



**SEPTEMBER 2012**

# CATNEY NEWS

How lucky we were to have such a beautiful day for our Summer Fete and what a great success!

We would like to take the opportunity of thanking John Vincent and Paul at Heath Farm for their support in enabling us to use the field for the event--- thank you .

We also would like to thank everyone who donated time before and on the day, money, unwanted gifts, and cakes whether for the stall or use in the refreshments hall,-- without your efforts, help and support there would be no Fete. In particular we would like to thank Dave Lusty / Lightpower Ltd, and Gareth at the Spar for their substantial personal and corporate support both before and on the day.

And of course, thanks to all who paid to come in and made it the success it has been .

We were grateful to Caroline Spelman who kindly opened the fete and for her good words but were sorry that Tommy Godwin was unable to make it due to poor health; however, he sent along his bike and other memorabilia on the day from the '48 Olympics - we understand he has recovered and our best wishes go to him.

We congratulate all the medal winners for their success in our 'Games'

As well as being a great village /social success it was a great financial one too raising £5600 for the Village Hall Fund for restoring and maintaining the Village Hall when it falls under the control of new Trustees.--more soon on the latest position .

The prize for the lucky programme is unclaimed so if you have programme number 112 take it to Gareth at the Spar and claim your winnings. In the event that the prize remains unclaimed it will be put in store to be used at the next function, a quiz night, details on Page 3.

# CATNEY VILLAGE FETE

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2012



More photos on our website!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2<sup>nd</sup> September – Catney Cricket Club Charity Tournament and Family Fun event (see page 4)

Pete Peters invites you to the

### World's Biggest Coffee Morning

Join him at the Boat Inn on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September

From 10 am until 12 noon

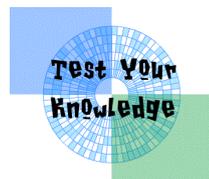
Coffee and Biscuits free – Donations to MacMillan Cancer Support

Please help us to help others.

## QUIZ NIGHT

There will be a quiz night with a Ploughmans and Bar on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October commencing at 7.30pm . Tickets are available from Sue Attwell on 705 0388 at a cost of £5 each.

All profits will go to the Village Hall Fund



## XMAS PARTY

We have a date for your diary. Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December commencing 7.30pm – more details in future issues of the

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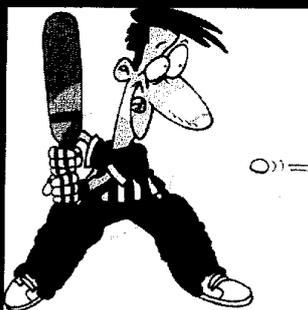


