

CATNEY NEWS



SEPTEMBER 2015

Dear Villagers,

It was excellent to see around 50 villagers attending the open meeting regarding the proposed Motorway Service Station.

A resumé of the meeting is in this issue.

You will see that we are having more repairs and maintenance done to the Village Hall. We are trying to utilise the scaffolding as much as possible as that cost £1,000! At the moment repairs are being carried out to the bell tower, which has rotted in various places. Inside, more painting is taking place.

We are going to replace the hall curtains as the current ones have faded in stripes and it is pointless trying to have them cleaned. If anyone would like to contribute towards the cost of replacing them we would love to hear from you as they are quite costly at £2,500.

A plaque of recognition is to be put on the wall of the hall with the names of anyone contributing lump sums or regular amounts to specific projects for the Village Hall.

Do please come along to our free Buttie Breakfast followed by a Treasure Hunt on September 12th – see Events article in this edition.

Good luck to all children, young people and teachers from our village as they return or start a new, school, college or university.

Chris Cluley (Editor)

**Please let me have information for October's Catney News by 20th
September. Christine Cluley (Editor)**

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SUE ATTWELL

Sue and Richard Attwell have now left the Village for pastures new -which has meant Sue has had to resign from the Residents Association Committee.

The Committee would like to express our thanks for the effort, work etc. Sue (and Richard) have given to the Village during their time here - they will be sorely missed and we wish them the best of luck in their new home .

That means we have a vacancy – if anyone is interested in joining the Committee please contact our Secretary, Frances Cook

Meeting held on 11th August to discuss the recently announced planning application for a Motorway Service Area between Jct 5 and 6 of the M42 (bordering Solihull Road)

The meeting was well attended and the show of hands indicated that all present were for the application being turned down. Cllr Bob Sleigh and Jean Walters Warks CPRE gave the audience guidance on the potential grounds they felt the application might be refused and this was well received. Caroline Spelman MP had sent an e.mail offering further guidance and support and apologies that she was unable to make the meeting. A lengthy Q and A session followed. Several Residents asked that a guidance flier be produced and distributed to all householders in the Village. The flier was to show the possible grounds for refusal. Following the meeting the flier was produced and 400 copies distributed by the volunteers who offered their services on the night.

We urge all residents who don't wish to see our Green belt invaded yet again to write to the addresses indicated on the flier, with your objections, by the end of AUGUST so as to ensure they are accepted as valid documents . Please write in your own words rather than copy any information provided.

We would like to thank Cllr Bob Sleigh and Jean Walters for their support on the night and for the cause in general.

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PS: if you have not seen the flier then it can be viewed on the Catney website

www.catney.co.uk

If you would like to contact Highways England as per the flyer:

E.mail: matthew.taylor@highwaysengland.co.uk

Wanted: reliable garden assistance. Fortnightly lawn mowing and ad hoc pruning and light digging/planting, at least two hours a fortnight on a prearranged schedule.

If you're interested please call Andy on 07545 876691 between 10am and 6pm on Saturday or Sunday.

FUTURE EVENTS in CATNEY FOR YOUR DIARY

September 12th Saturday 10 – 12 noon: VILLAGE HALL

Come and join us for a chat and complimentary bacon or sausage buttie with a cup of tea (vegetarians/non meat eaters catered for) and then participate in the **Treasure Hunt** round the village

Treasure Hunt ..



From 10 - 12 there will be free activities including breakfast butties and a family treasure hunt around the village - can you follow the clues and win a prize?

Skittles Evening with Fish and Chip Supper: VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 24th October -- 7.30pm start

Raffle, bar, vegetarians catered for (please let us know when reserving your place)

Tickets available from Dave on 07824 696137 if bought before 16th October £8.50 adults (under 14's £4) after 16th £10 /£5

December 12th Saturday- From 7.30 pm. Christmas Party

December 13th Sunday – 5 pm:

Carols around the Catney Christmas Tree :

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 come along whatever the weather!

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 will be open in September .

If you feel able to make a donation - these can be left at THE SPAR shop or at 9 Oakfields Way .

Meridian

Wednesday the 2nd of September 'Open Evening', will be the 'official' date that the Meridian School of Massage and Bodywork will be moving premises to the Catney Village Hall . Our school has been established for 10 years now and has outgrown our last 'home' in South Birmingham. We feel very fortunate to have found such a beautiful setting to become our new home!

