

CATNEY NEWS



MARCH 2015

Dear Villagers,

How lovely to see the Spring bulbs breaking through on the corners in the village where we planted them a couple of years ago. The nights are getting lighter and there is a promise of warmer days around the corner and more events in our Village Hall. This is a great little village and we would hope that you do not want it to become merely an extension of Solihull. Each one of us is lucky to be here and as Villagers, we need to work together to protect what we have.

So please get involved in the events being held in and around the Village Hall this year – we now have a functions organiser, see page 3. It was sad and disappointing that considerably fewer people came to our Residents Association AGM this year than last year. We are sincerely hoping that this is not due to your lack of interest in the Village and the work the Residents Association does on your behalf. Thank you to Sue for the delicious nibbles afterwards.

If you have not yet shown your support by joining the Residents Association – please fill in the form that was put through your door recently and get your subscription to one of the addresses shown or to the Spar shop as quickly as possible. We are considering limiting the Catney News to members only again, so if you want to know what is going on, please join us. Thank you.

Christine Cluley
Editor



Catherine-de-Barnes Residents' Association

www.catney.co.uk

Our Residents Association needs your membership

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.

You will have received a letter from us and with that letter there was a membership form. Please complete this and return it in an envelope to the Spar Shop, or the other addresses mentioned in the letter, 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.

Please let me have any articles or information for April's Catney News by 20th March. Christine Cluley (Editor)

Come to our BEETLE DRIVE!

On the 14th March starting at 7.30pm we will be holding a Beetle Drive together with a fish and chip supper.

It's really simple to play and you will have instructions on the night. It's a great way to meet other villagers.

Contact Sue Attwell on 0121 705 8338 and leave your name and a 'phone number so that she can ring you back. Tickets are £5 each to include the supper and there will be a bar.

Should be fun, come along and if you have never been to one before, now's your chance!!

Exciting times ahead for your Village Hall

Your Village Hall Committee is committed to making your Village Hall the best possible facility for the whole community to use and enjoy.

To begin this exciting project we are now working with Keely Huxtable, a project fundraiser who has experience in developing and helping to fund projects such as ours.

As part of this we need to hear from you!

How do you currently use the Hall?
How would you like to use it?
What facilities would you like to see?

Come and have a cup of tea and a chat with Keely and tell her how you would like to see the Village Hall improved. She will be in the Village Hall on Sunday 8th March from 1.00pm until 2.30pm and Tuesday 10th March from 12.30 until 14.00.

If you cannot make these times but will still like to talk to Keely she can be reached either by email at keelyhuxtable@gmail.com or by telephone on 07920 488 586 and she'll try and come and see you or talk to you on the phone.



**This beautiful heron is back visiting Geoff Lord's garden
Let us have your wildlife photos or Spring photos for the April
edition.**

A local resident has sent us the following warning:

WARNING TO DOG WALKERS IN LOCAL FIELDS

BEWARE DARK GREY STAFFORDSHIRE TERRIER

It's often off the lead and NOT MUZZLED.

This dog has now attacked my dogs on four occasions over the last few 3 or 4 years, requiring treatment at the Vets each time. The latest - at the end of January - cost my dog a lower canine tooth (ripped out) and a rear leg with massive bruising and soft tissue trauma. It cost me about £500 to have treated.

The owner is a middled-aged man living in the area near to Hampton Lane, Yew Tree Lane and the By-Pass. He wouldn't give his name and contact details.

FOR SALE



DINING ROOM TABLE AND SIX CHAIRS,

Immaculate condition
91.5 cm width 183 cm length
(plus extends further)



**BLACK GLASS
DESK,**
with pull out shelf
for Laptop use



TRAMPOLINE



BASKET BALL



WOODEN TABLE AND FOUR MUSHROOM STOOLS

Outside use. Needs sanding
down and re-varnishing.

PLUS BIRD BATH, PLANT POTS

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BUYING ANY OF THE ABOVE,

**PLEASE CONTACT MICHELLE ON 07866 751 075
ALL SENSIBLE OFFERS CONSIDERED**

Free to someone who can use them.

I have replaced my printer and have the following cartridges from my old one, they are Compatible Ink Cartridges for Epson Printer Stylus Photo R, 200, 220, 300, 300M, 320, 325, 340, 350, RX-500, 600, 620 and 640. All are still in their original sealed packaging:

3 x T0486 - Light Magenta
2 x T0484 - Yellow
4 x T0482 - Cyan
13 x T0485 - Light Cyan
3 x T0483 - Magenta
3 x T0481 - Black

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If anyone would like them please contact Mrs Clancy on 0121 704 4346.
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If you want to support Catherine de Barnes Village Hall here is an easy way to do it.