CATHERINE DE BARNES CRICKET CLUB  
CHARITY CRICKET TOURNAMENT

# Catherine De Barnes Cricket Club

Charity Cricket Tournament

**Sunday  
2nd Sept  
2012**



**Matches  
Start at  
11:00 am**

**FAMILY FUN DAY  
BBQ/BOUNCY CASTLE/RAFFLES AND MUCH MORE!!!**



**Raising funds in aid of**

Marie Curie  
Cancer Care



**Tickets**

**Players = £10  
Adults = £5  
Children = £2.50**

**All tickets will  
entitle you 1  
free item from  
the BBQ.**



**FUNDRAISING  
IN SUPPORT OF  
HELP for  
HEROES**

For more information  
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Twitter and  
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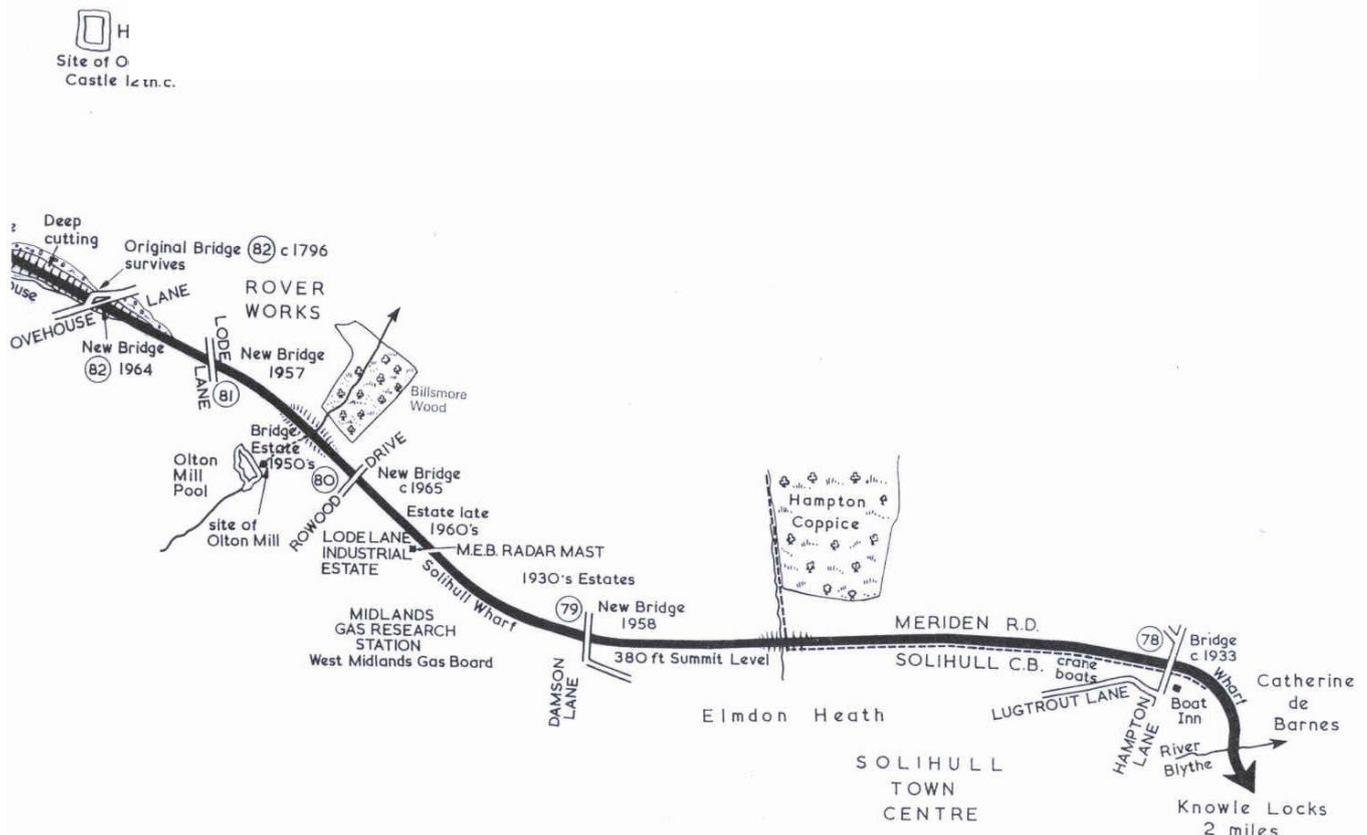


Behind the Boat Inn  
Hampton Lane  
Catherine De Barnes  
Solihull  
Warwickshire  
B91 2TJ

## HISTORY AROUND THE VILLAGE

The original Boat Inn, was a pub and hostel used by the barges who worked and lived on the canal. It was destroyed by fire in 1923 and the present Boat Inn was built on Hampton Lane in 1925. Back in the 1980's a resident who had lived in Catney for 70 years, remembered playing a game called "pigeon toss" while he waited for the old pub to open.

A rather old map showing the route of the canal as it approaches Catney. Quite a few things have changed since this map was drawn!



**Bridge 78, Hampton Lane, was rebuilt in the 1930s during the reconstruction and improvement that followed the formation of the Grand Union Canal Co.**

## Sew Make Believe - bobbins, books and baking in Catney!

I first met Kate in the White Horse pub in Leamington Spa. It was like being on a blind date, and she apparently recognised me solely because of my very long hair. Two hours and three pots of tea later, we had discovered we shared a love of craft and reading, a desire to meet like-minded people in what was for both of us, a new area, and the determination to set up and run a club that would cater for all those needs.

Three years later, Sew Make Believe has 100 members in and around Warwickshire and we are launching our first sister branch in Solihull!

We're very proud of the club that has grown from that initial meeting, the members who have joined us and shared their skills, and the friendships we have seen develop through our fortnightly meetups. We come together twice a month to eat cake, drink tea and share skills – which vary from all manner of sewing, quilting, cross stitch and embroidery, via knitting, crochet and other yarn crafts, to paper crafting, quilling and scrapbooking. We try to vary workshops to appeal to beginners and experienced crafters alike, and hold quarterly book club sessions too. Our most common complaint is that there are not enough Wednesdays in the year!

