



# CATNEY NEWS

Pete Peters , the Mayor of Solihull and his wife Jenny attending the coffee morning at the Boat Inn raising money for Macmillan cancer day. Pete who is now 90 has run the coffee mornings for 15 years raising an amazing £6000. Over 60 people attended and enjoyed a chat, raising £500.



**WELL DONE  
PETE!**



**Dear Villagers,**

As you know our Village Hall reverts back to being St. Catherine's church on a day in November, so that we may hold our annual Remembrance Service to remember those from the Village and those we love who gave their lives in war that we might live. You are all welcome to attend this service, which will be on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 10.45 am. Please bring your poppies with you for the act of Remembrance, when we make a cross with our poppies on the memorial font.

Our December Catney News will be a double edition to cover January as well. So please let me have your articles and copy before the deadline of 20<sup>th</sup> November. Christmas and New Year articles, poems and stories particularly welcome.

Thank you.

**Christine Cluley. Editor.**

**NOVEMBER 2016**



# 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. Everyone is very welcome, so please support this.

In the evening at 7.30 pm we are hoping to have a **Bonfire Quiz** with a fish and chip supper, for all those who don't fancy standing in the cold on this noisy evening!! However, there has been a poor response to this, and the event will be cancelled if enough tickets are not purchased by the 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Tickets are £10 each from Dave Cuthbert on 07824 696137 and there will be a bar and raffle.

Raffle prize donations welcomed

**Church of England Remembrance Sunday Service:** 10.45 am in St. Catherine's Church (Village Hall). Everyone welcome.

## Catney Craft Fair

Saturday, November 26th, at the Village Hall - See next page

## Catney Carols around the Christmas Tree.

5.30 pm on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December. See details in this edition.

## OTHER NOVEMBER EVENTS LOCALLY

HAMPTON CHURCH AUTUMN BRING AND BUY FAYRE  
Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November  
10.00 until 14.00  
IN THE CHURCH HALL

20<sup>th</sup> November: 6 pm. Ex Urbe will be performing  
FAURÉS REQUIEM in Hampton Church  
Tickets £10 from the Ex Urb website

## 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)



### **Catney Chat and Craft Club – REMINDER**

Just a quick reminder that the Club will have a table at the Craft Fair. We will have Christmas decorations and gift/stocking fillers for sale, all made by club members. All proceeds from the table will go to the The Village Hall Fund.

Please come along and support us in raising much needed funds and at the same time purchasing unusual pieces. The Residents Association will be running the refreshments and would appreciate donations of cakes/buns etc which could be sold on the day. **Please contact Lesley/Dave on 705 8037 if you are able to help in this regard.** All proceeds from refreshments sales will be put to Association Funds.

Many thanks

Lesley Cuthbert

## CATNEY CHRISTMAS TREE



Thank you so much for the donations received so far - a donation from The Boxalls and another major donation from John Cullen (Autosan Ltd) has enabled us to order a 24ft Norwegian Spruce which , all being well , is due for installation on 27<sup>th</sup> November. We are so grateful. If you would like to donate towards the tree, its installation and the lights for the tree, please get in touch with Frances our Secretary.

## Village Hall – Raising Funds

The Trustees have applied for a grant from Veolia which if granted should enable works to be started on the re modelling of the kitchen/toilet /storage facilities. We hope to hear in the not too distant future if we have been successful.

## CHRISTMAS ON LINE

With Xmas coming, most, if not all of us will be involved in buying Xmas present many on-line . Do you know that you raise funds for the Village Hall when making purchases from retailers such as Amazon, Ebay, House of Fraser, Marks and Spencer, Argos and many others and it doesn't cost you penny . You can do this by registering with [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) and locating the particular cause concerned – in this case *Catherine de Barnes Village Hall* , choosing the retailer and making a purchase. A percentage of that purchase will then be donated by the retailer to the Hall. It sound a bit long winded but it's very easy- please give it a try and help us keep the funds moving Thank You

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If you don't have a copy of Pete Peters book on the History of Catherine de Barnes, why not get a copy to peruse during the darker evenings?.

