

# CATNEY NEWS



Dear Villagers,

At our last Committee meeting we looked at subscriptions we have received from villagers who wished to belong to the Residents Association. Despite our efforts, it seems that we are again down in members. Sadly when comparing the cost of printing the Catney News, it seems that should numbers continue to decrease, we will have to consider reducing editions of the Catney News to quarterly as we will not have enough funds from the subscriptions to enable us to continue with monthly editions. In addition, your membership shows the Committee that we have your support, as we fight on your behalf on planning, environment and many other issues affecting Catherine de Barnes.

If you haven't yet joined the Catney Residents Association, we urge you to do so. £10 per annum per family includes all family members over 16 living at the same address. Couples pay £5 and it is £3 for a single subscription. Please leave your subscription in an envelope with the form you will find at the back of this edition. Please note that completion of this form will be your permission for us to retain your information in order to contact you about the Residents Association and to send you the Catney News. Your contact details will be held securely on one password protected computer. We need your permission to hold your information under the new General Data Protection Regulations. Please leave the sealed envelope at the Spar Shop and our Treasurer will collect it. He tries to do this every day;

You will be given a membership card shortly after your payment is received. Please advise Frances if you do not receive one.

Thank you for your support and we do hope you will join us if you haven't already. Thank you to everyone who has joined already, we are thankful to have you with us. We hope to give our members special offers as often as we can. Do have a look in this edition at this month's offer from Silhill Brewery.



Catney Residents  
Association

JUNE

2018

# **CATNEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS**

## **NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER**

We are pleased to announce that Lesley Cuthbert has re-joined the Committee( after recovering for 10 years) Lesley was with Pete Peters one of the founder members of the Association back in the 80's . Lesley will focus on running social activities for the Association which as you will all know have not been a feature for the last 18 months. Welcome aboard Lesley

Frances Cook

## **SOCIAL EVENTS -- Dates for your diary**

**Butty Brunch:** Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July 10.am til 12.00noon

**Quiz:** Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September

**Xmas Event:** Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December

**Craft Fair:** Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November

## **COMMUNICATION—SOCIAL MEDIA /CATNEY NEWS**

We would like to express our thanks to Glenn Hayes for running our Facebook and Twitter pages –we are endeavouring to get ourselves up to date. Needless to say without the work of Chris Cluley, preparing/publishing the Catney News would not be possible. Thanks to you both and to the distributors who ensure hard copies gets to those who want it.

## **MEMBERSHIP/SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Based on the subscriptions we have had in this year approximately half the village are members of the Association. Since we have collected subscriptions through envelopes we have seen a drop in membership – in the days when we knocked on doors we had nearly 50% more members but for those that collected door to door it was the dreaded task of the year!.

*So please join us.*

## **PARISH BOUNDARY REVIEW-**

Thank you to all those who responded to the last consultation. The results are currently being reviewed and will be presented to the Governance Committee at SMBC at their next meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> June. They together with advice from the Electoral Officers at SMBC will decide the next steps which will result in a further consultation (the last thank goodness) which will seek residents views on the final proposal to incorporate Catherine de Barnes into Hampton Parish a proposal which is fully supported by the Committee of the Residents Association .

**When the time comes please make your views known- this will be your last opportunity to do so .**

## **POLICE and CRIME**

As you will have gathered the last “ Meet the Police” meeting which was to due to be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> May had to be cancelled due to Chief Superintendent Basit Javid being taken ill. We are in the throes of trying to re arrange another meeting which is likely to be held mid/end June . We will e mail members when we have the new date and notices will be put on both notice boards as and when the date is known.

## **AIRPORT**

The new Night Time Noise Policy was approved by SMBC in April (details can be seen on the Airport Website). The communities around the airport including us spent a year negotiating with the Airport Company more stringent regulations which take effect from Oct 18 through to 2021. Briefly they are:-

- 1) Night time noise level reduced from 85dba to 83dba with a commitment by BA after tests to look at reducing to 81 dba
- 2) No additional night time departures from the airport between 11.30 and 5.00am ( currently 877 per year)
- 3) Aircraft over Quota 1 not to depart between 11.30 and 6.00pm – details of quota numbers can be seen on the Airport website

The Airport Company have now formulated a Draft Noise Action Plan 2019-2013 which covers all aspects of noise day and night which is now being consulted upon .—please take the opportunity of responding .

The RA will be making a response which will be published in the next CN and e- mailed to Residents as soon as it is ready .

The Airports Masterplan showing their plans into the 2030's will be out for consultation in September as will their Surface and Access Strategy going forward .

