

# CATNEY NEWS



## FEBRUARY 2015

Dear Villagers,

We are always asking for help and support from you in respect of our events and fundraising, and we are so grateful to those who respond. However, I would like to jump on the bandwagon and ask for your help with articles for the Catney News. I know there must be lots of you out there who are budding authors or have something interesting to share – be it gardening tips, hobbies, craft ideas, recipes, holiday ideas, photos, or perhaps we could have a Your Letters section: why not let me have ideas of your own. Something to sell, ideas for fundraising, or if you have lived in the village for a long time, tell us about times gone by, people, the school, or other memories. This is your Catney News, so please feel that you can contribute and as Editor, I would love to hear from you. We will continue to endeavour to pass on news of local events and what is being done by the Residents Association on issues affecting the village, planning applications etc., As we work steadfastly on your behalf to protect this Village for future generations, please consider joining our Residents Association – details in this edition and in a letter coming through your door. Please come to our AGM on the 18<sup>th</sup> February and learn more about local issues and what is happening in Catney. We will appreciate your support. Thank you

*Christine Cluley*

**Editor**

Please let me have any articles or information for March's Catney News by 20<sup>th</sup> February. Christine Cluley (Editor)

## DOUBLE DECKER BUS

It looks as if we have managed to put a stop to the 871 Green bus using Lugtrout Lane as part of it's route. However, if you have seen it recently – please let us know!!

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# BUTTIE

# BREAKFAST



Please join us for a chat and a  
Free Bacon/Sausage Buttie Breakfast and Cup of  
Tea/Coffee  
(vegetarians catered for)

In the Village Hall  
From 10.00am to 12.30pm  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February

**ANNUAL GENERAL**  
**MEETING**

**Of Catney Residents**  
**Association**

**TO BE HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**ON**

**WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 7.30PM**

**Refreshments will be available after the  
meeting**

**Please come along, learn about what we  
are doing and bring in your membership  
forms.**

**We would love to see as many of you as  
possible at this meeting.**



Catherine-de-Barnes Residents' Association

[www.catney.co.uk](http://www.catney.co.uk)

## **Our Residents Association needs your membership**

**A letter will be going out to you all shortly with full details.**

**In the meantime, we are not increasing the fees for 2015. These are £10 for a year's membership for a family of four or more adults (over 16's), £5 for a couple, £3 for single membership. Children under 16 are included automatically free of charge.**

**With your letter there will be a membership form. Please complete this and bring it to our AGM or return it in an envelope to the Spar Shop with your membership fee as soon as you possibly can. Let us see if we can increase membership substantially this year so that we may continue with the Catney News production and the work we hope to do for the Village in 2015.**

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### **CATNEY CRICKET CLUB**

"The Cricket Club started indoor nets at Arden School ,Knowle on Monday 19th January @ 6PM for 1 Hour, but enthusiastic villagers from age 14 to 60 very welcome any Monday and coaching is available. . The cost is only £2 which can be refunded if you join the club, If you need more information please call Eddie on 0121 373 9104 or just turn up, Everyone will be made welcome"

Many thanks Edward Hewitt,Chairman,  
Catherine de Barnes CC.

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**We would like to replace the curtains in the Village hall, and having done some calculations as to how much and what sort of material we will need, we have realised that it will be quite costly!!**

**They have to be long lasting. tasteful and attractive and keep in the warmth in the winter!**

**Would anyone like to make a donation towards the purchase of them? Please speak to a member of the Committee if you can help, all offers gratefully received. Thank you.**

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**For all the folks with mobile phones.** There are a few things that can be done in times of emergencies. Your mobile phone can actually be a life saver or an emergency tool for survival. Check out the things that you can do with it. (This should be printed and kept in your car, purse or wallet)

### **FIRST - Emergency**

The Emergency number worldwide for Mobile phones is 112. If you find yourself out of the coverage area of your mobile network and there is an Emergency, dial 112 and the mobile will search any existing network to establish the Emergency number for you and interestingly, this number 112 can be dialled even if the keypad is locked.

### **SECOND - Locked car**

Have you locked your keys in the car? Does your car have remote, keyless entry? If you lock your keys in the car and the spare keys are at home, call someone at home on their mobile phone from your mobile phone. Hold your mobile phone about a foot from your car door and have the person at your home press the unlock button, holding it near the mobile phone on their end. Your car will unlock. Saves someone from having to drive your keys to you. Distance apparently is no object.

### **THIRD - Hidden Battery Power**

Imagine your cell battery is very low.

To activate, press the keys **\*3370#**. Your mobile phone will restart with this reserve and the instrument will show a 50% increase in battery. This reserve will get re-charged when you charge your mobile phone next time.

### **FOURTH - How to disable a STOLEN mobile phone?**

To check your Mobile phone's serial number, key in the following Digits on your phone: **\*#06#**. A 15-digit code will appear on the screen. This number is unique to your handset. Write it down and keep it somewhere safe.

When your phone gets stolen, you can phone your service provider and give them this code. They will then be able to block your handset so even if the thief changes the SIM card, your phone will be totally useless. You probably won't get your phone back, but at least you know that whoever stole it can't use/sell it either. If everybody does this, there would be no point in people stealing mobile phones.