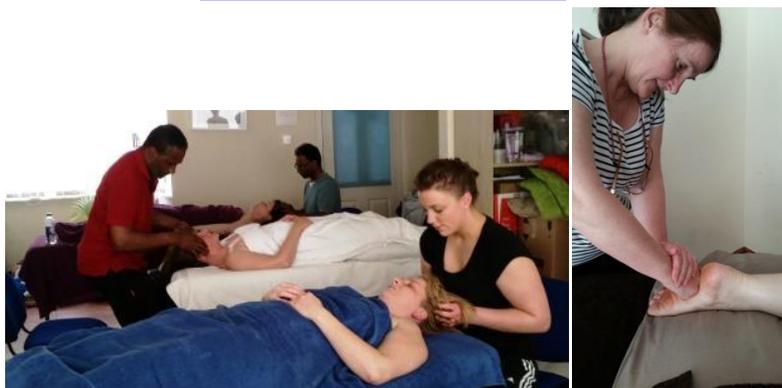
At Meridian we provide training in massage and bodywork with a holistic focus. Our courses range from short two day, introduction courses which take place at the weekend or over three evenings in September to one year part time courses which lead to a professional qualification in Holistic Massage. We also train qualified therapists in advanced massage and bodywork techniques.

For students who are taking the one year diploma, it is necessary for them to work with clients unknown to them during a clinic practice day, the next is in November. As a School we have a client list of those who would like to take up this offer. The cost of the one hour massage is only £12 and half of this will be donated to the village hall fund. If you would like to be added to our mailing list then please contact Julie Linton on 0121 244 1846/ 07595901909 or e mail meridian2011@yahoo.co.uk

If you would like to know more about our work, courses or simply fancy a free 'taster massage' with one of our students then please do pop along to our next open evening on Wednesday 2nd of September any time between 6.30 and 8.30pm. We look forward to meeting you and working in a beautiful setting.

Julie Linton

: www.lhmeridian.co.uk



Meridian School of Massage and Bodywork, Birmingham, UK



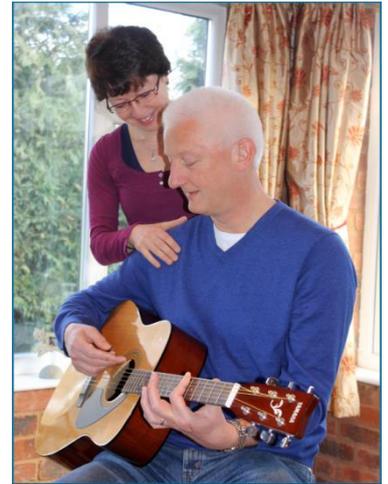
**WORK BEING CARRIED
OUT ON THE BELL TOWER
AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

**YOU CAN NOW FOLLOW "CATNEY
VILLAGE HALL" ON TWITTER
(@catneyA)**

Have you heard of the Alexander Technique?

For over 100 years it has been helping people do every-day and specialist activities with greater ease and success. What you may not have heard is that there is an Alexander Technique teacher here in Catney, that's me Jane Toms.

During lessons I help you explore how to do things more efficiently and effectively, with less tension and more comfort. Sitting, walking, presenting, using a computer, anything you would like to improve.



One of my students said:

"It had never occurred to me to think about how I move and in turn consider how my movement could affect my wellbeing until I attended Jane's classes."

If you are interested in trying something that has the potential to make your life easier and is on your doorstep, then please contact me:

Email jane.toms@yahoo.co.uk Tel 0121 705 8773 and visit <http://www.alexander-technique-jt.co.uk/> to find out more.

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

**Would you be interested in a Twitter/Facebook class if we held one in
the Village Hall?**

Let Frances Cook, our secretary, know as soon as possible

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

Anything for the Catney News: Contact Chris at editor@catney.co.uk.

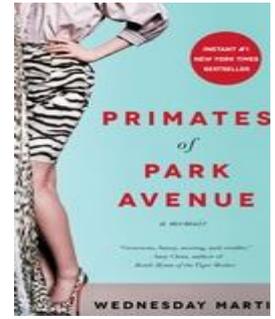
Spar Shop/Hall Bookings: Gareth on 0121 705 6135

PRIMATES OF PARK AVENUE

A memoir by Dr. Wednesday Martin

A BOOK REVUE by JOHN ALDERSON

When I first read this book, I mistakenly read it as fiction seemingly based upon the observation of others. I soon discovered it was a Memoir of Dr. Martin herself living for a few years on Park Avenue in the Upper East Side (very posh!) neighbourhood of New York.



