

CATNEY NEWS



Dear Villagers,

Thank you to everyone who has given me articles for this edition. Please keep them coming, particularly for our next edition which will cover December and January, so we need as much copy as possible. I know you are all busy, but please think of what villagers would like to see in the News and contribute if you can.

Your suggestions too, about what sort of events you would like to have in the village in 2018, especially if you would like to run an event yourself, or are prepared to take responsibility with others helping.

As usual at this time of year, we want you to please be careful and stay safe if you are holding a fireworks party. Do remember to keep all pets indoors and warn neighbours with pets if you intend to light fireworks in your garden on other evenings apart from the 5th November.

Chris Cluley,
Editor.



Catney Residents
Association

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You can now follow “Catney Village Hall” on Twitter (@catneyA) Our website is : www.catney.co.uk

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NEWS FROM YOUR RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Local Plan Review update

Solihull MBC have updated the 'Call for Sites' documents compiled in May 2016 and it now includes land to the east of Catherine de Barnes Lane from the A45 south (uses other than housing) as well as a couple of extra sites in Catherine de Barnes. In addition SMBC have also made available 'Summary of Responses" that were made to the Draft Local Plan back in November 2016. These document are able to be viewed at www.solihull.gov.uk/lpr and recommend that residents who can view them do so. Incidentally it shows that only 43 objections were received to the development of site 16 (the field bordered by Field Lane, Lugtrout Lane, Damson Parkway and Hampton Lane) with 6 responses of support. Efforts are still in progress to try and get this site taken out of any future Local Plan.

Village Hall

As a result of rot the floor of the Gillott Room in the Hall has had to be replaced which has cost just under £1700.

Xmas Tree Fund

Thanks to the generosity of John Cullen once again, we will be having a Xmas Tree in the village again this year. All being well the tree will be installed at the end of November and arrangements are now being made to light the tree. In previous years we have not had to finance this part of the project but this will not be the case this year - so any donations against this cost will be gratefully received.

Possible Parish Boundary Change Project

The meeting held on the 19th September for residents to discuss the project was attended by 30 people, the majority of whom signed the Petition seeking SMBC to hold a Community Governance Review.(CGR). By the time you read this most of you, who are on the electoral role , will have been approached to sign. We need 187 signatures and at the time of writing had 260 . Representatives of the Association and Hampton in Arden PC submitted the Petition to officers of SMBC on 19th October and they are now drawing up the Terms of Reference which will go to the Governance Committee on the 28th November for approval. This will be followed by a series of notifications where all residents of the areas involved will have the opportunity of commenting on the proposal. More information as it becomes available. We would like to thank all those that signed the Petition and enabled us to get the process underway

Motorway Service Area(MSA) – at Catherine de Barnes

Highways England have now approved this scheme and it now rests with SMBC . As there is also an application for an (MSA) at Jct. 4, they may take legal advice as to

whether they need to consider the 2 applications together . As MSA's are not in the current local plan there is a likelihood that the schemes could be ' called in ' with the Secretary of State making the final decision. We are working with Hampton Parish Council and aiming to meet with Dame Caroline Spelman MP and our local ward councillors, to discuss what further can be done. We understand that SMBC have now said they will make a decision by 8th December.

M42 Junction 6 road improvement scheme

The Association have submitted a response to the latest document showing the preferred option. This response is available to view on the Catney website.

Possible Oak Farm Development

Following the roadshow at the Village Hall put on by the developers the Association ran an e-mail survey to ascertain the views of villagers . To date we have had little response and urge those who can respond to the mail to do so in order that we can get a good idea of how the village feels to the proposals and it will help us when we come to respond to the planning application which is expected at the end of the year. Fundamental to the plan is how the site is proposed to be connected to village facilities ie. crossings and footpaths which is crucial. If you have got e-mail facilities please leave a message on the village mobile

Butty Breakfast

A good number of you enjoyed the Butty Breakfast held in the village Hall on 23rd September and £77 was received in donations which is very much appreciated .We hope to hold another event mid -January . Please come – it's a chance to catch up with what's going on over a delicious bacon or sausage sandwich.

Airport Activities

There is an Airport Consultative Committee (ACC)meeting on the 15th July at which the Airport's position on the next Night Flying Review should be made clear. The demise of Monarch will have some effect on things but Jet2 have offered another 55,000 seats out of Birmingham so it is difficult to assess how Birmingham's business will have been affected in the longer term. Currently the Airports position is to seek more night flights. You may recall from earlier CN's that the Airport Company were due to have a Night Flying Policy in place at the back end of last year, but due to the fact that they did not want to stand by their S106 obligations/agreement with SMBC the ACC would not approve their draft policy. Since February a sub group of the ACC (of which we are a member) have been trying to find a way forward , The sub group are due to meet with the Airport Company on 19th October.

