

CATNEY NEWS



NOVEMBER 2015

Dear Villagers,

One of the good things about this time of year is how beautiful the trees become with their autumn colours. I don't know if it is my imagination, but they seem to be better this year than ever. We are very lucky to live here in Catherine de Barnes, where we don't have to go far to be in the heart of our lovely countryside.

However, we have darker nights again to contend with and November 5th is almost with us, complete with fireworks being lit seemingly for days on end. We urge you to take care and follow the firework safety code. Also, it is easy for those of us with pets to bring them in and keep them safe on November 5th, but when fireworks are let off at all times of the day and night for so long, it is likely that cats and dogs may be outside, so do warn your neighbours who have pets of when you intend to hold your firework party!!!

Please come to the Remembrance Service on the 8th November at 10.30 am, when our Village Hall will revert back to a church for this occasion. It is a wonderful chance to show our respect for all those who have given their lives in the service of this country. Everyone is welcome.

Christine Cluley, Editor.

VILLAGE HALL



Two generous donations have been received from villagers towards labour and equipment to deep clean the hall.

Thank you so much, we hope to have this done on the 21st November.

Please let me have information for December's Catney News by 20th November. Christine Cluley (Editor)

AIRPORT



The Airport Company are hoping to hear from the CAA by the end of November their decision confirming their acceptance of Option 6 as the preferred Southern departure route(Runway 15) .

It has been found that two types of aircraft - Boeing 757's and Dash 8's are unable to adhere to the consulted route departing south followed by a northerly turn. This has been causing considerable noise nuisance in Hampton, Barston and Balsall Common. The Airport are seeking long term solutions to the issue but have , in the interests of endeavouring to minimise the noise nuisance to these communities , come up with an interim which they are currently trialling . They have also been trialling raising the Noise preferential Route ceiling from 3000ft to 4000ft in an effort to reduce noise pollution - these trials end at the end of October but as things look at the moment the increase of 1000ft has no material affect and if this proves to be the case after the trialling data has been analysed the likely decision is to keep the Ceiling height as 3000ft.- more detailed info can be found on the Birmingham Airport website .

TAPPING INTO AUTUMN



ADULT TAP
DANCE @ 7.45pm
Beginners welcome
Wednesday Evenings
7.45pm – 8.45pm

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PERFORMANCE ACADEMY
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LODE LANE ENHANCEMENT SCHEME

Work commenced on the 19th October by the Council's contractor Balfour Beatty who began work at the front of the Solihull Hospital site as part of Segment C. of the Lode Lane Enhancement Scheme.

This is one of the most important elements of the scheme with the proposed section of bus lane running past Solihull Hospital (from Keresley Close to Poplar Road). This is where congestion is at its worst on Lode Lane but where there is limited space available.

The work, which is expected to take place from October 2015 to February 2016, will see the removal of the existing footpath to create the new bus lane. A wider footpath will then be created out of a strip of land on the boundary of the hospital site. Ease of access for vehicles turning into the hospital will also be improved.

Solihull Hospital has been working closely with Solihull Council and Balfour Beatty to ensure that disruption to visitors and staff is kept to a minimum while the works are being carried out. As part of the works it will be necessary to temporarily relocate the bus stop outside of the hospital 30 yards nearer the town centre. It will be reinstated as part of the permanent works.

Pedestrian access and visitor parking will be maintained at all times and any diversion routes will be signposted. A number of disabled parking spaces in the area of works have needed to be relocated within the site, but the number of parking spaces available for visitors will remain the same.

Not sure how to join in with Social Media? Puzzled as to how to open a Facebook or Twitter account?

We are hoping to hold a training session locally in January (we have to hold it somewhere with internet access, so can't use the Village Hall) so please let Frances Cook, our secretary, know as soon as possible if you would like to go along. If you need transport, let us know.

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A man has his 18th birthday on 25th December 2005 yet he was born in 1956. How is this possible ?

Look for the answer in the December edition.

EVENTS in CATNEY FOR YOUR DIARY

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the normal organisers of the Catney Christmas Party will not be available to run it and this event has had to be cancelled. We are very sorry.

Sunday December 13th – 5 pm: This is still going ahead!!



Carols around the Catney Christmas Tree :

Everyone is welcome, bring the children and grandchildren – hot drinks and nibbles provided afterwards in the hall. In the event of rain or snow the Carol Singing will be held in the Village Hall, so please join us whatever the weather!

Mr. Kim Rawson, Organist and Director of Music at Hampton and Balsall Common churches will be playing for us. It was lovely to see so many people join us last year, we hope that even more will come along and sing their hearts out this year!