Moreover to make it more confusing, I have later learned that Dr. Martin, an anthropologist, has been taken to task over the accuracy of a number of relatively important details of her time on Park Avenue. Details such as how long the family actually lived there, whether she had one son or two at school there and even whether or not some of the establishments she claims to have used, actually existed at the time.

The book purports to be a study of this highly upmarket neighbourhood and the life patterns of the very wealthy women who inhabit it, their relationships with their children and occasionally their husbands, examining them as she would in an anthropological animal group study.

It has been described as funny, intelligent and heartfelt.

I found it amusing in parts, but only by its reflection of the sheer awfulness of the people and the closed and highly privileged world they inhabit. I did not enjoy this book; its subject being too frivolous and at the same time appalling to make it enjoyable reading. The obsession with obtaining a Hermes Birkin handbag typifying the complete lack of realism among these people.

Pete Peters invites you to the World's Biggest Coffee Morning

Join him at the Boat Inn on Friday 25th September 2015

From 10 am until 12 noon

Coffee and Biscuits are FREE

Donations to MacMillan Cancer Support

Please help us to help others.

Hampton in Arden Women's Institute

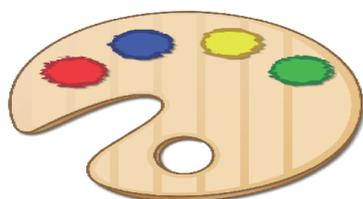
Over the last year, Hampton WI have had several speakers, who have talked on an interesting range of subjects. Some, such as 'The History of Coughton Court', 'St Mary's Church, Temple Balsall', and 'Coventry Cathedral' could all have been predicted to be extremely interesting. Other talks, such as 'the History of Letterboxes', might not have sounded so interesting, but proved to be really fascinating, as did 'Fingerprinting' and 'Otters in Warwickshire'. In October, we're having someone come and demonstrate making pots, with a chance for us all to make one, should we want to!

Perhaps the biggest change which we have made recently, however, has been to have more Members' Evenings. In these we have provided our own entertainment! Although such activities as carpet bowls, indoor kurling and quiz evenings may not sound very exciting, these meetings have often turned out to be extremely successful, and more enjoyable, as they give us more chance to chat and socialise with one another. An evening when we all brought games was especially pleasant. We have also had excellent trips to the theatre in Solihull over the last year or so, and completed this year with a strawberry tea.

Of course, the WI year would not be complete without our meals! Every year we enjoy a meal at Christmas and one on our Birthday in May. These are always accompanied by delicious puddings and wine, and are much appreciated. We often seem to find other excuses for nibbles too, such as during our AGM. It's good to get the business out of the way, and then enjoy food and drink!

If anyone is interested in joining our group, we would be very glad to see you. We meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month, at 7.30, in the Arden room in Hampton. If you would like to come and try a meeting, you would be very welcome. If you would prefer to speak to our secretary first, please phone Janice Laraway on 443495.

ART, CRAFT + PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION



Saturday 17th
Sunday 18th
October
10am-5pm

Fentham Hall
Marsh Lane
Hampton in Arden



Refreshments, cakes
Light lunches available
£1 entry (under 16 free)

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For sale



Lovely pink 3 storey dolls house, complete with mum and dad dolls, children and babies, dog and cat and lots of furniture and various bits and pieces. £50

Call Chris on 0121 705 4669



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Good condition. Can deliver locally.
Request £5 donation to Macmillan coffee
morning fund. 0121 705 6081**

CATNEY CRICKET CLUB

Catney win Promotion

With 2 weeks to spare Catney 1st X1 secured promotion back to the premiership of the Cotswold Hills League after 1 year away, The latest win was an 8 Wicket demolition of Ashton under Hill so well done to the lads, The second X1 secured 4th Division status for another season but it has been a struggle,

We continue to look for people to not only play cricket with us or to get involved in the running of the club and future entries will explain what we are looking for.

Eddie Hewitt
Chairman Catney CC
