



# CATNEY NEWS

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **Chat and Crafting Group**

Wednesday afternoons, 2 - 4 pm at the Village Hall

### **Butty Breakfast: (Bacon/Sausage)**

5<sup>th</sup> November 10 am – 12 noon - Do pop in to the Village Hall for your breakfast butty.

### **Catney Craft Fair**

Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, at the Village Hall and evening Quiz

### **Catney Carols around the Christmas Tree.**

5.30 pm on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

See details of the above in this edition.

## **Dear Villagers,**

We need your help please.

1. We are thinking of forming a “Friends of Catney Common” group. The group will ensure that our Common (entrance in Bickenhill Lane) is cared for and protected, with the help of Hampton in Arden Parish Council. Do get in touch with Dave Cuthbert or Frances Cook if you would be interested in being on this group.
2. The local Taxi Bus has been cancelled. Did you use it? Was it a lifeline to get you from A to B? Please contact us and let us know how often you used it – were you picked up at the door? Where did you go on it? Will not having it prevent you going out or is it going to cause problems for you getting to appointments etc.? Please let us know by the end of October. Thank you.

**Christine Cluley. Editor.**

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## CATNEY CHRISTMAS TREE



We really would like to have a Christmas Tree and lights in the Village again this year. However, we need a company to sponsor it. It cost £500 last year for the tree and installation and is likely to be even more expensive this year. Would you like to sponsor it? Would you like to donate towards the lights? Please contact Frances as soon as possible if you can help with sponsorship or wish to give a donation.

## Catney Christmas Craft Fair 26<sup>th</sup> November 2016

The Craft Fair is taking shape and looks very promising, with the Catney Craft Group busily preparing some amusing Christmassy things like decorations, gifts and stocking fillers!

We still have a couple of tables available if anyone would like to join us. Or perhaps you have a friend who might be interested – just let us know.

(Table costs are very reasonable at £5 or £10 depending on size – 3ft or 6ft) We don't have the facilities to hang framed artwork, but mounted, unframed paintings or photographs could be displayed on table tops.

We know there is plenty of talent in the village and we would love to celebrate some of our "hidden gems". Some people, of course, might prefer to exhibit on a "Not For Sale" basis, which is absolutely fine.

Please contact Russell Hogg on 0121 705 6633 or email him at [russellhogg@me.com](mailto:russellhogg@me.com)



**The Mobile Library is generally sited near the junction of Oakfields Way and Lugtrout Lane**

Times 15.05 to 15.35 on the following dates 13/10, 3/11, 23/11 and 15/12 not dates have been arranged for 2017 yet



**CONGRATULATIONS  
TO**

**Meera and Amit Patel**

**Who are pleased to  
announce the arrival of  
their baby daughter on  
July 14<sup>th</sup> 2016**

**She weighed 3.9 kg and  
is doing well.**

**WELCOME TO THE  
VILLAGE LITTLE ONE!**

## **BONFIRE NIGHT QUIZ**

**7.30 pm November 5<sup>th</sup>**

**In the Village Hall**

**BAR, RAFFLE AND FISH AND CHIP SUPPER**

**Tickets: £7.50 if ordered before 24<sup>th</sup> October**

**(£10 afterwards) From Dave Cuthbert on 07824 696137**

**Raffle prize donations welcomed**





**CATHERINE-DE-BARNES CRICKET CLUB**  
**Behind the Boat Inn. Hampton Lane.**  
**Catherine-De-Barnes, Solihull. B91 2TJ**  
**<http://cdbcc.play-cricket.com>**

We are a very friendly cricket club located at the rear of the Boat Inn in the beautiful village of Catherine-De Barnes. Our two Saturday league sides play in the Cotswold Hills League. We also have a Sunday XI who play friendly fixtures.

**WE ARE NOW LOOKING FOR BUDDING YOUNG CRICKETERS OF ALL LEVELS AND ABILITIES**

**TO JOIN OUR UNDER 9'S TEAM AS WE PREPARE FOR THE SUMMER CRICKET FESTIVAL SEASON. WE OFFER;**

- ☐ Friday Evening Outdoor Training Sessions with ECB Qualified Coaches
- ☐ Competitive Matches with other local clubs
- ☐ 3 Festivals of Cricket throughout the season
- ☐ Clubhouse Facilities and Weekly BBQ for Juniors

***The Cricket Club have an event at the Village Hall on Saturday 24th September at around 7.30 PM with the Band 'Two Weeks Notice'. The tickets cost £10 which includes a buffet and there will be a Bar.***

***They would welcome any Villagers who wish to attend.  
Please contact Eddie Hewitt on 077826465805 if anyone wants tickets.***

## **Recommendation**

I have just had some tree work carried out and after several quotes I selected GEOTREE. I found them to be very competitive in price, punctual, attentive to detail with pleasant workers who cleaned up well afterwards, and were very professional.