Village Xmas Tree Appeal



We hope to be able to erect a lighted Village Xmas Tree again this year and our Xmas Tree Appeal Fund is open for donations. If you feel able to make a donation - these can be left at THE SPAR shop or at 9 Oakfields Way .

Thank you very much to those who have donated so far

You can now follow “Catney Village Hall” and the Residents’ Association on Twitter (@catneyRA) and

Contacts: Secretary of the Residents Association: Frances on 0776 8502039 or secretary@catney.co.uk

Anything for the Catney News: Contact Chris at CatneyRA@outlook.com (please note new email address)

Spar Shop/Hall Bookings: Gareth on 0121 705 6135

Remembrance Sunday



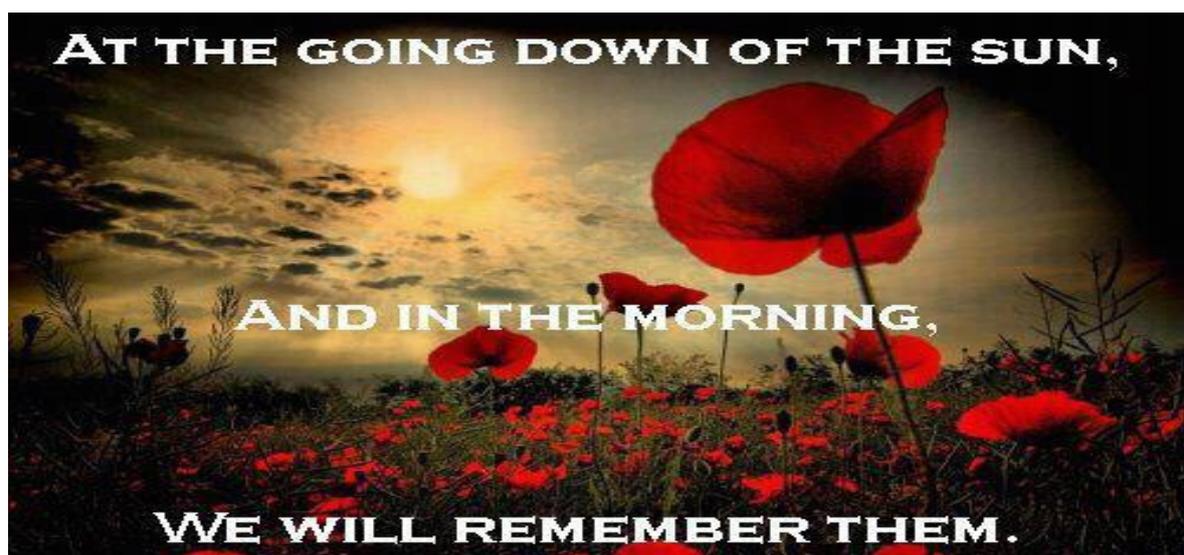
We will be holding a Remembrance Day service in the Village Hall, which will be converted back to being a church for the occasion.

The service will be at 10.30 am on the 8th November and everyone is very welcome to come along to remember those who have died in the World Wars and in conflicts throughout the world and in particular those from this village, who are listed on our memorial font and water jug.

It is a lovely little service and really nice to experience the hall as a church once again. Do join us and bring your poppy as we put take them up to the front as an act of remembrance during the service.

They had their homes in Catney, those young courageous men,
How were they to know that they would never see again,
The green fields of their childhood, their parents, girlfriends, wives,
That bullets, mud and horror would cut short their village lives
No more to plough, or drive the herds, no cockerels crow at dawn,
No watching offspring growing older, just loved ones left to mourn.
War took them to a hell that they had never thought to face,
They didn't know that they were marching to a nightmare place
And Catney was the poorer, when those men did not return,
Engraved their names on font and jug and hoped that man would learn.
We never must forget them, those young Catney men of old
We must listen and remember, when each year their story's told
May gratitude grow in our hearts, as thanks we strive to give
For all those that never came back, those that died so we might live.

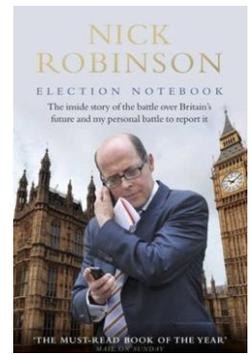
Chris Cluley 2015



BOOK REVIEW

ELECTION NOTEBOOK

A Journal by Nick Robinson



A Book Review by John Alderson.

I have a complete change of reading for you this month. We are all familiar with Nick Robinson through his television appearances as the BBC's principal political editor, and this Journal of the last year of the Coalition Government, in itself a fascinating insight into political life, is totally changed when he discovers almost by chance that he has lung cancer.