## **PLANNING**

### 1)\_ Motorway Service Area – Cde Barnes Application 2015/51409

Precedent dictates that this application and the one at Jct 4 (2016/02754) must be considered together. Highways England asked SMBC in February for a 3 month delay in responding to the Jct 4 application and have now asked for a further 3 month delay ( it might be less if the applicant responds to HE's questions earlier than is expected) which means it will be at least late June early July before SMBC are able to consider the applications. In the event it may well be that the applications are " called in" by the Secretary of State which means in short that SMBC will not make the decision it will be made by Government --- watch this space! The RA with Hampton PC are in continual letter dialogue via Dame Caroline Spelman with Highways England concerning their decision to accept a Deviation from Standards in accepting reduced weaving distances at the C de B site .

### **Care Village at Oak Farm 2018/00781**

The RA have submitted our response, a copy of which is on the website. The main thrust of our response is that we feel the development is too big and we have concerns over the small number of visitors and staff car parking and fear that staff and visitors will need to park in and around the streets of the development causing chaos to local residents. As part of the development is in Green Belt the applicant needs to prove there are 'very special circumstances' that outweigh the harm that the development causes to the openness of the Green Belt. If you visit the planning application on SMBC's website you will see a response from their own Spatial Planning Dept. and make similar observations. No date for the hearing of the application has been set yet.

## **VILLAGE HALL**

The Trustees are in the final stages of making an application to Garfield Westons 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund for £55k to cover new kitchen, toilets and re wiring( cost £13k) . We have recently been successful in obtaining a grant of £2500 from the Airport Community Trust Fund to cover replacing the hall chairs . The Fete fund and Village Hall Trust Fund will make up the £2000 to cover the full cost. All being well we are planning to refurbish the hall floor in the summer. Many of you will have noticed that some work has been going on at the hall earlier in May. This work comprised new shelving for the Gillott Room, making the rear Gillott Room door into an outward opening exit, repainting of all the outbuildings at the rear of the hall plus some other ongoing maintenance issues.

Dave Cuthbert  
RA Committee Chair

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## **Catney Common May/June 2018**

Two volunteers made the work party in May and we carried on clearing the brambles and docks and inspected for Japanese knotweed. Other work, like strimming the paths, goes on in between.

On May 14<sup>th</sup> we did the first botanical survey of this year. A new invasive species was spotted, Himalayan Balsam but we are encouraged to find that some progress has been made on removing laurel, knotweed and bamboo. Also three or four new flowers or grasses were seen bringing the number recorded this season up to 39. We will repeat this survey in July. The common is looking lovely in the spring sunlight

**Some of the wild flowers (and a couple of ducks) to be found on the Common are on the next page.**

1. Spot the Ducks on a puddle on the Common
2. Cowslips.
3. Wild Garlic
4. English Bluebells
5. Stitchwort
6. How Green is our Common



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**Work Parties. Sunday**  
**mornings.**

**JUNE 10<sup>th</sup> and JULY 8th**

Please come along and lend a hand if you are interested.

Wear old clothes and bring gardening gloves, secateurs, shears, etc if you have them.

We meet at **10.30 am** for about an hour. The main jobs are controlling brambles, digging up docks in some areas and clearing around the new hedging. Contact Heather for more details

[hmbird300@gmail.com](mailto:hmbird300@gmail.com).

**CONTACTS:**

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**Catney News:** Please send all articles to Christine Cluley, Editor on [cluleychris8@outlook.com](mailto:cluleychris8@outlook.com) or ring 01675 442728

**Spar Shop/Village Hall Bookings:** Gareth Thomas 0121 705 6135

**Website of Residents Association:** [www.catney.co.uk](http://www.catney.co.uk)

**Twitter account:** @CatneyResAssoc

# USEFUL NUMBERS

West Midlands Ambulance	+ 44 (0) 138 421 5555
West Midlands Fire Service	+ 44 (0) 121 359 5161
West Midlands Police	+ 44 (0) 845 113 5000
Solihull and Heartlands Hospitals	0121 424 2000
<b>IF YOU SMELL GAS OR SUSPECT A CARBON MONOXIDE LEAK:</b> Call National Grid free on our 24-hour GAS and CARBON MONOXIDE emergency helpline,	0800 111 999
Taxis	+ 44 (0) 121 782 3744
National Rail enquiries	+ 44 (0) 845 748 4950
Central Trains	+ 44 (0) 870 608 260
Solihull Council general enquiries, information	0121 704 8001/6000
Environmental Maintenance, (includes Waste & Recycling, Street Care and Pest Control)	0121 704 8000
Roads & highways	0121 704 8004
National express coaches	+ 44 (0) 870 580 8080

## THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL OFFER

Glenn Hayes has arranged a benefit for villagers. Silhill Brewery, who produce award winning crafted ales, is offering a 25p discount off each bottle for villagers **and an extra 25p off for RA members.** Residents Association Members please show your membership card in order to receive this additional discount.