CAROLS AROUND THE CATNEY CHRISTMAS TREE



THIS YEAR OUR CAROL SINGING WILL BE
ON
SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER AT 5.30 PM.

DO PLEASE JOIN US TO SING SOME WELL LOVED CAROLS BY THE LIGHT OF OUR TREE (ALL ARE WELCOME; BRING YOUR CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN, YOUR NEIGHBOURS AND YOURSELVES – CAROL SHEETS ARE PROVIDED)

- . THERE WILL BE FREE REFRESHMENTS IN THE HALL AFTER THE SINGING. IF THE WEATHER IS BAD, WE WILL SING IN THE HALL.
SO PLEASE TRY AND FINISH THE SHOPPING EARLY THAT DAY AND COME AND JOIN US. BRING LANTERNS IF YOU HAVE THEM OR TORCHES. PLEASE HELP US MAKE THIS THE BIGGEST SING EVER FOR THIS EVENT!!!

Our Church of England Remembrance Service this year will be in the Village Hall which will become St. Catherine's Church again for the occasion on Sunday 12th November starting at 10.45am.

Do join us to remember all those who gave their lives in both world wars and those who are continuing to try to bring peace to war torn lands.

Please remember to bring a poppy for the act of Remembrance.



WHERE SHE WENT

A Novel by Beverly Jones

A Book Review by John Alderson



When I read the brief synopsis of the novel, I didn't think it was for me and almost didn't buy it as I have never been keen on stories told by the dead.

However, Where She Went is in a different category all together. It is a very interesting way of taking the reader through a murder investigation the "wrong way round" in that you know the victim, but you don't know how or why, and it is the victim who in effect is telling the story.

Melanie Black – the ghost – is a newscaster on a Television Network who wakes up one morning to find herself in the bed of a stranger whose wife brings in cup of tea for him, making Melanie realise that she is in fact dead and no one can see or hear her, but strangely she can see and hear everything that is going on around her.

Peter, the stranger, is a dreadful man, totally controlling of his wife and child, works for the Local Authority as an accountant and someone who Melanie has met at Council meetings. We follow the lives of Peter and his wife and Melanie's colleagues through her being able to contact them, rather weirdly by whispering in their ear or scratching them and we find things are not as they seem even to Melanie. Yes, I know you're turning off this story already – but don't.

This turns out to be a very well structured psychological thriller with quite an interesting twist at the end, an ending which may not suit everyone, but ties up nicely a very compelling story.

Where She Went is not everyone's cup of tea, but it tells a fascinating story in a very interesting way and will keep you hooked until the very end.

Editor: *This book is now a major film.*

You are able to report blocked drains/gullies via the link below directly to the team;
<http://www.solihull.gov.uk/Resident/Parking-travel-roads/street-care/Report-a-gully-problem>

You will need to know road name, specific location of drain or gully and any additional location details.



New Pilate Classes at Catherine de Barnes Village Hall

6 REASONS TO INCLUDE PILATES IN YOUR EXERCISE PLAN

1. DEVELOPS A STRONG AND EFFICIENT CORE

Having a strong core goes further than just toning your abdominals. In Pilates, the core consists of the deep abdominal muscles along with the muscles closest to the spine. Control of the core is achieved by integrating the trunk, pelvis and shoulder girdle. When your trunk is strong, it can help decrease back and hip pain. It also reduces your risk of injury in movements such as lifting or bending down.

2. IMPROVES POSTURE

Poor posture is a common cause of muscular pain and stiffness in the body. In Pilates, there is an emphasis on using proper alignment during the exercises to improve postural issues such as cervical or thoracic kyphosis (rounding of the neck or shoulders) and lumbar lordosis (swayback). If you find yourself sitting at a desk for long periods of time, or bending over a laptop, tablet or even your mobile phone, you may begin to feel a strain in your shoulders, neck or upper back which will pull the body out of alignment if not corrected.

3. REDUCES BACK PAIN

1 in 10 people suffer with lower back pain globally with 2.5 million people suffering with back pain every day of the year in the UK. Did you know Pilates is often prescribed as a remedy for back pain? When your back or abdominals are weak, it can cause imbalances in the body which in turn leads to pain.

