

**MAY 2013**

Dear Residents,

Spring is here! Thank goodness!!! This is also a new subscription year for Catney Residents Association, can I remind you about paying yours? We have extended the deadline for joining to the 31st May and we are starting to produce the membership cards now. Your membership card, complete with your personal membership number, will give you free entry to our special events for members and we are hoping that it will also give you some discounts in local restaurants and shops, which we are negotiating at the moment. If you are able to give us a discount for shopping at a shop you own, or for eating at your restaurant - please let us know. Either a permanent discount to be attached to the membership card or as a one off voucher, we would love to hear from you. The Catney News goes out to at least 300 houses every month by hard copy or email. We hope to also have a lucky membership number draw based on your card number. To join, please complete the form that is attached within the Catney News again this month and put it through the doors of either 435 Lugtrout Lane, 97, Hampton Lane or 9 Oakfields Way, or take it in to the Spar shop, in a clearly marked envelope with your subscription. £3 single membership, £5 per couple or £10 per family of 4 or more over 18's. Please show us your support and join us. Thank you to all have joined us so far, it is good to have you with us. A flyer asking for help for the Village Hall is enclosed this month from the Village Hall Committee. Thank you to anyone who volunteers their help for the Hall, we cannot carry on without you.

Two Bank Holidays to enjoy this month - so if you are out and about, have a safe and happy time.

Chris Cluley
Editor

We understand that some of you are confused by the two groups, The Residents Association and the Village Hall Committee.

Your Residents Association Committee is a group of volunteers who look after the village, covering such issues as planning applications; we also work with the Council on environment issues such as repairs to street lighting, fencing, clearing of pathways, the canal and the ford etc., attend airport meetings to discuss flight paths, runways and other issues that might impact on the village. We campaign when necessary, and undertake green belt monitoring. We work with Hampton in Arden Parish Council to jointly make the Common a good place to visit, by clearing hedgerows, making paths and installing seating (this year we hope). We also try and hold occasional "free to members" social events, that are non-profit making (see Catney Day).

We produce the Catney News nearly every month of the year, to enable better communication between villagers and to bring us all together.

The Village Hall Group (also volunteers) comes under the umbrella of the Residents Association at the moment and is a group that formed purely to protect, repair and maintain our Village Hall, which is moving from St. Alphege Trustees to Village Trustees following our campaign to protect it from being sold. The Village Hall Group will hold fund raising events, with any profits going towards the Village Hall Fund. This needs to have a considerable amount in it, in order to get very necessary repairs done and improvements carried out. We are looking for more Trustees to come forward - if you feel you might consider becoming one or would like more details of what would be involved, please speak to Dave Cuthbert in the first instance. cuthbert488@btinternet.com

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PLANNING NEWS

There have been no significant changes this month with only one application for a house extension.

The application for a change in mobile phone mast on the bypass has been approved with suitable conditions.

The quiz night on the 20th April was a great success. 13 teams of very enthusiastic quizzers, battled their way through the subjects in various rounds and a blockbuster based on Olympic Gold medallists all of which had been put together very skillfully by Sheila Shand. Sadly Sheila was poorly and not able to attend, but thankfully others stepped in to the breach and saw us all through the questions, a fish and chip supper from the Greville Fish and Chip shop, a raffle, and a number board with a prize of £50. There was of course, a very popular bar. The magnificent sum of £567.61 was raised for the Village Hall Fund. Thank you to all who helped in any way or came to support the event.



Catney Quiz Night – 20th April 2013

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Come and play Sport in Hampton-in-Arden
Hockey, Squash, Tennis, Boules
At Hampton in Arden Sports Club
Shadow Brook Lane. Tel: 01675 442284

VILLAGE HALL REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Can you help? Yes of course, cash is always, always welcome, and perhaps you own or work for a company that would like to make a donation, or you personally feel you would like to contribute towards our Village Hall which is listed as a building of local interest. (We are particularly looking for people to give a small amount each month). If so, that would be wonderful and any large donation would be recognised in some way in the hall.

