

CATNEY NEWS



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Dear Villagers,

Please excuse the smaller edition, but Ken and I have been moving house and time has been very short!!.

Nothing else has changed, we are still on the Residents Association Committee and I will still produce the Catney News. But please do not put anything through the door at 453 Lugtrout Lane, as we no longer live there!!

Either send articles via email to [www.CatneyRA @outlook.com](mailto:www.CatneyRA@outlook.com), or hand them and any subscriptions into the Spar shop, and we will pick them up.

Thank you
Christine Cluley, Editor.

How to join the Catney Residents Association

Annual fees are due now and are £10 for a family of 4 or more over 16's living in the same house, £5 for a couple and £3 for a single membership. Under 16's are free if they live in the same house as paying members. Ensure you give us the names of all those who wish to join, the address, email address if you have one and a telephone number and put them in a sealed envelope, together with your cheque made payable to Catney Residents Association or cash – leave it at the Spar shop for collection or hand to any Residents Association Committee member or if this is a problem for you, telephone one of us and we will collect. You will receive a membership card to enable you to gain free entrance to at least one event per year (to be advised) and local discounts. The money you pay enables the Residents Association Committee to act on your behalf with issues affecting the village, e.g. any legal fees required, improvements to the village, special events and the printing costs of the Catney News. Thank you to all of you who have already paid!

Current Committee members: Dave Cuthbert, Frances Cook, Chris Cluley, Ken Cluley and Annette Scott.

You can now follow Catney Village Hall on Twitter (@catney_hall) and the Residents Association (@Catney Res Assoc)

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

Anything for the Catney News: Contact Chris at CatneyRA@outlook.com

Spar Shop/Hall Bookings: Gareth on 0121 705 6135

RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION AGM - A summary for those who did not attend.

Over 30 people braved a chilly evening to attend the AGM last month, including Gill Shalley from Hampton Parish Council and Mark Sullivan from CPRE. Dave Cuthbert outlined the Residents Association activities over the past year: monitoring and commenting on planning applications, taking an active role on various airport committees, working with HPC to maintain the Common and working with the Village Hall Trustees. We continue to produce and distribute the monthly newsletter free of charge which goes out to all homes in the village. Some events had to be cancelled this year, but the Buttie breakfasts, the Skittles night and the Christmas Carols around the Tree were great successes. Money raised from the Skittles night paid for the Christmas Tree. New ideas are welcome and we need more volunteers to join the Committee or organise an event. Ken Cluley presented the accounts and proposed a vote of thanks to Dave for all the work he does to support the community.

Mark, from CPRE explained their response to the MSA proposal and also suggested a new position for the HS2 station alongside Birmingham International. In their view there are sufficient, valid planning reasons for Solihull Council to turn down the MSA application regardless of any decision to be made by Highways England. He felt that more pressure should be put on Solihull planners to reject the proposal and it was agreed that the Residents' Association would try to arrange a meeting with local councillors, MPs and the Council.

Steve Wallis described the progress made by the Village Hall Trustees: The bell tower has been removed and restored. The hall has been painted and cleaned, and is being used more, so the rental income now covers the running expenses. A professional fundraiser is working for the Trustees and £10,000 has been donated by the Big Lottery Fund. The next project is to improve the kitchen and toilet area.

The meeting concluded with refreshments and conversation. For full minutes from our AGM, please go to the link on our website.

Why not bring your mum, grandmother or indeed anyone who is like a mother to you, to Hampton Church for the Mothering Sunday service at 11am on 6th March 2016? A lovely opportunity to say thank you for all they do.



CATNEY EVENTS

QUIZ NIGHT - Saturday 9th April 7.30pm With Fish & Chip Supper, Bar, and Raffle Tickets £7.50 Contact Dave : 07824 696137 Raffle prize donations welcomed

OUR QUEEN'S 90th BIRTHDAY/ CATNEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION 30th BIRTHDAY EVENT

on Saturday 2nd July from 2.00pm

If you are interested in helping to organise an event to celebrate the above you are invited to a meeting on **Tuesday 22nd March at 7.30pm** in the village hall. Doesn't matter what you bring to the meeting – ideas, muscles, experience, willingness, enthusiasm, skills, organisation, or anything else that you can offer in all areas to make the day a success, just come along, we would love to see you and let's face it, if you don't come along, we may not be able to do anything!!!

Chat & Crafting Afternoon

If you have an interest in homecrafts eg:- crochet, knitting, cross stitch , jewellery making, etc., why not bring along whatever you are working on to the Hall on **Wednesday 9th March 2 pm 'til 4pm** and join with others over a cup of tea and biscuits for a 'Chat & Crafting ' afternoon. Based on the level of support for this event we would like to make it a regular event . If you can't make this one but are interested in future dates please call Lesley on 705 8037 or mail cuthbertlm@me.com

Tuesday 15th March, 7:30pm

Are you puzzled by Social Media, but would like to know more? Would you like to look less ignorant in front of the grandchildren? Or are you anxious to have a go, but don't know where to start and how to use it safely? Well here's your chance to learn more about Facebook and Twitter, Instagram and all the latest social media trends. A very knowledgeable young man by the name of James has volunteered to take us through an initial session of information. There may be the possibility of further instruction in future for a small fee, if enough people are interested. Why not come along and listen to what he has to say?



UPDATES FROM THE R.A. COMMITTEE

Airport

The Association attended the meeting of the Birmingham Airport Consultative Committee which will be reported on next month.

The Airport have been holding trials relating to increasing the altitude of the Noise Preferential Routes from 3000ft to 4000ft on runway 15 (southbound departures) and runway 33 (northbound departures) hoping to reduce noise levels . The results are:- for runway 15 departures using option 6 going south BAL will be increasing the height (subject to CAA approval) and for northbound routes using runway 15 they are carrying out redesign work on northbound and conventional SIDs (Standard Instrument Departures) and any changes to the NPR will be in line

with this work , Info on runway 33 departures can be seen on the Catney website. Full details on the trials, decisions and minutes of the meeting can be viewed shortly on the Catney website.

Village Hall

Internal deep cleaning of the internal are of the hall was recently completed thanks to a couple of volunteers organised by Annette Scott – looks great! Thanks Annette for all your help and pass on our thanks to the volunteers.

New curtains are on order and will hopefully be in place around middle March – financed by some donations and from monies from the Catfog fete funds; monies raised over previous years to be used to improve village amenities and environment .

Plans were on display at the residents AGM showing the project for new toilets, kitchen, and storage we are hoping to proceed with when funds are available. Quotations for the work are being sought and our fund raiser will be applying for grants as soon as this info is available. As part of the project we are hoping to purchase 100 new upholstered folding chairs with storage trolleys, new boiler and electrics. A copy of the plans will be put up in the hall and the noticeboards shortly for all to view.

Please remember – our efforts are nothing without your support so please do all you can.

EASTER SERVICES AT HAMPTON CHURCH

Palm Sunday: 11am 20th March. Starting with procession of palms from George Fentham School

Maundy Thursday: 24th March 7.30 pm Stripping of Altars.

Good Friday: 10.30 am. Children's events in church. 2 pm: Stations of the Cross 7.30 pm. Tenebrae service.

Easter Sunday: 27th March: 6.30 am Sunrise Service 11 am: Easter Sunday Service with building of Cross of Flowers. (please bring a few cut flowers with you)

You are very welcome at all or any of these services.

HAPPY EASTER!