

CATNEY NEWS



AUGUST 2015

Dear Villagers,

You may have noticed that we had to cancel Catney's VE day. Our apologies if you intended coming along on the day, but we had asked that you contact us to say you would be there, so that we could provide sufficient free food for you all. Hardly anyone told us they would be coming or indicated they wanted tickets for the evening barn dance, so we had to assume that the majority weren't interested.

However, we would like to thank all those who offered to make cakes, offered help and donations etc for the day. We would also like to express thanks to Bracey's Nursery for allowing us to cancel our order for plants intended for the plant stall without charge. We lost our £50 deposit for the Hog Roast but were able to cancel the Barn Dance caller without charge

Thanks also to Sue and Mac McMahon, Sue Attwell, Dave Parsons, Annette Scott and Robert Smith for putting their heads above the parapet in the first place in organising the event .

We can only hope that we will get better support for events in future. You will see a list of things for your diary in this edition. Please help these events to go ahead as it is very disheartening to have to cancel. Thank you.

Thanks very much to all who entered the scarecrow competition. All entries are in this edition – we really appreciate you joining in and hope more people will enter next year.

Chris Cluley (Editor) and the Village Hall Committee

EVENTS NEWS



MINER --- LUGTROUT LANE



EVACUEE --- HAMPTON LANE



EVACUEE --- OAKFIELDS WAY



PILOT --- BICKENHILL LANE



**LITTLE MISS FLORENCE
FOXLEY DRIVE**



PILOT – OAKFIELDS WAY

ENTRIES IN THIS YEAR'S SCARECROW COMPETITION

We had only 6 entries this year, perhaps the VE Day Theme was challenging, but the creativity and attention to detail was remarkable. Our guest judge this year was Pete Peters – one of our residents who can remember VE Day. He really enjoyed seeing the entries and they made us all smile.

There were three lovely evacuees, each with labels, hat, box for gas mask and suitcase. The judge's favourite, Little Miss Florence, also held a ration book and a comforting teddy bear. There were two brilliant crashed fighter pilots complete with parachutes, uniforms and

even their planes – one stuck in a tree. Finally a coal miner was seen on a roof in Lugtrout Lane. He had a Davy lamp, helmet with light and his hand rested on a pile of coal. Pete tells us that he was one of the “Bevin Boys”. Coal mining was such a vital job that every tenth young man called up was sent to the mines. Nearly 48,000 Bevin Boys performed vital but largely unrecognised service in the mines, many of them not released from service until years after the [Second World War](#) ended.

The two downed planes have been awarded joint first prize and the Foxley Drive evacuee, Miss Florence, wins the children’s prize. The “most original” prize goes to the coal miner. Congratulations to all the families who took part and thank you for entertaining us! We hope lots more households feel inspired to join in next year.

Frances

FUTURE EVENTS in CATNEY FOR YOUR DIARY

September 12th Saturday 10 – 12 noon: VILLAGE HALL

Come and join us for a chat and complimentary bacon or sausage buttie with a cup of tea (vegetarians/non meat eaters catered for) and then participate in the **Treasure Hunt** round the village – **see separate article.**

Skittles Evening with Fish and Chip Supper: VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 24th October -- 7.30pm start

Raffle, bar , vegetarians catered for (please let us know when reserving your place)

Tickets available from Dave on 07824 696137 if bought before 16th October £8.50 adults (under 14's £4) after 16th £10 /£5

December 12th Saturday- From 7.30 pm. Christmas Party

December 13th Sunday – 5 pm: Carols around the Catney

Christmas Tree : Bring the children and grandchildren – hot drinks and nibbles provided afterwards in the hall. In the event of rain or snow the Carol Singing will be held in the Village Hall, so please come along whatever the weather!

Village Xmas Tree Appeal

We hope to be able to erect a lighted Village Xmas Tree again this year and our Xmas Tree Appeal Fund will be open in September .

If you feel able to make a donation - these can be left at THE SPAR shop or at 9 Oakfields Way .