4. HELPS REDUCE SYMPTOMS OF ARTHRITIS

Arthritis is an inflammatory condition of the joints. Pilates helps to get the blood circulating through the body which promotes less inflammation in the joints. Arthritis can also lead to the joints becoming weakened as well and Pilates can help strengthen those joints to help you stay mobile in your daily life.

5. IMPROVES BALANCE AND CO-ORDINATION

Balance and co-ordination are important skills but as we age they tend to diminish. Pilates incorporates exercises to challenge your balance and help maintain and improve it. A strong core will also play a major role in maintaining poise and balance.

6. INCREASES MOBILITY AND FLEXIBILITY

When an area of the body is tight or weak, it can affect the entire body. For example, if the front of the shoulders is tight, it can cause the upper back to round and the neck to tilt forward. This condition restricts mobility and decreases motor skills because the head is not completely upright, causing stress in the neck and shoulders. In order for the one side of the body to lift, contract or stabilise, the other side must elongate and stretch. Pilates exercises help to re-balance the body and lengthens the muscle fibres, gently strengthening, lengthening and stretching the muscles.

For more information, please e-mail Jennie on contact@pilateswithjennie.co.uk or call on 07860 19680 or visit www.pilateswithjennie.co.uk

CATNEY CHAT AND CRAFT CLUB

Our group will once again be having a table at the Christmas Fair on 25th November with all proceeds going to the upkeep of the Village Hall. All our ladies are currently raiding their stash, or buying materials, and are busy making items to donate to the table in order to raise as much funds as possible. If anyone has any unwanted stash you could donate to the club to help us out we would be extremely grateful, e.g fabric, beads, sequins, knitting yarn, wadding for stuffing toys, etc., in fact anything 'crafty'. If you have anything please contact me Lesley Cuthbert on 07776 480813 and I can arrange to collect. Thank you.

CRAFT CLUB MEMBER RECOGNITION

You may remember in last months CN the picture of Jane holding up the colourful blanket she made. Jane is a sewer and didn't knit or crochet before joining the club and has now achieved that wonderful result, her first attempt at knitting and crochet.

Jacqui had never done any crafting before joining the club, she just came for the company and the chat BUT she is now cross stitching. Her first achievement was a card for her lovely Mum on Mother's Day followed by another card for her Mum's 80th birthday.



Sonia also had never done any crafting before BUT she has learned to knit and her first make was a gorgeous pram blanket for her first grandchild.

Sonia's daughter Jess visited the club a couple of times just before she had the baby, caught the crocheting bug and has done non-stop crochet since, amongst her many makes are a pair of slippers, cushion, even a flower.

WELL DONE LADIES!

CATNEY COMMON

Another successful work party was held in early October. Eleven people came to help this month and worked very hard. The bird boxes were fixed, the paths cleared, all the sedges removed and more bulbs and seeds planted. Thank you to everyone who came along. Your support makes a huge difference.

Many thanks to Joe Westman for making the bird boxes, Pete for loaning the trailer and Derek for clearing the heaps.

The mowing is due this month and there should not be much more work to be done now until the trees arrive and need planting. We will keep you posted.

Friends of Catney Common



Putting up bird boxes.

HELP PLEASE!

"I need someone to replace sliding wardrobe doors and refit inside. Also, any recommendations for a painter/ decorator would be much appreciated. Thank you."

Liz 705 9856

For sale - Three seater wooden garden bench needing a bit of TLC
£10. Liz 705 9856

Catney Christmas Craft Fair 25th November 11.00am to 3.30pm

Catherine de Barnes Village Hall

We now have a full house of stalls for our fair, with some new and interesting entrants. As well as quality craft items, Christmas decorations, home-made jams and chutney, textiles, pictures and cards from the Catney Craft group, we have tables selling stained glass items, ceramics, jewellery, cosmetics, and handmade sewn, knitted and crochet items. In addition this year, we have handmade wooden trugs, trays and boxes made from recycled wood and also 'upcycled' furniture. It promises to be a good day, everyone is welcome; entrance is free and there will be tea, coffee and homemade cakes for sale.

We need offers of homemade cakes from residents; those who can help should contact Lesley Cuthbert [cuthbertlm@me.com; 0121 705 8037; 07776 480 813]

Hope to see you all enjoying the atmosphere and buying stuff, see below for a view of the activity last year.



On November 14th Hampton Parish Church and Bickenhill Parish Church will welcome a new vicar, Revd. Stuart Dimes. Stuart will also be Priest in Charge of Barston Parish Church. Stuart has been vicar at St. Anne's, West Heath for over ten years and we are sure he will bring new ideas and a fresh face to our village churches while cherishing their traditions and history.