The Journal takes the form of a daily diary of events in Nick Robinson's life from Thursday the 8th. May 2014 to Friday the 8th. May of this year covering the twelve month election campaign to its unexpected conclusion with the Conservative Party winning an overall majority.

In February during a fairly routine medical examination for his asthma condition he is shipped off for a CT scan and diagnosed with a tumour on the lung. A month later he is in surgery and although the tumour was successfully removed, his vocal chords were damaged leaving him with the prospect of being silent over the election period.

This is of course, and disastrous situation for a journalist who earns his living reporting on radio and television and by dashing around the world following the political leaders.

The Journal gives insights into his surprisingly close personal relationships with the party leaders, their advisors and the political scene generally. Following the surgery, Robinson writes of how he faces his serious illness, his recovery and reporting on the build up to Election Night and the immediate aftermath. Whether you like Nick Robinson or not, this is a fascinating book, is not political and is well worth reading.

Hampton Players present:



"Just the Ticket"
A comedy by Peter Quiller
19th -21st November at 7.30pm



This play is a poignant but amusing journey through Susan's hilarious life as she decides to celebrate her birthday by repeating a journey to Australia she made with a group of friends when she was 20.

Romance slowly but awkwardly blossoms and causes Susan to reflect on life, friendship and loneliness and the trials and joys of growing older.

Tickets are available from the Corner Shop in Hampton.

Tarplins Yard



A message left by the Tarplin family before demolition began.

By now, you will have seen that the builders yard and premises owned by the Tarplins on the corner of Lugtrout Lane and Hampton Lane for the last 100 years has gone in readiness for Damson Homes to build three, three storey houses.

Tarplins built many properties in Catney. The row of cottages next to their yard and the similar ones further down Lugtrout Lane. They also built houses in Bickenhill Lane and they built our row of shops and the cafe and probably other homes, of which I am unaware.

I felt we should say thank you and goodbye on behalf of all of us that live in their homes and frequent the Spar shop, Ele and Longfellows. These places contribute greatly to the Catney we know and love. It is the end of an era.



The Firework Code

- Keep fireworks in a closed box
- Follow the instructions carefully on each firework.
- Light all fireworks at arms length.
- Stand well back
- Never go back to a lit firework
- Never put fireworks in your pocket
- Never throw fireworks
- Keep pets indoors.



WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER LOCALLY?

Farmer's Market

High Street, Solihull, B91 0NA, 9.00am - 5.00pm

6 Nov 2015

Support our local farmers by visiting this popular market, which offers a tempting range of local produce sourced from within a 30 mile radius of Solihull, on the first Friday of every month.

Grand Charity Fireworks Display & Bonfire

6,00pm, Lant Playing Field, Meeting House Lane

7 Nov 2015

The **Grand Charity Fireworks Display** promises fun for the whole family with bonfire lighting, a raffle draw plus food & drink stalls.

For further information visit <http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/balsall/> or find the **Balsall Lions on Facebook**.

Advance tickets: Adult £6, Child £3, Family ticket (2 adults & 3 school children) £15

Admission tickets: Adult £7, Child £3 Limited parking

Christmas Craft Fayre

High Street and Mill Lane, Solihull, B91 0NA, 9.00am - 5.00pm

7 Nov 2015

This occasional market returns with a festive flavour. As well as various handmade items from home and abroad, including paintings and jewellery, there will be a range of Christmas decorations, garlands and wreaths on offer. Plants, fine foods and a hog roast are also available.

Solihull Round Table Fireworks Display

Tudor Grange Park, B91

This popular charity fundraising event, run by Solihull Round Table, has achieved increasing success over the past few years. It relies on public support to raise money for local charities, so why not come along to enjoy the display and make a donation to a good cause? This is a family orientated event with entertainment to suit visitors of all ages.

For more information, visit www.roundtablefireworks.co.uk

Knowle Christmas Fair

St John's Hall, Knowle Parish Church, 1717 High Street, Knowle, Solihull, B93 0LN

14 Nov 2015 – 1pm to 5:30 pm

Showcasing some of the region's best local artisans and crafts people. Take the opportunity to find one of a kind gifts, decorations, Christmas cards and items not usually available on the high street direct from their makers.

Meet some of our local community charities and organisations and find out more about the work they do and how to get involved.

Visit Santa and give him your Christmas lists, let the children have their faces painted or have a tea or coffee and slice of homemade cake while watching local musicians playing some Christmas favourites. Festive fun for all the family!

For more information visit www.knowlechristmasfair.weebly.com or follow to [@KnowleChristmas](https://twitter.com/KnowleChristmas) on Twitter.