However, **do you have any skills that you would be prepared to donate?** To try and economise with what funds we have raised so far, we desperately need to call upon professional builders, electricians and plumbers, painters and decorators, window cleaners, roofers, floor polishing experts, bathroom fitters, guttering experts, etc., etc. to give us their skills - without payment if possible, I'm afraid. Although it would be a good village initiative, we cannot just ask for those people handy with a paintbrush, because of expensive insurance cover and health and safety rules - ladders and scaffolding would be required for many of the jobs. Having said that if you are willing to do some hall cleaning or gardening on a rota system, please complete the form on the attached flyer from the Village Hall Committee.

We would do our very best to ensure anyone giving their professional time and expertise would be recognised on "posters of talent" which would be displayed in the hall and in the village, in the Catney News and who knows, perhaps a little bit of wider media exposure too!! In addition, your assistance would ensure that our Village Hall remains in good and attractive condition for generations to come and for that we would all be very, very grateful.

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 If you have had some work done recently, and were happy with it, we would love you to recommend that trader to us, so that we can compile a list for villagers to consider. Please only tell us if you have personally used the plumber, decorator, electrician, gardener, etc., and have found their work to be excellent.



Village Hall Dates for your Diary

CATNEY DAY: Sunday 7th July: Summer Barbeque. 12 noon to 6 pm and free to all Individuals/Families who hold a Catney Residents Association membership Card. There will be an entry charge for non-members. Burgers/Hot dogs, bar, music, entertainment, stalls and games. If anyone wants to sell crafts, jewellery, books etc., tables are available at £10 each. More news next month.

21st September: Another Catney event – not yet confirmed. More news next month.

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Items for Sale in Aid of Psoriasis Association

Contact: 0121 705 4669 (in Catney)

Polished dark wood child's rocking chair – suit child aged 2 to perhaps small 6 year old or as a home feature to hold a teddy bear or large doll. £10

New bouncy castle for Sylvanian family creatures, or for small dolls (un-opened still in box). £5

Numerous “as new” books for teaching children to read, phonics etc. £5.

Computer screen and computer keyboard £10

New Wireless computer mouse – still in box - £5

Also, on same telephone number: Caravan to let on the Isle of Portland, Dorset. Site is 5 star, no clubhouse, little shop, laundrette and games room. Otherwise just peace and quiet. The site is surrounded by the sea and our plot has a lovely little garden to sit in and relax while listening to the gulls. Short car or bus ride to Portland Bill, the Olympic Sailing Venue or Weymouth. Lovely walks, water sports, climbing, sea fishing or exploring. Five minute walk to Church ‘Ope Cove, Rufus Castle. Ten minute stroll to pubs, shops and eating establishments.



WHAT'S ON AROUND THE AREA IN MAY and JUNE?

May 4th – 10 am – 6 pm. Gardeners Spring Fair – Mell Square.

May 15-18th

The Hampton Players presents 'Calendar Girls' by Tim Firth.

Wed 15th to Sat 18th May 2013 @ 7.30 p.m. at The Fentham Hall.

Tickets: £10.00 each - Concs: £8.50 each.

Tel: 01675 442432 / www.thehamptonplayers.co.uk. (donation of proceeds to Leukaemia)

May 14th – 18th “Calamity Jane” at the Solihull Arts Complex. 7.30 pm. £15
Pre show meal available at £11.

May 27th. In Library Square, Solihull – A Street Party for all the family. Nibbles, free entertainment and competitions.

May 29th Teddy Bears Picnic for tots (2-4 years) at the Parkridge Centre, Brueton Park-
Details Phone 0121 704 0768 Cost £4.

May 30th 11 – 2.30 pm. Mad Hatters Tea Party at Knowle Park

May 30/31st Hampton Festival 2013. Come and look at the Scarecrow Spectacular of Pantomime Characters around Hampton Village.

June 1st: Hampton Fete, Flower and Produce Show, Children's Fancy Dress etc.
Concert in The Park (bring a Picnic) and Fireworks

June 2nd: Open Air Church Service at Hampton Sports Ground and Big Lunch.