Unit 1 Oak Farm, Hampton Ln, Catherine-de-Barnes, Solihull B92 0JB Website : [silhillbrewery.co.uk](http://silhillbrewery.co.uk)

# For Sale



Nikon D5100 DSLR Camera with 18-105 Nikon DX Kit lens, 70-300mm Tamron lens, battery charger, two batteries, remote control 16GB SD card and strap. Original packaging also available. The camera has just had a clean of the sensor and mirror by Nikon, very good condition. £299.00 ONO. Also available Tamron 17-50mm Lens Nikon Fit Aspherical LD XR DiD SP Lens F/2.8 Excellent Condition. Owned from new. Comes with UV filter lens caps F/R and one variable ND Filter and one partial ND filter £175.00 ONO. Please mail me @ antonyddrew@hotmail.co.uk or leave a message on 07968064116"

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Please note timetable changes to Tuesday evening PILATES classes at Catherine de Barnes Village Hall. Now running at 6.15 pm and 7.15 pm. Interested in a taster session with no obligation? Please contact Jennie on 07860 139680 or email: [contact@pilateswithjennie.co.uk](mailto:contact@pilateswithjennie.co.uk) or visit my website at: [www.pilateswithjennie.co.uk](http://www.pilateswithjennie.co.uk)

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**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THERE WILL BE NO CATNEY NEWS IN AUGUST IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION OR ARTICLES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN THE CATNEY NEWS FOR BOTH JULY AND AUGUST, PLEASE LET CHRIS HAVE THEM BY 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE.**



# CELEBRATING 30 YEARS AT LONGFELLOWS

June 1988 Longfellows Restaurant opened their doors after 3 months of alterations from the original Catney Stores and Café. It has to be said that at first not everyone was happy about a new restaurant in the village, but we think we have now proved ourselves after 30 years to be an asset to the village.

Along with everyone else in the village we have seen many changes, and as residents of Catney we have loved every minute, and feel privileged to be a Catney business and resident. We have involved ourselves in many special occasions at the village hall and have catered for many special occasions for Catney Residents, including weddings and special birthdays.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support over the last 30 years and look forward to your continued support.

I hope you will bear with us on the afternoon of Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June, when we will be having a celebration in our garden to mark this special event.

## **Chris and Doug**



**A special visitor**



**Longfellows  
1988**

# Rock and Roll Softplay has come to Catherine de Barnes Village Hall

Come along to our drop-in session every Friday afternoon from 12:45-3:00pm.

We'll give you a lovely cuppa ☕ and biccies/cakes while the children enjoy playing with our cute animal themed softplay and bouncy castle.

We get out the bubbles and have a sing song at the end for those that enjoy a chorus.

- £5 for 1 adult and up to 3 children - over 1 year old
- £3.50 for 1 adult and up to 3 children - under 1 year old
  - 50p per child thereafter.



We look forward to seeing you! Han and Soph

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**Hampton-in-Arden Sports Club Limited**  
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**14<sup>th</sup> Arden 9 mile Road Race**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2018**  
**10.30 am start**

Starting from the Sports Club grounds the 300+ runners approach Catherine-de-Barnes from Bickenhill Lane, turn right over the canal bridge, crossover by the Spar shop/Boat Inn and then turn left along Henwood Lane

Traffic at the canal bridge will be held up both ways for about 20 minutes from 10.40 am – 11.00 am

Apologies for any inconvenience  
John Eccleston, President,  
07917 673401

**PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM TO JOIN CATNEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION. COMPLETING AND SUBMITTING THIS FORM WILL ALSO GIVE US PERMISSION TO HOLD YOUR DATA SECURELY AND USE IT TO GIVE YOU INFORMATION ABOUT CATHERINE DE BARNES VILLAGE, THE WORK OF THE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION AND TO SEND YOU THE CATNEY NEWS EITHER BY HARD COPY OR EMAIL.**

**ADD THIS FORM TO YOUR SUBSCRIPTION IN A SEALED ENVELOPE AND LEAVE IT AT THE SPA SHOP FOR COLLECTION**

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**I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN CATHERINE DE BARNES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION, KNOWN AS CATNEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION AND ENCLOSE MY SUBSCRIPTION AMOUNT OF: £**

**BY PROVIDING THIS PERSONAL INFORMATION, WHICH I UNDERSTAND WILL BE HELD SECURELY AND PASSWORD PROTECTED, I ALSO GIVE PERMISSION FOR IT TO BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADVISING ME ABOUT VILLAGE NEWS, ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING ISSUES, EVENTS IN THE VILLAGE AND TO SEND ME COPIES OF THE CATNEY NEWS**

**NAMES OF THOSE JOINING: .....**

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**TELEPHONE NUMBER: .....**

**EMAIL ADDRESS: .....**

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