**Below is an email from WRCC/ACRE regarding central government funding for rural communities, including village halls, being at risk.**

**The Village Hall Trustees have joined the WRCC/ACRE and they are helping and advising them on matters relating to the management of our own village hall.**

**Please sign the on-line petition and pass it on to your family, friends and neighbours etc to do the same.**

*Warwickshire Rural Community Council was formed nearly 80 years ago and has been supported by government funding for much of that time, most recently from Defra through the ACRE Network. You may remember that we lost core funding from the county council 4 years ago, making this central government funding all the more important.*

*We've used this funding to provide support for village halls, to deliver vital community transport services, to help communities identify their priorities through community-led planning, to campaign for affordable rural housing and to try to keep the needs of rural communities on the radar of those that decided how public money is spent. Without this funding, all of this work would diminish.*

*Meanwhile, Warwickshire County Council is currently consulting on its proposal to massively cut support for voluntary and community sector infrastructure organisation. We believe that further cuts from national government will disproportionately affect rural communities: when resources are scarce, it tends to be concentrated in larger towns.*

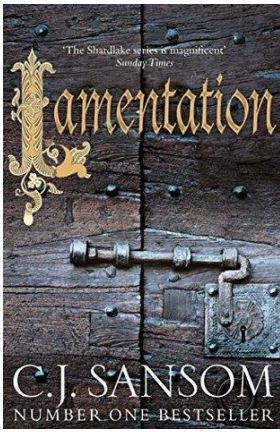
*You can help us: ACRE has started an online petition to campaign for continued investment in the ACRE network. You can read about their campaign in the attached Funding Briefing, but please take a couple of minutes to sign the online petition.*

*The petition can be accessed at: <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/73418>*

*Your support is very much appreciated*  
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***Advance Notices from Hampton: There will be an Evening of Music featuring the Cannock Chase Orpheus Male Choir on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7.00 pm in Hampton in Arden Parish Church. Tickets priced at £12 each are available from the Corner Shop in Hampton or by telephoning 01675 443297. Profits will go towards the ongoing maintenance projects at Hampton Church.***

***Hampton Village Weekend this year is the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> July. There will be a Church Fete on the Sports Field, a Scarecrow competition, Hampton Singers will perform in concert on the Saturday evening at the church and there will be an Open Air Church Service and breakfast on the Sunday with more music to follow .***



# LAMENTATION

A Novel by C J Sansom

A Review by John Alderson.

I admit to being a great fan of the Shardlake novels of C J Sansom and it is interesting, particularly in the light of the new television series *Wolf Hall*, to compare his writing on the Court of King Henry VIII, with those of Hilary Mantel.

The lawyer, Mathew Shardlake, is called by Henry's sixth wife Catherine Parr to investigate the theft of a confessional tract "the Lamentation of a Sinner" from a locked box kept in her bedchamber. The revelation of such a document would put Catherine's life in great danger, together with her family and associates as the King is ill, dying and more paranoid than ever.

Sansom paints his pictures of life in London in the 16th. Century brilliantly. It is a filthy, venal, corrupt, dangerous place and following Henry's break with Rome, religiously confused.

We follow Shardlake's investigation as he negotiates his way through the many political and life threatening pitfalls placed in his way and taste again the sights and smells of 16th. Century England.

A great story with, as usual, much of it based on historical fact.

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Anything for the Catney News: Contact Chris at [editor@catney.co.uk](mailto:editor@catney.co.uk).

Spar Shop/Hall Bookings: Gareth on 0121 705 6135

## **HALF TERM THINGS TO DO**

### **Fancy a walk in Hampton in Arden?**

On a bright cold winter day, you may fancy a walk in the woods behind the Sports Ground and then around the Arboretum. Take the dog and the children.

Following 2 years of determined fundraising, Hampton now has a long awaited Play Area for the Under 7s by the Scout and Guide Hut at the Recreation Ground. It is a fantastic facility for the children and the natural wood blends sympathetically with the woodland surroundings.

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### **Buggy Safari Down on the Farm, Sheldon, Birmingham**

A mini tour around the farm to meet the animals. Learn about the animals and feed our chickens and ducks. Ideal for parents with toddlers. Suitable for pushchairs and buggys. Please wear suitable footwear.

Venue: Sheldon Country Farm, Ragley Drive, Sheldon, B26 3TU.

Date: Wed, February 18

Time: 1-2pm

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### **Art and Craft and Dance, Solihull**

For ages 4-11 Venue: Solihull Arts Complex Date: Thurs, Feb 19

Time: 10.30am-12.30pm (Arts and Crafts); 1.30-2.30pm (Dance)

Tickets: £5 and £4 To Book: 0121 704 6962

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### **Family Orienteering, Solihull**

Do you and your family enjoy walking, jogging or running? Try the outdoor adventure navigation sport of orienteering with the local club, Octavian Droobers. There will be courses from 1km to 6km; easy to advanced to suit all abilities and ages for 5 to 85. Help available to all newcomers. A largescale map and electronic timer are also provided. Bring a compass if you have one.

Venue: Elmdon Park, Sat, February 21

Time: 10.30am-12pm

Cost: £4 per adult; juniors free. £1 for hire of timer.

[www.octavian-droobers.co.uk](http://www.octavian-droobers.co.uk) or call 01926 632189