Details of upcoming sessions can be found via [meetup.com](http://meetup.com), free to join, which we encourage members to use to RSVP. And our blog is updated every week day with members' projects and inspiration, as well as details of how to join.

And to think, all this came from a tweet!

Contact Caroline for details: [fairynuff27@hotmail.com](mailto:fairynuff27@hotmail.com), or visit the website: [www.sewmakebelieve.co.uk](http://www.sewmakebelieve.co.uk)

Upcoming meetups at Catney Village Hall:

September 12th - sit 'n' sew

September 26th - beginner's crochet

October 10th - sit 'n' sew

October 24th - felt flowers (tbc)

November: 7th - sit 'n' sew with christmas prep swap

November 21st - ribbon corsages

December: 5th - sit 'n' sew

December 19th - Christmas party

# Your Residents Association

## What did you say about the proposed Bracey’s hotel development?

Most of our responses were positive, and you felt that Braceys were entitled to do what they could to keep their business alive.

There was significant support from general businesses.

The main reason for any “against” votes was that it might set a precedent and that once the hotel was built, more building might take place in the area, especially after the runway extension takes place and green belt land might be lost. Some thought that the area would be spoilt by a hotel development. Against votes were in the minority.

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We are hoping to put a couple of picnic tables and bench type seats on the Common – but we are anxious to make the seating in keeping with the natural surroundings. Before the Residents Association makes this rather expensive outlay, which due to cost, may not be as fitting as we would have hoped, we wondered if one of you had the skills to make something attractive and practical out of perhaps old tree-trunks, perhaps on the lines of tables and benches that can be found in picnic areas in Brueton Park, Lapworth Canal Wharf and Hatton Locks. Or would anyone like to donate something rustic, practical and unusual? Small memorial plaques on any donated items would be considered. Or maybe you would prefer to give a donation. Please let us know as soon as possible if you can help. Obviously, we would have the seats and benches fixed down securely.

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The Residents Association Committee are going to have a big Membership Drive next year. Would you be prepared to ask a few neighbours if they would like to join? We need to increase membership numbers or increase the price of membership, which we are reluctant to do. Improvements to the Village and the Common, together with printing costs of the Catney News, and the purchase of items up front for events and social occasions are just a few of the things that require us to have a few pounds to call upon. Everyone on the Committee gives their time and skills free of charge, whether it be secretarial or financial, putting together the Catney News, liaising with the Village Hall Committee, attending Airport meetings, looking at planning and the environment etc., etc., If you are reading this and are not a member, please join us. £2 per person per year for everyone aged 18 and over in your household. Put your contact details, address and the money in an envelope and leave it with Gareth at the Spar shop, who will pass it to us. Thank you. We look forward to you joining us. Grateful thanks to all our current members.

**Dear Residents of Catney**

**Thank you for your continued support with my car wash and garage sale for EducAid Africa (School Charity).**

**My car wash raised £28 and my garage sale raised £78.50.**

**As a whole, I am pleased to say that Lady Katherine Leveson Primary School raised the super sum of £1255.44.**

**Thank you so much for all your kind generosity and support - it was much appreciated.**

**Yours sincerely**

**Leon (age 11)**

### BARN DANCE PHOTOS



**Solihull Vintage Fair: 8<sup>TH</sup> September 11 am to 5pm. Around 30 stalls.**

Solihull Vintage Fair Venue: Meadows Function Room (adjacent to Solihull Ice Rink) Hobs Moat Road Solihull B92 8JN. Entry for public £1.00 (Free entry for children accompanying adults) Free parking for visitors

**Solihull Moors Football Club, Damson Parkway - Big Quiz in aid of TroopAid.**

**7<sup>th</sup> September at 8 pm.** Test yourself at their big quiz night. Has your team got what it takes to be their quiz champions? Ten rounds of ten questions covering General Knowledge, Sport, Music, Entertainment, with Big Screen picture rounds