You are very welcome to any of the services at the above churches - service times can be found on the individual websites of the churches.

NEWS FROM HAMPTON IN ARDEN

HELP PLEASE

Self Catering accommodation required, mid-December until mid- February 2018. Family living in France coming home to Hampton over the Christmas period.

3 Adults so 2 Bedrooms needed. Please contact April Worthington on 01675 442393

Hampton Church Christmas Fair will be on 25 November from 11.00 till 3.00pm in the Church Hall.

Hopefully you will have enough time to visit this fair after the one in Catney!.

Do you enjoy singing? Can you sing in tune?

Hampton church choir needs new members in readiness for Christmas!! The adult choir sings at 11 am on a Sunday except for the first Sunday in the month and at the 6.30 pm Evensong. They also sing at weddings and funerals throughout the year and special occasions and services. Choir practice is on a Friday evening in church. If you are 16 upwards (no upper age limit) our Musical Director, organist and choir master, Mr. Kim Rawson would love you to get in contact.

Don't worry if you can't read music!

Our Junior choir (ages 7-16) also needs members to sing at special services and occasional weddings.

Kim can be contacted on: kimrawson@btinternet.com

The next Ladies' Breakfast in Hampton Church Hall will be on Saturday November 11th at 9 am: A great opportunity to catch up with friends, to get to know others and to have a lovely breakfast. Each month someone tells us about something they have read, somewhere they have been to or about something that is special to them. For more information please contact Helen Wood on 01675 44 2976 or Sheila Wyatt on 01675 44 2316.

NEWS FROM BICKENHILL: **4th November:** Autumn Fayre at St. Peter's Church, Bickenhill 10.30 am to 1.00 pm

The Airport take community takes complaints very seriously and find this feedback vital to their appreciation of local concerns and issues. If you would like to find out how they investigate complaints please access their [Complaints Policy](#) on the Airport website. To log a complaint you will need to complete the online form.

WHAT'S ON IN SOLIHULL IN NOVEMBER

MUM2MUM MARKET - Nearly New sale Sat 11 Nov

Renewal Family Centre, Vulcan Road, Solihull

We offer Sellers the chance to de clutter and make some money from outgrown baby and childrens items and the chance for Buyers to grab some amazing bargains.

We shall be handing out FREE goody bags to the first 100 buyers through the door. Refreshments are available from the Coffee shop. The sale is cash only as you will be buying from other Mums. There is parking available adjacent to the centre as well as additional under cover parking located through the blue wrought iron gates on the right just before you approach the main entrance.

10.30am - 12.30pm £2 entry per adult, Children are FREE and it's free to enter for the last 30 minutes of the sale. A 2-4-1 voucher is also available on the website page www.mum2mummarket.co.uk/get-free-entry.html

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAYRE 11TH November

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

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.

FINE AND LOCAL FOOD FAYRE 18TH November

Mell Square, High Street and Mill Lane, 9.00am - 5.00pm

Sample the best of locally sourced food and produce from a range of top quality suppliers at this market, which is held on the third Saturday of each month. Artworks and craft items by regional artists are also available at this market, which is held on the third Saturday of each month.

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF - Tue 21 Nov to Sat 25 Nov

The fabulous multi award-winning stage musical.

Written in 1964, the hugely popular FIDDLER ON THE ROOF was the first broadway stage musical to reach a run of over 3,000 performances.

Evening performances at 7.30pm Tuesday 21 to Saturday 25 November. Matinee Performance at 2.30pm on Saturday 25 November Box Office: 0121 704 6962 Ticket Secretary 0121 705 2789 (group deals available) Ticket prices from £16 to £18 - see The Core website for full details. The Core Theatre, Homer Road, Solihull

Christmas Market -Thursday 30 November Mell Square,

Christmas would not be the same without a visit to a Christmas market, with hot dogs, mulled wine, handmade jewellery, luxury gifts, decorations and much more. Browse the distinctive wooden chalets for some seasonal treats and festive gifts.

For more information visit www.solihullbid.co.uk

USEFUL NUMBERS

West Midlands Ambulance	+ 44 (0) 138 421 5555
West Midlands Fire Service	+ 44 (0) 121 359 5161
West Midlands Police	+ 44 (0) 845 113 5000
Solihull and Heartlands Hospitals	0121 424 2000
IF YOU SMELL GAS OR SUSPECT A CARBON MONOXIDE LEAK: Call National Grid free on our 24-hour GAS and CARBON MONOXIDE emergency helpline,	0800 111 999
Taxis	+ 44 (0) 121 782 3744
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