Dave Knight, Geotree. Call 01564 340025 Mobile 07967 293357 email - [enquiries@geotree.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@geotree.co.uk)

I hope this may be of help to someone

Cyril Gibbins

**Latest Information on Airspace Change at Birmingham Airport August 2016**

**In April 2016 the Civil Aviation Authority announced its decision supporting Birmingham Airport's Airspace Change Proposal for 'Option 6' to become the permanent flight path for aircraft taking off to the south of Birmingham Airport. Since then, we have been working to resolve a number of issues which originated either from the CAA's decision, or from the work we have been undertaking in conjunction with the Airspace Stakeholder Forum. The Forum, which is made up of community representatives, met again on August 17th and this issue presents a summary of what was discussed. Readers may again wish to refresh their understanding of some of the terminology by referring to earlier updates).<sup>1</sup>**

## **Post-decision dialogue with the CAA**

Readers will recall that in its decision notice<sup>2</sup>, the Civil Aviation Authority required Birmingham Airport Limited (BAL) to conduct a trial for the use of Option 5 for all non-jet aircraft departing runway 15. On 22nd April 2016 BAL along with representatives of Barston Parish Council and Balsall Parish Council met with the CAA to discuss the trial methodology. The meeting was useful in outlining broad ideas, but did not provide a detailed resolution of how the trial was to be conducted.

When, on 13th May, the CAA provided the BAL with a draft outline methodology, the Airport team had a number of concerns about the practicalities and feasibility of completing what it was being asked to undertake. These were shared with the Airport Consultative Committee before, on 1st July, BAL wrote to the CAA setting out its concerns and requesting that the CAA reconsider its decision.

In response, the CAA has published this letter on its website<sup>3</sup> and is asking for public comment by 9th September 2016. We will continue to engage with the CAA and provide updates on subsequent developments.

## **The Northbound Turn**

The Northbound Turn refers to aircraft departing south, but turning north to reach destinations in Scotland or across the Atlantic. During the Airspace Change Process two issues emerged. Firstly, aircraft flying conventional SIDs on the northbound turn were overflying Hampton in Arden. Secondly, it became clear that there was a disparity between the performance of turboprop and jet aircraft types on the new

RNAV northbound turn, causing the former to fly closer to Balsall Common than was anticipated. We have been working to address both issues.

First, a new conventional SID has been designed, with the aim of reducing overflights of Hampton in Arden and this became operational on 26th May 2016. As we reported in the last issue, solving the second issue will take longer and involves a complete redesign of the RNAV SID - a lengthy process. This work has now begun and we have appointed NATS to design the new procedure. A design workshop with NATS took place on 15th August and we are advised that the first package of works, to establish what the design may look like, will be completed by the end of October. Colleagues at Flybe, the performance of whose Dash-8 aircraft is key to this issue, are very supportive and will be working with NATS at the design stage. There is national interest in this case, with the same issue being observed at other UK airports, and the CAA's lead on Performance Based Navigation is taking an active interest in the outcome. However, we did commit to try to improve the situation as soon as possible, and have introduced an interim solution .

The interim solution involves aircraft that would normally fly an RNAV SID instead flying the new conventional SID as above. This took time to implement, but a trial involving Flybe, Birmingham Air Traffic Control and NATS Scottish Centre, began on 11th August. The above image shows Dash-8 tracks prior to the trial in blue, flying close to Barston and overflying the north part of Balsall Common. The green tracks are those of aircraft after the commencement of the trial, clearly following a track further north and away from the village. Although the trial is in its early days and not all Dash-8 aircraft are yet involved, these are encouraging results.

Full report with diagrams can be found on this link:  
<https://www.birminghamairport.co.uk/about-us/community-and-environment/aircraft-noise/flight-path-changes/community-updates/>

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## **Contacting Residents -- Speedy Local Information**

Information of all types is being made available to us from the Police , SMBC, NHS , Airport amongst others which we feel could/would be of interest to all Residents . Currently we are able to pass this information on to approximately half the residents as and when we receive it using the e- mail addresses we have on our Membership file .

**If you would like to be included in this information transfer then please let us have your e mail address now.**

We do appreciate that not all residents possess have email and intend to publish notices in the next CN items which we are not outdated .

There may well be opportunities to use Twitter to pass information on so it would also be useful to have mobile numbers too.

# Chat and Craft

Betty is a regular attendee at the Craft group and works on these beautiful crochet blankets that she donates to a charity. Why not bring your particular craft to this Group, work on your project while having a chat and a hot drink with other members. The Group meets on Wednesdays in the Village Hall from 2 – 4 pm.



