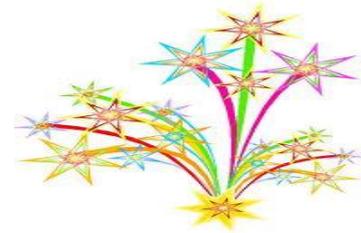




NOVEMBER 2012



Dear Residents of Catney,

Whether you are celebrating Guy Fawkes night or Diwali this month (or both!), we hope your firework displays are safe and happy occasions.

There will be a **Remembrance service** held at the Village Hall (which will revert back to being a church for the occasion) on the 11th November. Please come along and share in this service held in memory of those who have died in war and conflict – details in the article from Steve Wallis and Pete Peters.

Fabulous breaking news!!: Our application for a donation towards the upkeep and maintenance of Catney Village Hall to Birmingham Airport Community Trust Fund has been successful and we've been awarded £2500.00!!! Thank you BACTF!!! (Well done to Maggie Throup for her efforts on our behalf)

Your Editor

Catney Xmas Party

Saturday 8th December commencing 7.30pm This promises to be a lovely evening of music, entertainment and food to put you in the mood for the festivities later in the month. Ticket price not finalised but likely to be £10/£12. Reserve your place by 4th December by contacting Dave Cuthbert

on 705 8037. The *Skyliners Band* – are to put on a show to raise funds for our Village Hall. Look out for details soon.

LONGFELLOWS RESTAURANT



SUNDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

"BANGERS and FLASH"



FIREWORKS AND A HOT DOG IN OUR REAR GARDEN £9.99 PER HEAD. DOORS OPEN AT 4.00PM

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Sewmakebelieve : Upcoming workshops at Catney Village Hall:

November: 7th - sit 'n' sew with Christmas Prep Swap November
21st - ribbon corsages December: 5th - sit 'n' sew December 19th -

Christmas party

Contact Caroline for details: fairynuff27@hotmail.com, or visit

www.sewmakebelieve.co.uk

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PANTOMIME

George Fentham PTA Production are proud to present a pantomime; "Sleeping Beauty Goes Back To The Future" on 14th (7.30 pm) and 15th December (2.30 pm and 7.30 pm) ". It is a time travelling acting, dancing and singing extravaganza taking you from the 1700s through to 2068, stopping off at the 1920s and 1960s on the way. It is to raise money for the school to get a new playground and has a cast of parents from the school with some of the school children in it also.

The Venue is The Fentham Hall in Hampton in Arden.

Tickets are £10 each. Children's tickets include a drink and a packet of crisps.

Tickets are available from Laura on 07725552551, georgefenthampta.co.uk, the Corner Shop in Hampton, Naughty Nicks and Hampton Post Office. It's a very good cause and a lot of work has gone into it. There is a poster in the Spar shop in Catney with all the details on too.

There will be a full size Tardis and a professional live band.

Please go along and give your support.

Need new ideas for Christmas decorations or gifts ?

Come and see a range of high class jewellery and stained glass pieces.

Enjoy homemade cakes, biscuits, Tea and Coffee.

Hosted by Jean and John Evans 0121 4488108
At 398 Lugtrout Lane ,Catherine-De-Barnes, Solihull B91 2TN

On Saturday 3rd November 10am---5pm

Some proceeds to go to The Village Hall Fund

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The World's Biggest Coffee Morning at the Boat Inn on Friday 28th September raised a total of £300 for Macmillan Cancer support. Thank you to all who came and donated generously to this worthy cause and special thanks to the Boat Inn staff and the volunteer helpers. Pete Peters.

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The Quiz Night on Saturday 13th October made a fantastic £705.00 profit towards the Village Hall restoration Funds; the Village Hall fund raisers would like to thank all those who attended and they have had feedback already that the night was a great success. Good to see different faces attend the evening with a lot of friends of residents attending for the first time. Special thank you to Sue Attwell & Carol Dean for making the night such a good success especially the preparation of the ploughman's dinner and setting up the hall etc. A big thank you to Sheila & Tony Shand and friends for being excellent quiz masters, also special thanks to James Dean, Richard Atwell & David Parsons for their help in setting up, bar work and clearing up etc.
Great Night! Again thank you for attending

CATNEY COMMON

Meadow Planting

Early October saw a few residents assisting SMBC staff in planting plants to make the Meadow more of a meadow. Hopefully these will thrive and produce seeds and hence more plants to give the Meadow a more traditional look. Whilst the day of planting was dry and bright, the ground was not dry. Indeed, I have never seen it so waterlogged. It did at least make digging easy. The area planted has been marked by white posts to ensure that the plants are not inadvertently mown down, as well as so we can find the plants within the grasses. Thanks are due to Pat Jervis, Liz Boxall, Gary Farmer (SMBC), Tom Rogers (SMBC, our Neighbourhood Coordinator), and 'assisted' by Morag and Stephe. Meadow plants are 'used' to being walked on but it might be advisable to give them some time to settle in before inspecting in detail.

During the summer, Rob Walker has been mowing the Meadow in an attempt to remove the tussocky grass. Already this has made walking over the Meadow easier. Unfortunately, the wet summer has restricted the number of cuts that could be made.

Liz Boxall has also been busy planting the raised flowerbed along the path through what used to be called the Entanglement (but is now more of a nettle patch). If you have some woodland plants that could go in this bed please contact Liz (cb@catney.co.uk).

There has been water in the pond by the boardwalk as well as in the area that I call the Wetland. Unexpectedly there has also been water where I have never seen it before.

