts are on the third Tuesday of the month except March 11th.

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

March 11th – The Hot Teapots. A welcome return from a band playing terrific early 20s and 30s American music.

April 15th – Richard Leach's Street Band – Good solid traditional jazz from a very popular six piece Midland band.

May 20th – Pianist Martin Litton presents a tribute to the great Fats Waller. Full supporting orchestra. A special treat.

On **March 18th 2025** – there is a special concert in the main Fentham Hall – the very highly regarded **SIMON AND GARFUNKEL THROUGH THE YEARS**, who are considered the premier tribute band and have performed worldwide. Priority for tickets will be given to local residents and are £30 each, so please check availability.

Best wishes

Roger

**“Daffodils,
That come before the swallow dares, and take
The winds of March with beauty.” – William Shakespeare**



In 2025, Easter falls across the following dates: Good Friday - Friday 18 April, 2025. Easter Saturday - Saturday 19 April, 2025. Easter Sunday - Sunday 20 April, 2025.

West End Nights

Fri 14 - Sat 15 Mar, Studio, The Core family, music, theatre & dance

West End Nights presented by Knowle Musical Society. Tickets £15

Join us for West End Nights, a celebration of our musical memories and dreams as Knowle Musical Society perform a selection of songs from a wide variety of musicals.

Come on a journey through shows from a history of over 60 years. Knowle Musical Society have performed everything from Gilbert and Sullivan operettas, Rodgers and Hammerstein classics to the premiere of the more unusual Tale of Two Cities musical and everything in between. In this show they will celebrate some of their favourite musicals.

<https://www.thecoretheatresolihull.co.uk/whats-on/all-shows/west-end-nights/27460>

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CELEBRATE WORLD BOOK DAY AT TOUCHWOOD, SOLIHULL

WHEN 6 - 8 Mar 2025

COST From £2.00

Embrace your inner bookworm. Celebrate World Book Day with Touchwood this March with a series of book-themed dance workshops.

Thursday 6th March

4.00-4.45 – The Tiger who came to tea

4.45-5.30 – Moana

6.00-6.30 – Wicked

6.30-7.00 – Frozen

Saturday 8th March

10.00-10.45 – The Tiger who came to tea

10.45-11.30 – Matilda

12.30-1.15 – Harry Potter

1.30-2.15 – Frozen

2.30-3.15 – The Lion King

3.15-4.00 – Wicked

Book your tickets now eventsattouchwood.co.uk/world-book-day

Tickets are £2.50 per child (£2 for short sessions). All proceeds will go to our charity, Little Hearts Matter.

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP 2025

At the time of writing, 141 households have joined for 2025. Thank you to everyone who has taken a moment to send in their subscriptions and for your many generous contributions. It means a lot to the committee to have your support. We had more than 190 households on our books in 2024 so I look forward to hearing from anyone who has not signed up yet for this year. You know what to do and the bank details are below if you want to pay online.

Please email me if you are not sure if you have joined this year, or if you have not received a membership card and think you have paid. For those who pay online, please let me know if there are any changes to your details – names, emails etc.

Thanks again for all your backing for what we do.

Frances Cook (secretary@catney.co.uk)

Catherine de Barnes Residents' Association Membership 2025

The subscription fees are £3 for individuals, £5 for couples and £10 for a family of 4 or more adults. It is very much appreciated if households can make their fee up to £10 to help cover our costs.

Or, please fill in the form below and leave at 9, Oakfields Way, or 97, Hampton Lane.

How to Pay:

If you can pay by bank transfer, the numbers you need are:

Catherine de Barnes Residents' Association

Sort code: 30-97-78 (Lloyd's Bank) Account No: 01989267

Please put your house number and road name with the payment.

Name(s).....

Address

Telephone No:.....

E mail

Amount enclosed: £

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We like to have as many e mail addresses as possible on our data-base so we can keep you informed on items of local interest and ask for your opinions when appropriate. These details will be used for Association business only and will not be passed on to any third parties. We will also send you the colourful digital version of the Catney News (unless you request a paper copy) as this saves on paper, printing costs and delivery time.