Treasure Hunt



"Make sure you put 12th September in your diary for a fun filled morning for the whole family down at the Village Hall. From 10 - 12 there will be free activities including breakfast butties and a family treasure hunt around the village - can you follow the clues and win a prize? To keep up with all of the latest Village Hall news and events make sure you follow us on our new Twitter feed @catney_hall!"

Catney Cricket Club



Despite suffering their first defeat of the Season the Catney First X1 are clear at the top of the First Division and hopefully heading for promotion,

The second X1 still struggle despite 2 Good Wins recently and are in a relegation battle,

We continue to look for players for either our Saturday teams or our Sunday side. Please contact Eddie Hewitt on 0121 373 9104.

FOR SALE

Easy chair in good condition, fine light blue and dark blue stripes on cream background, on castors. £80. 0121 705 0219.



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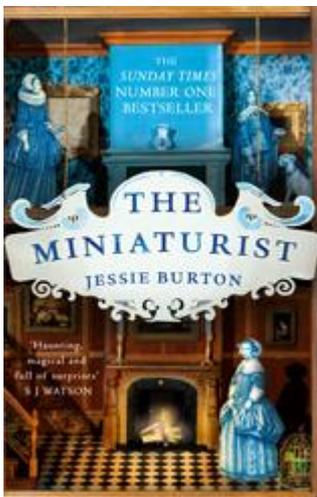
Village Hall

The repainting of the exterior paintwork at the rear of the Hall has now been completed . The next phase of work is set for 17th August when scaffolding will be erected around the Bell Tower in order that it can be renovated and repainted. Whilst the scaffolding is in place we will take the opportunity to inspect the condition of the roof around the tower. From ground level there looks as if we might need to replace/re locate some tiles and roof tiles.

The upper area of the interior of the Hall is due to be painted at the same time

Bookings are on the increase - more details next month





THE MINIATURIST a novel by Jessie Burton

A BOOK REVIEW BY JOHN ALDERSON

This is a first novel by Jessie Burton who was an aspiring actress and part time PA in the City, which took four years to write, has won numerous awards and sold in over thirty countries. It is set in late 17th. Century Calvinist Amsterdam and has measures of loneliness, fantasy, brutality and magic and love, being the story of a young country girl, Nella Oortman, taken into marriage by an older, wealthy Amsterdam merchant, Johannes Brandt. Brandt virtually ignores her, leaving her in the care of his waspish sister, an ex-slave manservant and a kitchen maid, but as a wedding present, he gives her a magnificent cabinet house, which is a replica of his own house and invites her to fill it how she will. She commissions a miniaturist, who strangely she never meets, but who produces exquisite items which even more strangely relate directly to Nella's life and which she could not possibly know about. We are then drawn into the commercial and social life of Amsterdam and the secrets of Johannes' business and life outside the house, bringing about his fall and Nella's attempts to help and care for him. This I found to be a very interesting book, but not wholly convincing, with perhaps a nod to feminism which in Calvinist Amsterdam of the time would not have happened.

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**Notice Under Article 13(3) of Application for Planning Permission
Accompanied by an Environmental Statement**

Ref: No: PL/2015/51409/PPOL

Proposed development at Land at Solihull Road, Catherine-de-Barnes

Notice is given that Extra MSA Group is applying to Solihull Metropolitan Council for planning permission for a Motorway Service Area, New Motorway Junction and Associated works and that the application is accompanied by an environmental statement. The proposed development does not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

Members of the public may inspect copies of:

* The application

*The plans

*The Environmental Statement

*And other documents submitted with the application

At Solihull Connect, Council House, Manor Square, Solihull, West Midlands, on weekdays 9.00am to 5.00 pm (10 am Wednesdays) and Saturdays 8.00 am to 12.30 pm until 14th August 2015.

Anyone who wishes to make representation about this application should write to the Council at Managed Growth Directorate, P.O. Box 11652, Solihull, B91 9YA by 14th August 2015.