Max 5 Players in a team - £2.00 per player Bar open - Raffle - Prizes

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 I would like to make contact with old friends from the Hobs Moat & Elmdon Heath areas, and in particular Wendy Hassell, who lived in Lugtrout Lane.....I would love also to hear from Pat Rhodes, another old flame of mine!! If any one is in touch with either Wendy or Pat I would appreciate them passing this request on to them.....I would also like to hear from anyone else who remembers me from those areas...Regards, John Lee, [johnl6065@gmail.com](mailto:johnl6065@gmail.com)

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**VILLAGE HALL NEWS**

Steve Wallis says: *“I am conscious that this is all taking more time than we would have wished. However, there are a number of parties involved and some of the legal issues are not simple. I hope nevertheless that we shall be in a position to announce agreement in principle to the new proposals in the late autumn and to secure a new Scheme by the end of the calendar year.*

*Currently most of you are aware that the land and buildings are currently the property of a Trust known as “The Catherine de Barnes Church of England Charity”.*

*Birmingham Diocesan Trustees Registered (BDTR) are the custodian trustees.*

*The St Alphege Parish Church Council are the managing trustees.*

*Both these groups of trustees have recommended the transfer of the trust to representatives of the local Catherine de Barnes community without demanding a capital sum but with some proposed safeguards”. Steve Wallis*

***These safeguards are currently being discussed with the Village Hall Committee and a final decision will hopefully be agreed as soon as possible. In the meantime, we need to continue to raise as much money as we can!***

## SOLIHULL CANOE CLUB

Did you know that this Canoe Club is based in Catney? They are based at the Boathouse, on the Canal by Hampton Lane.

They meet every Saturday afternoon between 2pm and 4pm throughout the year.

The Club is a registered charity with the aim of encouraging people to try Canoeing and Kayaking, as well as promoting the sports of flat water and wildwater racing. They are affiliated with the British Canoe Union (BCU) and have BCU qualified and trained coaches.

The club has links with various schools and youth organisations in order to encourage people to take part and enjoy canoeing. They have approximately 100 members, of which around a third of these are under the age of 18.

Beginners and potential members are most welcome to come along for a "taster" session on Saturday afternoons except for the first Saturday of each month; this is reserved for skills training of club members. The club has boats, paddles and buoyancy aids, which new and prospective members may use.

No special clothing is required; sweatshirt and tracksuit bottoms worn with a pair of light trainers or plimsolls are adequate. Paddlers should bring a cagoule in case of poor weather, a towel and a complete change of clothing.

The fee for a "taster" session is £5, to confirm that you wish to have a go, please **contact them** by phone. During the spring and summer months they can become very busy, so can you please contact them to pre-book a taster session and to obtain the cost of membership for the year from September 2012.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> July this year, Solihull Canoe Club has been awarded £20,802 funding from Sport England's Inspired Facilities fund to carry out improvements to the club. This award will enable them to replace the older boathouse with a new one of larger capacity, provide a waterproof roof for the club house and connect the site to mains electricity. They would like to express a big thank you to the Inspired Facilities fund which is part of Places People Play, Sport England's Olympic and Paralympic legacy fund. Also thanks must go to David Rimmington, the club Secretary, for pursuing this grant so successfully, Peter Jones, the club President, and all the other members whom assisted.

For more information please ring: Geoff Barber 0843 289 5272 (standard rate)

Please note: this number redirects to a landline & you will hear music instead of a ringing tone



**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.**

**I am thinking about producing a Catney Cookbook to raise funds. Have you got a good recipe you would like to share?. I need at least 30 and we are still short by some way, so please send me your favourite recipe as soon as possible. Thank you to those villagers who have sent me recipes so far. Ideas of what you would like to read about in your Catney News are always welcome. Would anyone like to do a book review for the October edition? Gareth at the Spar shop will pass anything on to me for the Catney News/Cook Book or you can email me on [editor@catney.co.uk](mailto:editor@catney.co.uk)**

**Remember, that if you are receiving this copy of the Catney News in black and white, it will not do justice to the 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.**



**The Editor**

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## USEFUL CONTACTS

**Police : 0845 113 5000 Police (airport security only) 0121 712 6151**

**Solihull MBC: 0121 704 8000 or e-mail: [connectcc@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:connectcc@solihull.gov.uk)**

**Airport noise complaints: 0121 767 7433**

**Airport flight path complaints : 0121 712 6172 or e-mail [fppt@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk](mailto: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](http://www.solihull.gov.uk/councilservices/index.htm)**

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

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**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.**