June 6th at 7.30 pm. Phantom and The Musicals. £16.50 at Solihull Arts Complex.

June 23rd: Race for Life: 10.00am - 12.00pm, High Street, Mell Square, Brueton Park and Malvern Park. Cancer Research UK's Race for Life is the largest women-only fundraising event in the UK. Participants can walk, jog or run the 5k route around Solihull town centre. You can enter the race by going to www.raceforlife.org/ or call 0845 600 6050.

Please find below the latest speed limit reduction proposals for the Catney area. The formal consultation process runs till the 20th May if you are interested. Further details can be found at www.solihull.gov.uk/roadworks which also includes a link to an online survey.

Link ref	Road/Section Affected	No of Personal Injury Collisions		Existing	Speed	Limit
		3 yrs before 2010 review	Last 3 yrs to end of 2012			
6	Field Lane	0	0	60	30	In line with average speeds and adjoining speed limit. Restrictive road characteristics
9	Berry Hall Lane	0	0	60	40	In line with average speeds and adjoining speed limits. Restrictive road characteristics. Road used for leisure purposes.
10	Ravenshaw Lane – from Berry Hall Lane to Ford	0	0	60	40	In line with average speeds and adjoining speed limits. Restrictive road characteristics. No through-road used for leisure and commercial purposes
10a	Ravenshaw Lane – from Ravenshaw Way to Ford	0	0	60	40	In line with average speeds and adjoining speed limits. Restrictive road characteristics. Short no through-road used for leisure.
11	Ravenshaw Way	0	0	60	40	In line with average speeds and adjoining speed limits. Restrictive road characteristics. No through-road used for leisure and commercial purposes.
12	Henwood Lane – from Hampton Lane to 140 metres south of Berry Hall Lane	0	0	60	40	In line with average speeds and adjoining speed limits. Restrictive road characteristics. Initial consultation with local community
12a	Henwood Lane – from 140 metres south of Berry Hall Lane to Barston Lane	0	0	60	30	In line with average speeds and adjoining speed limits. Restrictive road characteristics. Initial consultation with local community
13	Barston Lane – from Copt Heath Wharf to Jacobean Lane	0	0	60	30	Restrictive road characteristics. Short no through-road used for access and leisure purposes. Initial consultation with local community
14	Friday Lane – from 380 north of Barston lane to Barston Lane	0	0	60	50	In line with average speeds and adjoining speed limits.
14a	Friday Lane – from 380 metres north of Barston Lane, including roundabout	1	0	60	40	In line with average speeds and adjoining speed limits. Initial consultation with local community

Rascals Soft Play Hire.

Mobile soft play packages available to hire for Birthday Parties, Christenings, Weddings and other events.

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Why not hire our own Catney Village Hall and Rascals Soft Play Hire for your event?

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HISTORY CORNER

There are quite a few very interesting items about Catney for view at Warwickshire County Archive office in Warwick. I hope to go and view them soon and take photos and notes, so that we can share them in the Catney News.

For example, it would seem that Catney celebrated Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897 in style. There are three lists available, one relates to the gifts Joseph Gillott gave to his tenants and their employees, another of subscribers to the memorial fund, and another listing gifts to the church. Joseph Gillott had a special commemorative casket box with a key, made at the Victoria Works, Graham Street, to hold the Jubilee papers.

Also, they have three scrapbooks put together by an headmaster of Catney School, covering the period 1958-1974, which should provide some interesting information.

Any memories, history or old photos of Catney you may have and would like to share with us, would be most welcome.

C. Cluley

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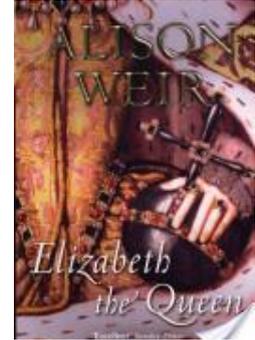
CATNEY CRICKET CLUB

Invite you to come and watch any matches being held behind the Boat pub or join in with Nets on a Wednesday evening. For details of league matches consult their website on cdbcc.play-cricket.com

BOOK REVIEW by John N. Alderson

Elizabeth the Queen

by Alison Weir



Alison Weir specialises in writing books about the British Royals of the 16th. and 17th. Centuries and this account of Queen Elizabeth the First perhaps tells us more about the Queen as a woman than those of the many other books written on this subject.