## The Catney Chat and Craft Club

I would like to say a big THANK YOU to the people who responded to my plea for any unwanted 'craft stash' you may have in your cupboards, it will all be put to good use. Thank you.

If anyone still has unwanted 'craft stash' they would like to pass onto us, you can leave it at my house 9 Oakfields Way or deliver to the Hall during our meetings between 2.00p.m and 4.00p.m on Wednesdays. If you are unable to deliver I will be only too happy to collect my phone number 705 8037 or 07776 480813.

Thank you for your support

Lesley Cuthbert.

Ideas of things that would be useful (especially Xmas themed)

Fabric, Ribbon, Felt, Knitting yarn, Sequins, beads, braiding, even small jingle bells (as seen on Noddy's hat)

## **SOLIHULL LOCAL PLAN REVIEW – CALL FOR SITES**

You may be aware the initial Local Plan was rejected after a challenge by developers that it had identified insufficient residential development land. As a result of the success of the challenge SMBC has instigated a “ call of sites” initiative , asking developers, landowners, etc to put forward possible sites that could be used for residential development . SMBC have got the task of identifying sites which could provide up to 4000 homes being the shortfall that was identified after the initial plan was refused. This exercise has now been completed and 236 sites have been identified – in excess of 35 of these are in and around this village.

A list of the sites submitted can be viewed on the following website:-

[www.solihull.gov.uk/Portals/O/Planning/LPR/Schedule\\_of\\_Call\\_for\\_Sites\\_Submissions.pdf](http://www.solihull.gov.uk/Portals/O/Planning/LPR/Schedule_of_Call_for_Sites_Submissions.pdf)

A member of the Association in conjunction with members of Hampton Parish Council met with Gary Palmer who is running the project at SMBC to discuss next steps in the exercise .We understand that SMBC will be undertaking an initial sift to eliminate sites which obviously are not suitable and then they intend going out to Public Consultation later in the year. At that time full details of the sites should be made available probably on the SMBC website. When this happens it is highly likely that the RA will hold an open morning to show all the sites that have been included and ask for comments. The fact that land is in Green Belt may not in itself be sufficient grounds for land to be dismissed as inappropriate for development.

At this stage we can say that it looks like the majority of the land north and south of Lugtrout Lane has been offered up , as well as parcels of land near the Common, and land on the right hand side of Damson Parkway from Lugtrout Lane to the A45.

We will provide further information as we get it.

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### **Tea and Toast: Hampton in Arden Church Hall**

This is held every Friday morning in term-time from 9 – 10 am for mums to be, mums, dads, carers and their under fives, to have a hot drink and some toast and a chat and make friends while their children play with toys that are provided. Why not come along? It’s free!

### **Ladies Breakfast: Hampton in Arden Church Hall**

Next breakfast will be on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 9 am – this is a great opportunity to make new friends, meet old friends and enjoy a delicious breakfast. All ladies welcome, bring a friend.

For more information please contact Helen Wood on 01675 44 2976 or Sheila Wyatt on 01675 44 2316.

## Demise of the Taxi Bus.

As of the 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016 the Taxibus service was replaced by a new bus service (Number 89) provided by IGOBuses. This is a scheduled bus service operating Monday to Friday from Solihull Town Centre (including Solihull Hospital) to Coventry via Berkswell and Heart of England School. It operates three times daily. It has the facility to roam up to three miles in Meriden and Balsall Common areas to serve various locations. Passengers in these two areas call to request a service. Passengers in non-roaming zones (including Hampton-in-Arden and Catherine-de-Barnes) can catch the service at normal bus stops, hailing buses in the usual manner.

Hampton Parish Council have met with Transport for the West Midlands (TfWM, the new Centro) to express their dissatisfaction over the demise of the Taxibus service and the fact that the new service does little to provide an adequate service to those who have mobility concerns in the way that Taxibus did. In the light of there now being no Taxibus service we have asked TfWM to review the area of operation of the Ring and Ride service (which is currently unavailable to Parish residents) in order that residents in those villages can qualify for this service. A further meeting has been arranged in early November.

An online petition has been organised by Dame Caroline Spelman on her website for the retention of Taxibus (<https://www.carolinespelman.com/taxibus-petition-0>). We urge all residents to sign this petition.

***In the meantime, we would like to hear from those who used the old taxibus service. We would like you to give us details as to your regular journeys, frequency and pick up point. Please contact Dave Cuthbert or Frances Cook a.s.a.p with this information .***

For more information about the Number 89 bus service (including timetables and fares) please visit the following website: [www.igobuses.co.89/index.html](http://www.igobuses.co.89/index.html)

### Move with Peppa

A brand new core movement and dance programme for children aged 16 months to 5 years is coming to Solihull!