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OPEN MEETING

To discuss the above recent planning application for a Motorway Service Area between junctions 5 and 6 (bordering Solihull Road) and how we should respond

The meeting will be held On Tuesday **11th August** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

In attendance Cllr Bob Sleigh Leader of the Council

Jean Walters Spokesman for CPRE

Oliver Newham Spokesman for The Woodlands Trust

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Meridian School of Massage & Bodywork



Catney Village Hall

The Meridian School of Massage & Bodywork will start running a series of their courses at the Village Hall on the weekend of 4/5/6 September 2015. Find out more about the school on www.lhmeridian.co.uk

Road resurfacing in Hampton in Arden on Solihull Road and High Street will commence on **Wednesday 19 August 2015**. The road will need to be closed and it has been decided that night working will take fewer days and be less disruptive. **Work will take 2 nights between the hours of 7.00pm and 6.00am.**

As there are extensive sewer and service connections to be made at the old 'Ring of Bells' Garage works will start between this development and the sharp bend at the junction with Marsh Lane terminating at the Railway Bridge. Due to proposed work along Meriden Road by Severn Trent Water work here will be delayed until the mains are complete.

During the first nights work, residents from the Marsh Lane area will be able to enter or leave via Fentham Road. It is planned to resurface the section between The Ring of Bells and The Lodge on the first night. This will then allow residents to access Marsh Lane directly from the High Street on the second night.

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The Taxibus is available for all to use at the price of your usual bus fare.

The minibus offers a door to door service for any age or ability group from Monday to Saturday between 8 am and 7.30 pm in the area outlined by Solihull, Coventry, Knowle, Birmingham International, Chelmsley Wood. So why not use it to go out in the evening, for travel to school outside normal hours or to a convenient railway station. Please call 0121 783 6869 for more information or to book, preferably the day before.

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Please let me have any articles or information for September's Catney News by 20th August. Christine Cluley (Editor)
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Contacts: Secretary of the Residents Association: Frances on 0776 8502039 or secretary@catney.co.uk

Anything for the Catney News: Contact Chris at editor@catney.co.uk. Spar Shop/Hall Bookings: Gareth on 0121 705 6135

What's on in August locally?



Friends of Damson Parks Dog Show and Fun Day

Elmdon Heath Recreation Ground, B92 9JS, 10.30am - 3.00pm

8 Aug 2015 - 8 Aug 2015

Join the Friends of Damson Parks group at their second fundraising event this year, where all proceeds go towards improving the facilities at the Recreation ground. Featuring the much-loved Dogwatch dog show, children's rides, entertainment and stalls galore, the event is fun for all the family, including their four-legged friends! Meet by the car park.

Musical Mayhem

Olton Jubilee Park, B92 7RQ, 11.00am - 3.00pm

12 Aug 2015 - 12 Aug 2015

Dress up as your favourite pop star or character from a musical for a chance to win our fancy dress competition - there are prizes for the best-dressed boy and girl! Bring your own percussion instrument to join our impromptu samba band, follow our treasure trail around the park, take part in a themed craft activity and enjoy the other entertainment on offer, including face painting, Punch and Judy shows and more.

There is a charge of £1.00 per child for the treasure trail and crafts, with small charges for some of the other activities. Meet by the play area.

Packwood House - Family Outdoor Theatre - Around the World in 80 Days

Join Boxtree Productions as they cross oceans and continents in this exciting take on the children's classic, don't forget to bring a picnic. Booking Essential. Phone: 0844 249 1895. Assistance Dogs only are welcome.

Packwood House, Packwood Lane, Lapworth, West Midlands B94 6AT

High Summer Craft Market

Mell Square, Solihull B91 3BG, 9.00am - 5.00pm

22 Aug 2015 - 22 Aug 2015

Visit this craft market for a chance to purchase handmade items from home and abroad. The market showcases the work of local artists and jewellery designers, as well as offering artefacts from Morocco and other overseas locations. Plants, fine foods and a hog roast are also available.