

**APRIL 2013**

Dear Residents,

Spring is here and it is subscription time again. For the first time in many years, the Residents Association Committee has had to make the decision which was accepted by vote at the AGM, to increase subscriptions to £3 for individuals, £5 for a couple or £10 for a family of 4 or more. This is to assist with the costs of printing the Catney News, including the purchase of paper, the necessary insurance required for a Residents Association Committee, a small fund we need to have to fight things that may be detrimental to the village and the occasional purchase of food and drink for functions that are free to members. Our only revenue now is the subscriptions we receive. All profit from functions put on by the Village Hall Committee will always go to the Village Hall fund and not to us.

So please support your Residents Association. Your yearly subscription is basically the same price as having a cup of coffee in a cafe and it would be so good to have you with us. Please see on the next page some of the things the Committee has worked on over the last year.

On the back page of this copy of the News, you will find a form to complete, just tear it off if you receive the Catney News in hard copy or print it out if you receive it by email, pop it in an envelope and put it through one of the doors of the addresses listed or to the Spar shop with your subscription. We will be providing membership cards this year and these will be delivered to you once we have all the subscriptions in.

Please note: Last year, we managed simply because some of you very kindly gave an extra donation when paying your subscriptions. This generosity is a wonderful help and very much appreciated. Thank you.

## **During the last year, Catney Residents Association Committee has worked on:**

**The Environment** – getting footpaths cleared, fences mended, the Common cleared of overgrowth and planted, street lights switched back on, parking issues outside the shops and down Lugtrout Lane, hedges cut back, regular meeting with the Council, safety issues, attending regular meetings at the airport (10 meetings last year).

**Significant Planning Issues** - looking at new requests, inappropriate buildings, changes of use, green belt issues, proposed new builds. Meetings with builders, ensuring affordable housing is included in any proposals for new housing.

**Catney News:** Production of monthly newsletter to aid communication between villagers.

**Village Hall:** Introduction of new Village Hall Committee, operating under the banner of the Residents Committee, to facilitate the transfer to the village Trustees of the Village Hall from the Trustees at St. Alphege, and to raise funds through social events to ensure the necessary repairs and maintenance of the Hall is continuous.

**Non-fund-raising events:** In 2012: A village barbeque – free to Residents Association members and Carol Singing around the Village Christmas Tree. In 2013 – it is hoped that there will be more events purely for villagers to socialise and have fun together in addition to the necessary fund raising events that will be organised by the Village Hall Committee.

## **Village Hall Dates for your Diary**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April: 10 – 12.30 pm.** The Village Hall Committee invites you to come along to an Open Day in the Hall – tea and coffee will be available. This will be a good opportunity to come along and offer your support in some way, but if you just want to look around and meet other villagers – we look forward to seeing you there!

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April: Quiz Night and Fish and Chip Supper.** 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Bar available. Tickets £7 each. Please contact a Committee member for reservations. Donations will be gratefully received for raffle prizes. Please take them to 9 Oakfields Way. Thank you.

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July: Summer Barbeque.** 12 noon to 5 pm with a Bar. Children's Fancy Dress competition. More details in later edition.

**CATNEY DAY. Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September.** This should be a really fun day. Event to be finalised – more news in later editions.

Our AGM was held in March and 35 villagers attended. We had hoped that more of you would come along, to what was an interesting and interactive meeting, as this was an excellent chance to not only show your support for the work of the Residents Association, but to have input and to learn what the Residents Association has been doing over the last year on your behalf. A very big thank you to all who did come along, and especially to those who volunteered to join our Committee and to those who were interested in becoming Trustees for the Village Hall. To anyone who did not attend, but would be interested in either joining the Committee or becoming a Trustee, please contact one of the current Committee members as we would love to hear from you. It was explained that continued support would be required if we were to go ahead and take on the Village Hall as a Village responsibility. The villagers who attended voted for us to go ahead and take the building over from St. Alphege Trustees – this means we have to raise money for repairs, on-going maintenance, heating, lighting, and all the other expenses that are part of running a building of local interest; if we do not look after the Hall, then we will lose it back to St. Alphege who will probably sell it, so all the events held there currently would stop and we could lose the gift given to the Village by Joseph Gillot when he built his school and chapel. Therefore we please ask that you support the events we hold at the Hall, help us to get the funds we need, and offer your help wherever possible. If you would be interested in giving a regular donation, or a one off donation, again we would love to hear from you.

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### WHAT'S ON AROUND THE AREA IN APRIL and MAY?

**Until the 30<sup>th</sup> April, Longfellows have a Tapas Tuesday offer - £3.25 each or 5 for £15.** We also have a 25% off voucher for you all to be used against their main menu.

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2013 - 7-30 pm**

**HAMPTON SINGERS will perform Stainer : The Crucifixion and Chilcott: Requiem.**

**Venue:** The Parish Church of St Mary and St Bartholomew, Hampton-in-Arden. **Enquiries about tickets:** Please contact Sue Kiely on 01675 443989 or see the Hampton Singers website.

**May 15-18th**

The Hampton Players presents 'Calendar Girls' by Tim Firth.

Wed 15th to Sat 18th May 2013 @ 7.30 p.m. at The Fentham Hall.

Tickets: £10.00 each - Concs: £8.50 each.

Tel: 01675 442432 / [www.thehamptonplayers.co.uk](http://www.thehamptonplayers.co.uk). (donation of proceeds to Leukaemia Research, Charity No: 216032)

Guest Director 'Joyce Eyre'

**PLANNING:** There has been a planning request, application number - 2013/344 - A warehouse to a house in Friday Lane. Could we please ask you to look at it on the Council website and give us your comments?