Being a confident mover is as important as numeracy and literacy. Not only do toddlers need to be active for 180 minutes every day they also need to learn a variety of physical skills and develop movement confidence. We will transport you into the magical world of Peppa where your little one will jump in muddy puddles and have loads of fun learning to move.

Move with Peppa will be at Catherine-de-Barnes Village Hall every Thursday morning from the 22nd September 2016. Age 16mths – 2.5 years, 9.30 – 10am

Age 2.5 years – 5 years 10.15 – 11am For more information or to book visit

[www.movewithpeppa.com](http://www.movewithpeppa.com) or call 0121 663 1268

Pete Peters would like to thank everyone who came to the MacMillan Coffee Morning at The Boat and all those that helped.

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We will let you know how much was raised in the November edition.

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## What's on in Solihull in October?



Slug and Lettuce  
Mill Lane Arcade, Touchwood,  
Solihull, B91 3GS  
T: 0121 711 2605



### **Mum2mum Market- Solihull, Nearly New sale**

Mum2mum market is hosting a nearly new sale in Solihull on Saturday 15th October. 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. To book a table please go to our website page: [www.mum2mummarket.co.uk/book-a-stall.html](http://www.mum2mummarket.co.uk/book-a-stall.html) 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](http://www.mum2mummarket.co.uk/get-free-entry.html)

**Renewal Family Centre, Vulcan Road, Solihull, West Midlands B92 2JR**  
**Saturday 15 Oct 2016**



## Twist & Shout

**This show will get you on your feet and dancing in the aisles! Thursday 6th October at The Core Theatre, Solihull (formerly Solihull Arts Complex)**

The greatest musical era of the 20th century comes alive at The Core Theatre with a nostalgic look at the golden age of British pop. When skirts got shorter and hair got longer!

Sing and dance along with an all-star West End cast to the music of The Beatles, Hermans Hermits., Gerry & The Pacemakers, The Rolling Stones, Cilla Black, Manfred Mann, Dusty Springfield, Lulu, Sandy Shaw and many more...

This musical powerhouse of a show starts with the explosion of Brit Pop in 1962 through to the era of Flower Power and Free Love of the late sixties.

Featuring incredible performances and beautiful bespoke costumes, Twist & Shout will transport you back to the sights and sounds of the 'Swinging Sixties'.

With over 40 songs this is a non-stop feast of music that features a 4 piece live band and cast of 6 singers and dancers performing hits such as; She Loves You, Glad All Over, You're My World, Jumpin Jack Flash, Something Tells I'm into Something Good, Shout, Ferry Cross The Mersey and so many more.

This show will get you on your feet and dancing in the aisles!

Running time: 2 hours

Tickets: £17

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## Fine & Local Food Fayre

MELL SQUARE

**Food and drink to make you smile - come along and see what it's all about**

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.

9.00am til 5.00pm



## THE ESSEX SERPENT

A Novel by Sarah Perry

A book review by John Alderson

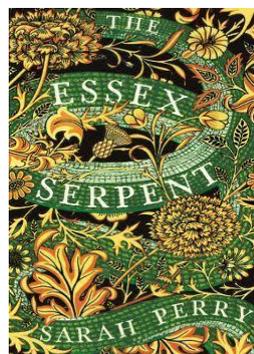
This novel is set in Victorian London and a bleak Essex parish on the marshy coast where stories are raised of the return of a mythical creature of an earlier Century.

The rumour draw Cora Seaborne, recently widowed from an abusive husband and an amateur naturalist to the village where she is introduced to the local vicar, Will Ransome, who struggles to contain fear and superstition among his flock.

Science, religion and the many aspects of love are beautifully explored in this extremely well written novel. The author introduces numerous characters all of whom are well drawn and the various scientific and religious themes explored detailing too the marked differences of life in Victorian London with that of a marshy backwater in Essex.

Numerous Victorian themes of poor housing, basic medicine, poor hygiene, high society morals, all are touched on in what I found to be a delightful and very descriptive novel which drew me fully into the characters who I was quite sorry to leave at the end of the tale.

This is a novel I thoroughly recommend.



Solihull Council has begun modernising thousands of street lights on the borough's main roads as the second phase of its Street Lighting Replacement Programme kicks-off.

Around 5,300 of the borough's Mercury Blended Filament Unit (MBFU) street lights will be replaced with new, energy efficient LED lamps.

The LED lamps provide a better quality of light, with improved definition and less light pollution.

They will be lit specifically for the road they are located on according to British design standards to ensure the correct level of light.

They are also more efficient. The old 150W and 250W lamps cost respectively around £75 and £125 each to run per year. In comparison, the LED replacements will cost roughly between £25 and £45 to run each year. It is predicted that energy savings from the entire programme will top £275,000 per annum and will save approximately 1,500 tonnes of carbon.