

CATNEY NEWS



Dear Villagers,

At the time of writing, we are having April showers having lost the warm sunny days, and I do hope that the sun comes back soon so that we can have a summer we are able to enjoy outside!

We wish safe journey's to anyone going on holiday and look forward to your holiday recommendations when you return.

If you have not yet joined Catney's Residents Association, do please consider joining us - Joining details are overleaf. Thank you to everyone who has already joined for this year.

Please support the meeting with the Police, details below.

If there is a regular feature you would like included in the Catney News, then please let me know. I would be really pleased to receive articles for the June edition, the deadline for this is the 20th May.

Chris Cluley,
Editor



MAY

2018

Meeting with Police

Friday May 11th, 7:30 pm at the Village Hall

We are delighted to announce that Chief Superintendent Bas Javid, Solihull Police Commander, is coming to talk to residents and answer questions at the Village Hall on Friday, May 11th. Please come along and find out more about the policing situation in Solihull. We are keen to find out, given the current resource limitations, what the police are doing to restore confidence and security in local communities. To make the most efficient use of the evening we would be grateful if you would let us know if there is an issue you would like to raise or a specific question you want answered. If you could contact us by phone or email by May 5th, then we will pass the questions on to Bas Javid in advance of the meeting. Thank you.

PLEASE BECOME A MEMBER OF CATNEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Subscriptions for the coming year are now due. Please put your subscription money in an envelope with your address, telephone number and email address and the names of the people over 16 in your property who wish to join and take it to the Spar shop. Collections from the shop are made every day by our Treasurer.

A family annual subscription is £10 and this covers everyone who lives at the same address.

The annual subscription for a couple living at one address is £5

A single annual subscription is £3

The Committee do their utmost to support you by acting on your behalf on all problems affecting Catherine de Barnes, including planning, building, airport and environmental issues. Members represent villagers on committees and meet every month to discuss the needs of the village and its protection.

NEWS FROM THE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

GDPR - Data Protection

In view of the new data protection regulations we have given some thought to the data we hold on residents. We are very happy to be able to communicate by email with as many people as possible, including all members of a household, but have to be careful with regard to keeping and storing your details. As always we ask you to please let us know if your details have changed. Our Privacy Policy will be available on the catney.co.uk web site. The main points are:

1. We only keep a record of the information you have given us on your membership forms: names, addresses, phone numbers and email (if supplied).
2. The data is used solely for the purposes of distributing the Catney News and communicating Residents' Association news and events.
3. This data is stored on one private home computer. It may be shared with members of the committee but will never be shared with any other interests.
4. If you ask to have your data removed we will do so at once. Any address from which we have not had a communication for more than 4 years will be contacted and removed if no response is obtained.

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With great power, comes great electricity bill

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THE FORD

After many phone calls, at last a new sign that is readable and you can see how deep the Ford is in Henwood Lane. Perhaps this will alert motorists to stop and consider whether it is safe to go through and save the taxpayers some money.

Janet Parker.



CATNEY CRICKET CLUB

At the time of writing we are hoping to start outdoor nets on Wednesday 25th April from 5.30 pm for Seniors and 5.30 pm on Friday for Juniors .

All are welcome as we look to rebuild our Club, For more information contact Eddie on 0121 373 9104



Catherine de Barnes
Cricket Club

Eddie Hewitt
Chairman
Catherine de Barnes CC

FOR SALE:

1 small Antler suitcase, without wheels	Green with leather trim	50cms x 39 x 15	£ 12.50
1 Cabin size, with wheels	Powder blue	53cms X 34 X 21	£ 12.50
Both in exc. cond. 0121 705 9856			



James making sure that it's level and Derek working on the cement



A welcome addition to Catney Common.

On 25th March, we installed a seat on Catney Common in memory of my husband Chris Boxall. Chris started working parties to improve the common some time ago with the plan of making the common a 'destination', in the hope that villagers would appreciate the space and make use of it.

The seat is from a range made from 100% recycled UK plastic, it looks a bit like wood, but is maintenance free and comes with a 25 year guarantee! Care was taken to cement it in place and there is no way it can be stolen! It has been placed so that it looks over the common. I hope that anyone crossing the common will make use of it and enhance their experience of our unique common space.

LIZ BOXALL

Catney Common Update May 2018

Everything has been delayed and the common was well and truly flooded this winter. The trees and bulbs we planted last autumn were standing in inches of water and the new hedging was eventually planted at the end of March. At least they did not need to be watered in!

Birds have been investigating at least one of the bird boxes. Thanks to the generosity of Liz a seat has been installed in memory of Chris Boxall and in recognition for the work he did on the common. We hope this will be enjoyed by residents for many years to come.

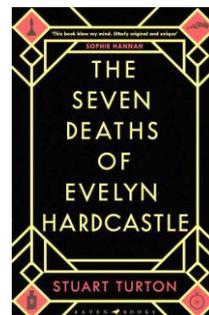
Now spring is really with us and the regular work has started. This year we are hoping to target the docks and brambles on the more open areas, to encourage meadow grasses

and wild flowers. Regular work parties will start again and we will be surveying the wild flowers.

Heather Bird.

THE SEVEN DEATHS OF EVELYN HARDCASTLE A novel by **Stuart Turton**.

A book review by John Alderson



If you like complicated, and farfetched, Fantasy Novels, then debutant author Stuart Turton is for you. Regretfully, it's not for me.