The landlord of the Country pub below is the son of one of our Villagers.



**TOM 'O' THE WOOD**  
*Country Pub and Restaurant*

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**Finwood Road, Rowington, Warwickshire, CV35 7DH**  
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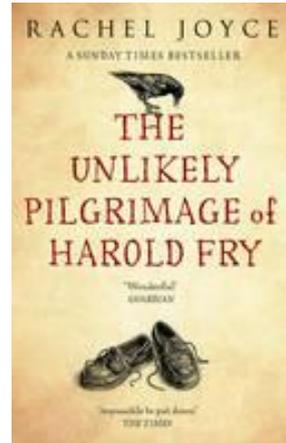
Families, small groups, walking parties and Dogs are always welcome.

**See website for opening hours.**

**ENVIRONMENT:** Once the snow clears, the ground is less wet and Spring actually arrives in earnest, Chris Boxall will be asking for help with further work on the Common. Our Common, which we share with Hampton-in-Arden, is a lovely facility for our village, and a very pleasant place to walk on dry days throughout the year. We hope to have rustic seating installed soon. If you could help with clearance of weeds, cutting back overgrown hedges and trees etc., please look out for a request for help on our Noticeboards. If there are any environmental issues of which you are aware, please bring them to the attention of the Residents Association Committee.

# THE UNLIKELY PILGRIMAGE OF HAROLD FRY

BY RACHEL JOYCE



## Book Review: By Chris Cluley

Harold is just an ordinary recently retired pensioner, living with his wife in a relationship grown cold, when he receives a letter from a work colleague from his past to say she is dying. As a result, one day, he goes to post a letter and keeps walking. A spur of the moment decision sees Harold walking on past the post box and 600 miles across the country in just the clothes he is wearing – unsuitable shoes and with his mobile phone still in the house he has just left. We know he is going to see the old friend, in a hospice, hundreds of miles away, but why can't he just catch a train? The story of Harold Fry's life unfolds as he walks; we begin to try and understand the difficulties in his marriage; the problems with his son; and why he feels his friend will not die until he gets there, as long as he keeps walking. He has little adventures on the way and experiences things he has never before encountered; he attracts media coverage and hangers on. Will he make this incredible journey and if so, will his friend still be alive? This is a gentle story, which shows the resilience of the human spirit and the quirks of life which lead us to do things we never expected we would and the things in life we should have done and maybe still could before it's too late.

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Residents Association Committee: Dave Cuthbert, Frances Cook, Chris Cluley, Ken Cluley, Sue Attwell and Annette Scott.

Airport noise complaints: 0121 767 7433

Airport flight path complaints : 0121 712 6172 or e-mail [fppt@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk](mailto:fppt@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk)

Emergency numbers: Gas: 0800 111 999 and Electricity: 0800 40 40 90.

Council services: [www.solihull.gov.uk/councilservices/index.htm](http://www.solihull.gov.uk/councilservices/index.htm)

Village Hall bookings: Gareth Thomas at the Spar Shop. Tel: 0121 705 6135

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**FOR THE CATNEY NEWS:**

Tell us about special birthdays, anniversaries, weddings etc, relating to people who live in the village, and we will congratulate them in our next edition. Also, if you would like to announce the birth of your baby, or a new grandchild – as long as you live in the village – that's fine. About to hold an event locally? Let us know. Do you know of anyone new to the Village? Tell us and we will send them a welcome card.

Ideas of what you would like to read about in your Catney News are always welcome. I would really appreciate articles of interest to put in the May issue; please let me have all copy by 20<sup>th</sup> April.

Remember, that if you are receiving this copy of the Catney News in black and white, it will not do justice to any colour photos. If you have an email address, and would like to receive your copy in colour, please let Frances Cook know and she will be pleased to send it out to you by this method or simply tick the box on the subscription form.

**Chris Cluley**

**Editor**

**When the warmer weather comes.....**

**Solihull Information Bureau by the Library has a good leaflet showing walks around Hampton in Arden.**

**Why not take a look at the Catney Cricket Club(situated behind the Boat Inn) website – you don’t even have to play – you can become a social member! cdbcc.play-cricket.com Nets begin on the 10<sup>th</sup> April from 5.30 pm onwards and any Villagers are more than welcome to go along. Their first game is on the following Sunday.**

**And in Solihull in April.....**

**April 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup>. 9 – 6pm The Gadget Show is on at the NEC  
Entry + standard Super Theatre seat: £24.98 Adult, £17.98 Child.**

**April 5<sup>th</sup>: Farmers Market in Solihull High Street.**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April: El Divo and Katherine Jenkins at the LG arena. Booking Office: 0844 338 8000 Tickets £35 to £85 plus booking fee and transaction fee and Car Parking £7.50 in advance or £8 on the day.**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April: One Direction at the LG Arena – Booking number as above. Tickets £25 and £32.**

**Every third Saturday through Summer from April 20th  
Fine and Local Food Fayre in Solihull High Street and Mell Square.**

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**YOUR SUBSCRIPTION FORM CAN BE TAKEN**

**TO:**

**THE SPA SHOP, HAMPTON LANE, CATHERINE-DE-BARNES  
453 LUGTROUT LANE (Next to Tarplins Builders – door at side  
of house)**

**97 HAMPTON LANE or 9 OAKFIELDS WAY**

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# MEMBERSHIP FORM FOR RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION 2013

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