Chris Boxall



RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION :

You can contact us by emailing Frances Cook at secretary@catney.co.uk or for contributions to the Catney News or for the Catney Cookbook, you can contact Chris Cluley at editor@catney.co.uk If you do not have email, please contact us on 0776 8502039 and leave a message or speak to a Committee member. Residents Association Committee: Dave Cuthbert, Roger Ball, Frances Cook, Chris Cluley and Ken Cluley.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 11TH NOVEMBER AT 10.45 IN THE VILLAGE CHURCH/HALL

At 11 o'clock on the 11th November 1918, the fighting in the "Great War" (later known as the First World War), stopped and hostilities ceased. This was an armistice – a cease fire – and "the guns fell silent". In 1919 a Peace Treaty was signed and the war was finally over.

In honour of all those who had died, a Remembrance Day was held in Britain and the Empire every year on the 11th November and at 11 o'clock there was a two minute silence. The whistles went off at the police stations, factory whistles sounded and all activities ceased. People in the streets and shops stopped and stood still and schools held a special assembly in the hall. The National Service held at the Cenotaph in London was attended by the King and thousands of people from all walks of life.

Thousands of war memorials were built in towns and villages – Birmingham has a Hall of Memory – and Catney has a most unusual war memorial which is used on very special occasions; the memorial is the baptismal font. On the brass plate surrounding the bowl are the names of the seventeen men who died with one more name on the brass water jug. A further six names have been added to the lid of our font of the men who died in the Second World War.

Every Remembrance Sunday, the font is brought to the front of the chancel and during the service the names are read out prior to the two minutes silence.

"They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn: at the going down of the sun and in the morning, we shall remember them".

We will be remembering them in the Village Church and Hall (next to the Boat Inn on Hampton Lane) on Sunday 11th November at 10.45 am and we hope that you will come and honour those from this village and across the world who died for us all.

This year, both Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day coincide. Why not stop wherever you are and whatever you are doing for the two minutes silence at 11 am?

Steve Wallis and Pete Peters



Things your Residents Association Committee has brought to the attention of our Neighbourhood Co-ordinator recently: (We also asked about Hedges requiring trimming back and have had a good response) Let us know if you notice anything that needs to be brought to the attention of the Council.

- Henwood Mill ford needs a new depth sign.
- The exit from the footpath between Foxley Drive and Hampton Lane is now potentially unsafe as the gate has been removed and the new barrier may not stop children or a ball from running out Into Hampton Lane.
- We would like a permanent flashing speed sign as motorists approach the centre of the village.

Following a member of the Residents Committee attending a recent meeting of the Airspace Change Focus Group, we learnt that changes in flight paths will be necessary because of the extended runway. The Focus group is looking at how the details will be presented in a consultation document that should appear by March 2013, for a decision in November 2013. The new paths are not expected to create problems in Catney, although planes may fly lower over some local communities. We will keep you updated.

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WHAT'S ON AT OUR VILLAGE HALL AND HAMPTON CHURCH HALL

- Mondays:** **Catney: Evening: Birmingham Concert Band practice**
 Hampton: Daytime: Art Classes Evening: Puppy/Dog Training
- Tuesdays:** **Catney: Daytime: Art Classes**
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- Wednesdays:** **Catney: Evening: Sewing and Craft Group**
 Hampton: Morning: Keep Fit Class (reasonably gentle)
- Thursdays:** **Catney: Evening: Skyliners Band Practice**
- Saturdays:** **Catney: Morning: Drama/Dance class**

If you are interested in joining any of these groups during the next month, and would like more details, please contact Catney: Frances Cook or Hampton: Chris Cluley (chris.cluley1@gmail.com or ring 07969 102187 on Tues, Thurs, Fri afternoons).





Patron: Sir Derek Jacobi C.B.E

The Hampton Players

presents.

at: Fentham Hall, Marsh Lane,
Hampton-in-Arden

'Breath of Spring'

comedy at its best
by Peter Coke



bring this advert with you to claim
your free cup of coffee or tea



*Wednesday 21st; Thursday 22nd, Friday 23rd &
Saturday 24th November 2012 at 7.30 p.m.*

Ticket Prices: £8.00 each - Concs: £6.50 each

from:

The Corner Shop, 2 High Street, Hampton in Arden: 01675 442454

Hampton Wines, High Street, Hampton in Arden: 01675 442305

The Centre Charity Shop, Meriden: 01676 523050

or/ 01675 442432 / www.thehamptonplayers.co.uk

This is about a gang of unlikely fur robbers who rob the rich to give to the poor until Inspector Pape of the Yard turns up - will they reform their ways or have they gone too far down the slippery slope? - come and see the play to find out.

Please note that the play commences at 7.30 p.m. not 7.45 p.m. as is our normal practice. There are two intervals. If you print off the attached and bring it with you then you may claim a free cup of tea or coffee.

Airport noise complaints: 0121 767 7433

Airport flight path complaints : 0121 712 6172 or e-mail 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

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

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**Are you about to hold an event locally and would like to advertise with us?
It's free, so let us know.**

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.

Do you know of anyone new to the Village? Let us know 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 December issue; please let me have all copy by 20th November. Anything Christmassy/Winter memories etc., especially welcome for this edition. Thank you.

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.

Thank you very much to all who have supplied recipes for the Catney Cookbook. We could still do with a few more so that I can get the book printed before Christmas, so please keep sending them to me.

Staff at the Spar shop will pass anything on to me for the Catney News/Cook Book or you an email me on editor@catney.co.uk

**Chris Cluley
Editor**