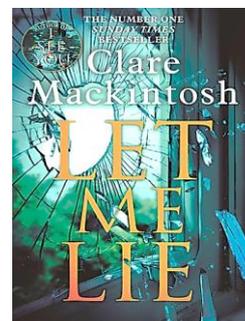
This is a murder mystery but hidden behind the Agatha Christie type people in the inevitable dilapidated Country House, who change into one another in bewildering fashion and supposedly following a pre-determined route to solve the murder and therefor escape.

Apparently, it took freelance travel journalist Stuart Turton four years to write this first novel, it is in the best seller lists and many of you may enjoy it, but personally, I think he should stick to the day job.

LET ME LIE

a novel by Clare Mackintosh

A book review by John Alderson.



This novel is in a different league all together. Clare Mackintosh, former police inspector, who lives in the Cotswolds, is a terrific story teller, particularly of psychological thrillers of which this is an excellent example.

I reviewed "I See You" an earlier novel a couple of years ago, which I enjoyed and was not disappointed with Let Me Lie.

Anna Johnson is in a relatively new relationship, with a new baby and is trying to come to terms with the suicides of both her parents. Anna receives a note to suggest her mother may have been murdered, encouraging her to question the deaths of both of her parents.

This author is good at describing believable characters and plot twists. The ending here is particularly good and I recommend Let Me Lie.

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Twitter account: @CatneyResAssoc

GARDENING TIPS FOR MAY



Soft shoot cuttings of hydrangeas, penstemons, fuchsias etc., can still be taken successfully whilst one of the main jobs this month has to be the planting out of hanging baskets and, when the bulbs have subsided, the garden urns. It's that lovely time of the year when gardeners can feel free to let their imaginations run away with themselves to a summer of brilliant sunshine, occasional rain and a riot of tasteful colour throughout. Or why not clash them to be different? Contrast can be very effective in the right place.

Now is a good time to start looking forward to next year. Now that the spring flowering shrubs such as ribes, forsythia, kerria etc., have ceased their annual display, this is the best time to prune into shape for next year. Finally, if you are experiencing strong lawn moss growth this year, so an application of fertiliser and moss killer may not go amiss. But follow the instructions carefully. Don't worry when black patches appear in your lawn as this will be the dead moss which you can rake away and the fertiliser will encourage the grass to quickly replace it.

To keep control of slugs and snails, trap them under tiles or even grapefruit skins remembering to collect them up and dispose of them. Or simply plant things that slugs don't like, such as those with tough leaves, helibores, ferns and grasses or plants that are hairy or shiny leaved.

As for those of you planning on singing "Here we go gathering nuts in May, nuts in May ..." please do it properly. It's "Knots in May" and refers to May blossom, not the month!!



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
National Rail enquiries	+ 44 (0) 845 748 4950
Central Trains	+ 44 (0) 870 608 260
Solihull Council general enquiries, information	0121 704 8001/6000
Environmental Maintenance, (includes Waste & Recycling, Street Care and Pest Control)	0121 704 8000
Roads & highways	0121 704 8004
National express coaches	+ 44 (0) 870 580 8080

WHAT'S ON IN SOLIHULL IN MAY?

An Evening with Eddie 'The Eagle' Edwards Thursday 3rd May 7:30pm until 10:00pm Presented by Age UK Solihull in partnership with Solihull School Sponsored by Midland Eye

It's 30 years since ski legend Eddie 'The Eagle' Edwards won the nation's hearts at the Winter Olympics in Calgary in 1988. Join us for a fun and inspiring evening as Eddie talks about his fascinating life on and off the piste.

Tickets: £16 for Adults, £14 for Children aged 16 and under. Bookable at The Core, Solihull Central Library. Refreshments available. Raffle on the evening. Profits from the event will go to Age UK Solihull, helping older people with the challenges faced in later life in the Solihull borough.

Notes on Comedy in aid of Cancer Research

Fri 4 May, The Core Theatre comedy & variety, music

Music and Mirth - featuring Malcolm Stent, Maggie O'Hara and David Lane

Start time: 7.30pm Running time approx 2 hrs. Tickets £17.50 Suitable for any age

Thursday 17th May

Robert Wilkinson's Funfair

Meriden Park, B37 5SH: Thursday 17 - Sunday 20 May inclusive; Weekdays 4.00pm to 8.30pm; Sat & Sun 1.00pm to 8.30pm

Come and enjoy all the fun of the fair as this popular event returns to Meriden Park for another year. There are thrills, spills and rides suitable for all ages, as well as chances to win prizes and refreshments galore.

£1.00 per person admission - children's rides cost £1.00 per ride and adult rides except bumper cars £1.50. For more information, contact Robert Wilkinson on 07956 994199, or via email on robertwilkinson888@gmail.com.



The advertisement is enclosed in a black and red checkered border. At the top, there is a small photograph of St. Mary's Church. Below the photo, the text reads: **St. Mary's Church**, **Sat 19th May 2018**. The price is listed as **£6 per car** on both sides of a central illustration of a car with 'CAR BOOT SALE' written on its front. Below the car, it says **Refreshments Available**. The event times are **10.00 am – 2.00 pm**. The location is **St. Mary's Church Car Park, Hobs Meadow, Solihull**. A contact number is provided: **To book a car call - 07954 783405**. At the bottom, it notes: **Further sales take place on the 3rd Saturday of the month**.

If at first you don't succeed, then sky diving is definitely not for you.