Its called Catherine de Barnes Past and Present and it is available at Ele & Co, Longfellows and 7 Bickenhill Lane. It costs £5 - proceeds to the Village Hall



## **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

### **Hugh Buller**

Sadly we have to announce the peaceful passing of Hugh on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, a long-time resident Village and a familiar sight in and around the Village. His funeral was held at Robin Hood Crematorium on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

Donations, if desired, could be made to Newlands Bishop Farm  
(Adult Learning Centre).

### **Update on Closure Threats to Local Community Pharmacies from Government Funding Cuts.**

The West Midlands Pensioners Convention has been actively supporting a campaign over the summer for the Government to rethink its funding proposals for the Community Pharmacy Service on which so many of our elderly and disabled residents depend. Our regional organisation has been busy circulating Members of Parliament to highlight the issues involved plus our local branches and individual members have also been lobbying local MP's. The threat to our local community chemists is very real, The Dept. of Health has issued a statement that the matter was not finally decided to calm things down but we encourage everyone who can to Email/write or speak to their local member of parliament supporting necessary safeguards in any changes to ensure the local community pharmacy service is protected.

Trevor Eames

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## NEWS FROM YEW TREE SURGERY

Many Catney residents are registered patients at Yew Tree Surgery and it would seem timely to offer an update from the PPG (Patients Participation Group) who act as a point of liaison between the medical staff and the patients.

1 Yew Tree is part of a group of surgeries which have amalgamated in Solihull. There are six practices which joined together over a year ago. Together they are known as **GPS HEALTHCARE** and approximately 20 % of the Solihull population are served by these six surgeries. Yew Tree has 7,700 patients. GPS are responsible for a total of 42,000 patients. The larger resource will provide greater flexibility between surgeries.

2 Paper-based records have been consolidated into computer-based ones. This takes up less space in the building and has meant that **an extra consulting room** has now been created at Yew Tree Surgery.

3 There is a challenge nationally in recruiting medical staff for GP surgeries, but GPS are focused on employing the required number of GPs and, in particular, **more practice nurses and advanced nurse practitioners** who will be able to offer more appointments to registered patients.

4 Elderly patients and those deemed to be “at risk” are currently eligible for **the 'flu jab**. Have you had yours? Out of the 2,100 Yew Tree patients who are eligible for the flu jab only 880 have so far taken the opportunity to be immunised. Catch-up clinics have been arranged so contact the surgery if you have missed out.

5 During November, as part of a public health initiative, Yew Tree will be offering a **Stop Smoking Clinic**. Get in touch with the surgery if you would like to attend.

6 Appointments at Yew Tree are usually made some time ahead, so please contact the surgery promptly **if you no longer need the appointment**. Did Not Attend Appointments are frustrating for medical staff because a patient who very much needs to see a doctor could have been re-allocated a cancelled appointment. As winter approaches we need to make the most careful use of health resources that we can.

Yew Tree Surgery PPG

**Revd Duncan Ballard** who is Rector of Hampton in Arden, Bickenhill and Barston churches, Senior Chaplain at Birmingham Airport and Area Dean of Solihull. is moving on with his wife Ellie (and their dogs) in early December to be Rector of a group of Churches in Ashbourne, and Rural Dean of Carsington. Duncan has attended most of our Carols around the Catney Christmas Tree to give a blessing and help with the washing up! Ellie has played for our Carols when our usual organist Kim was unable to attend. Duncan has done a so much for Hampton Church and for Hampton village during his six years here in Solihull and we wish him and Ellie much happiness in their next venture.

## **REMINDER: CHANGES TO WALK-IN CENTRE AND SERVICES ON SOLIHULL HOSPITAL SITE FROM THE END OF OCTOBER 2016**

### **Solihull Walk-in Centre GP registered patients**

The temporary building for Solihull Walk-in Centre, which is situated in the hospital car park on Lode Lane to the front of the hospital, will close on Friday 28 October 2016 and services from that building will cease.

Patients registered directly with a GP at the Solihull Walk-in Centre will need to re-register with an alternative GP practice.

