



CATNEY NEWSLETTER FOR MAY 2014

CHANGE OF DATE FOR CATNEY DAY – NOW 13TH SEPT

As this original date clashes with the final of the World Cup we have decided to push back the event from 13th July to Saturday 13th September, so please keep this date free! We are hoping to hold an afternoon BBQ with games, bar, raffles etc. followed by an evening Barn Dance – more news in the next editions of CN.

Village best dressed “Farmer Giles” scarecrow competition



Can you make a scarecrow dressed as a farmer? Your scarecrow would need to be exhibited in your front garden from Sunday 6th September for a week. They will be judged during Friday 12th/Saturday 13th) with the prize for the best dressed farmer scarecrow presented during the afternoon event at the Village Hall. The scarecrows will be judged by a real live farmer.

If you are interested in taking part please contact the Association by phone/email **0776 8502039**/secretary@catney.co.uk to express your interest in order that we can establish whether to go ahead with the event

Sign for the Village Hall

We are looking for someone with artistic carpentry skills who could make a wooden sign for the Hall.- we intend moving the notice board and want to put a sign with the name of the Hall over the top of it – if you can help please drop us a mail or call **0776 8502039**

CATNEY CRICKET CLUB

The Cricket season is due to begin. Practice started down at the Cricket Ground behind the Boat Inn on Wednesday 9th April from 5.30 PM but if you would like to join us, please come along, or contact Eddie Hewitt on eddiehewitt@sky.com. for more details. Everyone welcome.

HALL GROUNDS TIDY UP

Sunday 11th May 10.30am

Following a recent run through the Village areas, everywhere looks very tidy but the Hall grounds do need some attention, so please join us for an hour at the Hall to tidy the grounds up · It would be helpful if you could bring one of the following; broom, spade, a pair of secateurs - don't forget some gloves · Hope to see you there - refreshments will be provided· Should it be raining the event will not be held!! The more of us that turn up to help, the less you will have to do!

You are invited to an amazing Cake Break

In aid of Multiple Sclerosis

Where: Catherine-de-Barnes Village Hall

When: Sunday, 18th May 2014 from 1 – 5 pm

Other details: Any help and/or cakes would be greatly appreciated!

From: Laura Getlevog.

If you can't make it you can still donate by visiting cakebreak.org.uk/donate

Multiple Sclerosis Society. Registered charity nos 1139257 / SC041990.

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Village Hall Update

As some of you may be aware the floor area around the bottom of the staircase in the Vestry was dangerous – I am able to report that this has now been repaired and would like to thank Graham Hewitt for his help.

As we all know the cost of heating these days is no laughing matter and as you can imagine is the largest day to day expense in the running of the Village Hall. This is now being given our attention and hope by the next issue we can report that works have been carried out which we hope will reduce the day to day running costs.

The Hall Belfry.: During a recent inspection the framework of the Belfry was found to be in need of repair- rotting wood. Over the next month or so we are hoping to do something about this – more news next month—if anyone has access to scaffolding /cherry picking equipment we would be very pleased to hear from you
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Planning Issue – email received from a Resident

You may remember the planning application highlighted over Christmas which sought approval to build upon the green belt land at 161 Lugtrout Lane. Many Catney residents objected to the application. The councils Planning Department wrote an extensive report that recommended rejection of the application and this was included in the pack of reports circulated to Planning Committee of 29 January 2014 - the report can be seen here

<http://eservices.solihull.gov.uk/mgInternet/documents/s4034/20131991%20-%20Report%20by%20Head%20of%20Development%20Management.pdf>

Confusingly, the Head of Planning decided to take the application off the agenda and present it at the following months Committee - in the meantime the application was withdrawn - as to why this happened I am unsure. The applicant has now raised a new planning application 2014/581. The new application seeks to gain residential use for a static caravan placed on the site. It is understood that the applicant and owner of the land is not a Catney resident but has lived in Earlswood for many years. It appears that a static caravan was placed on the site some while ago and in actual fact has been continually lived in by the same individual for some while (a couple of years). It appears no approval was granted for this use, local neighbours have been querying the Council as to whether approval was given and whether utilities etc are connected - the council have been consistently evasive in the response. This new application 2014/581 is now looking formal use of the caravan for residential purpose - a notice was posted on 11 April. There are 2-3 weeks for residents to make their views about this. It should be noted that section 17 of the new application indicates that the net increase in residential use as a result of this application is +1. Local residents are concerned that approval would then clearly change the designated use of the land to "residential", thereby opening the gate for further application for wider residential development of the land, something that the applicant clearly sought in 2013 via previous application. Local residents are concerned that that this application will erode our local Green Belt - approval would grant residential use of this non residential land. The Council were clearly opposed to development of this land as noted in their report submitted to Planning Committee on 29 January and it appears that the applicant is once more attempting to find a way to gain approval for a change of use of this Green a Belt land. Residents also note that the agent involved in the application previously held a very senior position in the Planning Department at Solihull Council and therefore will be well informed as to local planning practices.

Local residents have question the Council over the last 2 years as to whether approval was given for someone to live permanently in the caravan, the councils "enforcement officers" have been

continually evasive, even claiming to not know who owned the land (even though there is a history of attempted applications on the site).

Airspace Change Proposal
(letter received from Birmingham Airport)
Airspace Change Proposal – Standard Instrument Departure Procedures

I refer to my correspondence dated 19th November 2013, when I wrote to inform you that the Airport Company will be implementing a trial of two alternative Standard Instrument Departure procedures (SIDs) from April 2014, as part of our Airspace Change Proposal (ACP). These alternative routes are known as Option 5 and Option 6. I can confirm that the trial will commence on Thursday 1st May by operating the two flight path options over a six month period. Each route will operate monthly, alternating on the first day of each month. This will allow the Airport to gather three months data for each option. The Airport will assess the noise impact, track-keeping performance and operational impact of each route. The Airport intends to use its sophisticated noise and track-keeping system and a portable noise monitor. As you will recall, the Airport had also made a commitment to reduce its Noise Preferential Routes from 3km to 2km as it is assumed that aircraft will fly more precisely using RNAV1 technology. The trial will allow the Airport to validate this.

This trial is part of Birmingham Airport's current Airspace Change application to the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and will allow RNAV procedures to be tested objectively to assess the impact and give greater insight to help make a more informed decision on the most appropriate option.

It is important to be aware that this operational trial is part of our existing ACP application and is not subject to further consultation.

Yours sincerely

Paul Kehoe

Chief Executive Officer

I would really appreciate articles of interest to put in the June issue; please let me have all copy by 20th May. Please let Frances Cook have your email address if you would like to receive the Catney News by this method in colour and so that we can contact you on Village issues. You can contact us by emailing Frances Cook at secretary@catney.co.uk or for contributions to the Catney News, you can contact Christine Cluley at editor@catney.co.uk If you do not have email, please contact us on 0776 8502039 and leave a message or you could speak to a Committee member. Chris Cluley. Editor.

Hampton in Arden Festival: Sports Ground. 31st May Stalls, food, exhibitions, crafts and games, and Open Air Proms Concert in evening with Live Music, bring a picnic £7.50. Tickets from shops in Hampton.