She lived in a very patriarchal age and for a woman to find herself in that role is really quite extraordinary, and much of her reign appears to have been spent in justifying herself and her position to the Court and to her advisors who were all men. She comes across as vulnerable but very tough, considerate, but very demanding and even cruel when she thinks the occasion demands it.

The book details her relationship with Robert Dudley, later to be made Earl of Warwick, and one is left in little doubt as to the passion of their affair, and rumours of consummation and possibly a child abound within the incredibly closed society of the Royal Court, but Elizabeth maintains her status as the Virgin Queen until her death in 1603.

The question of the Succession is all important to her and her advisers as the long term stability of the Nation clearly depends upon it, but her procrastination and dallying with foreign suitors makes fascinating reading.

Elizabeth clearly feels it is her right to rule and is very concerned that “her people” should love her, but also accepts the responsibility that her decisions should be for the benefit of England and its people. She must have been an extremely difficult person to deal with on a daily basis and she was fortunate in having someone like William Cecil, Lord Burghley as her principal advisor.

This appears to be a well researched and descriptive book about a relatively calm period of English history but a Court that spent more time hunting, feasting and dancing that might seem appropriate with such affairs

RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION :

You can contact us by emailing Frances Cook at secretary@catney.co.uk or for contributions to the Catney News, you can contact Chris Cluley at editor@catney.co.uk If you do not have email, please contact us on 0776 8502039 and leave a message or speak to a Committee member.

Residents Association Committee: Dave Cuthbert, Frances Cook, Chris Cluley, Ken Cluley, Sue Attwell and Annette Scott.

Airport noise complaints: 0121 767 7433

Airport flight path complaints : 0121 712 6172 or e-mail fppt@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk

Emergency numbers: Gas: 0800 111 999 and Electricity: 0800 40 40 90.

Council services: www.solihull.gov.uk/councilservices/index.htm

Village Hall bookings: Gareth Thomas at the Spar Shop. Tel: 0121 705 6135

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FOR THE CATNEY NEWS:

Tell us about special birthdays, anniversaries, weddings etc, relating to people who live in the village, and we will congratulate them in our next edition. Also, if you would like to announce the birth of your baby, or a new grandchild – as long as you live in the village – that's fine. About to hold an event locally? Let us know. Do you know of anyone new to the Village? Tell us and we will send them a welcome card.

Ideas of what you would like to read about in your Catney News are always welcome. I would really appreciate articles of interest to put in the May issue; please let me have all copy by 20th May.

Remember, that if you are receiving this copy of the Catney News in black and white, it will not do justice to any colour photos. If you have an email address, and would like to receive your copy in colour, please let Frances Cook know and she will be pleased to send it out to you by this method or simply tick the box on the subscription form.

Please take your completed subscription form and your subscription monies in a clearly marked envelope to either The Spar Shop, Hampton Lane; 453 Lugtrout Lane; 97 Hampton Lane; or 9 Oakfields Way. Thank you.

Chris Cluley

MEMBERSHIP FORM FOR RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION 2013

Membership for 2013 is £3 for individuals, £5 for couples and £10 for a family of four or more. Please let us have your subscription by May 1st 2013. Thank you.

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I WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE CATNEY NEWS BY EMAIL RATHER THAN HARD COPY



For our Village Hall the lights will never go out;
She's out-lived two wars, she knows what she's about:
She's served us well and she's serving us still;
Will she last another hundred? I think she will!
For as sure as you are reading this today,
Catney Village Hall is still standing here in May,
And the winds of time shall ne'er chase those years away.

*Some words borrowed from a poem written by
Roger J Oldfield, April 2013 about his Village Hall*