If you use the internet for shopping then you can raise funds through a site called www.easyfundraising.org.uk. The site has links with over 2400 retailers, insurance companies and even holiday providers. These companies either give a donation or a percentage when you buy from them through the *easyfundraising* web site. If you fancy having a go this is what you need to do.

- 1 In your web browser log onto www.easyfundraising.org.uk. Select **Support a good cause**
- 2 In the search for a cause box type in Catherine de Barnes Village Hall. We appear about forth in the list. (Note the cricket club is already signed up!) Select the Hall and press **Go**
- 3 On the next page select **Support this cause**
- 4 Then create an account by following the instructions. When you have done this you can download an app which sits on your browser and tells you when donations are available on the different web sites. If you are just browsing and don't intend to shop you can speed things up by disabling the app, but do not forget to turn it back on when you are going shopping. They say up to 5 times more money is raised if you use the app.

The site is full of ideas so spend some time looking around.

Happy fund raising.

HAMPTON IN ARDEN INFORMATION FOR CATNEY RESIDENTS

HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN GARDENING CLUB

There has been a Gardening Club in Hampton for a great number of years, first appearing in 1869 as The Cottage Garden Society. Horticultural shows and annual shows of flowers and fruit were held in Hampton Manor grounds by the kind invitation of Sir Frederick Peel up to 1883. Subsequently various forms of gardening societies came and went including The Ring of Bells Horticultural Society in 1937/38. There was an active club in 1976 when there was a summer flower festival.

The present club was formed in 1984 and we are still going strong. We meet in Hampton Church Hall at 7:30pm every 3rd Wednesday in the month.

We know that there are very keen gardeners in Catney as we already have several as members but we would love to see more. We are a friendly and very enthusiastic group of people enjoying a variety of excellent speakers and a programme which includes several trips out and about during the year.

I would be happy to provide further information at any time.

April Worthington
Chairman
01675 442393

AN EVENING OF MUSIC

Featuring

CANNOCK CHASE

ORPHEUS MALE CHOIR

On

Saturday 21st March 2015 at 7-00pm

At

*St Mary and St Bartholomew Church
Hampton-in-Arden*

Tickets, £12 available at the Corner Shop or
by telephoning 01675 443 297

Profits from the concert will support the Church's ongoing maintenance projects



www.hamptoninardenfestival.weebly.com

HAMPTON IN ARDEN BOWLING CLUB

Want a new hobby and to get some gentle exercise?

How about Crown Green Bowling?

We are always looking for new members.

Come along our Catney Friends and have a go!

Men meet Tuesday mornings at 10.00 am

Ladies meet Wednesday mornings at 10 am

We all get together Friday, Saturday and Sunday

Afternoons at 2.00 pm

**Give us a ring to arrange a time so that we can expect you and have some
woods (balls) for you to use.**

**For more information contact either Frances Linn (Chairman) 01675 442124 or
Caroline Lassen (Secretary) 01675 442650**

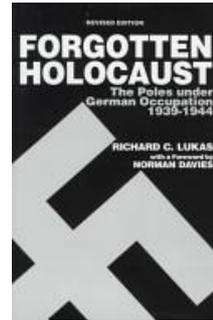


THE FORGOTTEN HOLOCAUST

A novel by Scott Mariani

A book review by John Alderson.

This is the tenth novel in a series featuring Ben Hope, an aimless and hard drinking ex SAS action man, but is the first that I have read.



Initially, historically tied into the Irish Potato Famine of the 1840's this is a fast paced action thriller starting off in a cottage on the Irish coast, Hope's homeland, where he has gone for peace and quiet following earlier adventures and a broken relationship.

A chance meeting with a female journalist who appears to have discovered a shocking story relating to the Irish Famine and who is murdered in front of him in an attack which he survives, leaves him determined to find the killers. He traces the links to her story which in turn (after another violent altercation) takes him to Tulsa in Oklahoma where the Irish Famine connection is concealed by the corruption of the mayor and his top policemen.

Some serious and violent action finally resolves the issues and of course Ben Hope lives to fight another day, in a similar way to Jason Bourne.

If you like your stories led by military action types with lots of information about high powered ordnance resulting in a fair amount of blood and gore, then this is for you.

It's easy reading and I quite enjoyed the pace of it, but the historical details of Ireland and the role of the English in the 1840's add something much less trivial.

Wanted!

- ❖ Donations towards new curtains for the Village Hall and someone who can make them. Please contact our secretary Frances.
- ❖ New members for our Residents Association Committee – we meet once a month, usually in the Village Hall, so please consider joining us – all sorts of skills needed, or none at all, just a willingness to help us look after Catney Village. This is a friendly Committee who will be very glad to welcome you. Again, please contact Frances.

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