Letters have already been sent to all those registered with the GP service at the walk-in centre and now a reminder letter has also been sent to them. The information in those letters together with a local patient helpline, telephone no: **0121 713 8730 available from Monday to Friday, 9.30am – 4.30pm**, will provide patients with all the necessary information to make their choice in where to re-register. There are 10 practices within 2 miles of the current Walk-In Centre

**Saturday, 29 October 2016** two new services will come into operation.

**The Urgent Primary Care** service will provide an urgent 'see and treat' service for patients with minor illnesses. This service will be for patients without a prior booked appointment. Patients will need to report to the Urgent Primary Care reception located next to the existing Minor Injuries Unit.

We will be asking patients to call 111 before attending any urgent care services as alternative services are available and more are coming on line in November. These include the options to direct patients directly to a pharmacist or to speak to a dental nurse for example.

The **Booked Primary Care** service will be for patients who have had an appointment booked for them, either via 111, their GP out-of-hours service or in some instances at the Urgent Primary Care service. Booked Primary Care will only see patients who have a prior appointment.

Please put the date in your diary for our CATNEY CAROLS AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE this year, which is Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30 pm. Mr. Kim Rawson, the Director of Music and Organist at Hampton and Balsall Common churches will be playing for us again and there will be light refreshments and drinks served in the Hall afterwards. Should the weather be wet, we will sing in the hall, so please come along and support us. We had a lovely large crowd of Villagers last time, around 60 in total, so let's see even more singers this year. Bring your children and grandchildren, and why not bring a lantern or a torch if you have one. Carol booklets are provided. We sing Christmas songs as well as Carols, so whether its O Come All Ye Faithful or Rudolph the Red nosed Reindeer, there will be something for everyone.

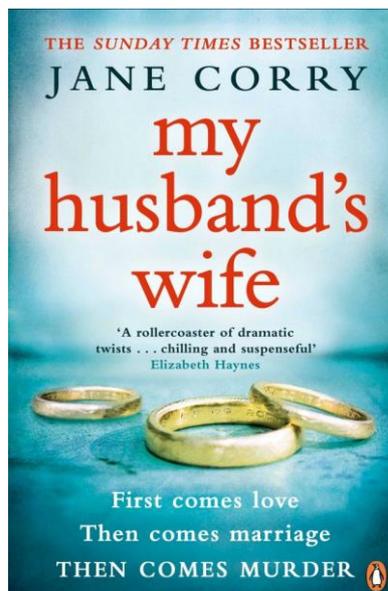
## **MY HUSBAND'S WIFE**

**A Novel by**

**Jane Corry**

**A book review by**

**John Alderson**



Jane Corry is a journalist and author who has also taught creative writing to prison inmates giving her an insight into prison life, relevant to one of the many facets of this hard-to-put-down best-selling book.

It is a book of two halves with the lives of Lily, her new husband Ed, their young friend Carla and a convicted murderer becoming inextricably intertwined.

The story is also told through the eyes of Lilly and Carla in alternate chapters, a literary device that sometimes annoys me, but is perfect in this case to allow the author to explore the minds and sensitivities of the principal characters and their relationships with one another.

We have murder, suicide, autism, deception, revenge and paternity all linking the lives of Lily, Ed, Carla and Joe. We learn about the workings of the law, prison life, the effect of serious autism on family life, which are shown to greatly and directly affect the actions and attitudes of each character.

This is a thriller of the psychological genre if one has to categorise it, but whilst being very dark in parts there is also a great deal of exploration of sensitivity of relationships which makes for a very interesting and worthwhile read. I recommend this book.

**HAMPTON CHURCH ARE LOOKING FOR A NEW TREASURER FROM NEXT  
APRIL.**

**IF YOU FEEL YOU HAVE SUFFICIENT EXPERIENCE AND TIME TO TAKE ON  
THIS VOLUNTARY ROLE, PLEASE CONTACT THE CURRENT TREASURER,  
ADRIAN LLOYD FOR MORE INFORMATION ON 07780 705755**