



**DECEMBER 2012**



Dear Residents of Catney,

Early Christmas Greetings AND a Very Happy 2013. If you are celebrating, I hope you have a wonderful time. If the weather gets colder, and we have ice and snow, please remember any elderly or disabled neighbours, who may be unable to go out and do their shopping. They may be glad of your help or your company. Thank you. There will not be a January edition of the News, but we will be back in February and your contributions will be gladly received. I have produced this edition early, so that you can book your place at our Christmas Party - there will be a Bavarian theme this year – you only have until the 4<sup>th</sup> December to book, details below. Also, come and sing Carols with us on the 23<sup>rd</sup> under our Christmas tree!

Your Editor

## **CATNEY BAVARIAN CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December - 7.30pm until late This promises to be a lovely evening of music, entertainment and food to put you in the mood for the festivities later in the month. Ticket price £10 to be paid before event.

To include a 2 course hot meal (vegetarians catered for – please advise when booking). Music and entertainment provided by “Men in Shorts”

Reserve your place by 4<sup>th</sup> December by contacting Dave on 705 8037 or Sue on 705 8338. Please ring or email any Residents Association member if you are able to donate a raffle prize.

## PANTOMIME

George Fentham PTA Production are proud to present a pantomime; "Sleeping Beauty Goes Back To The Future" on 14<sup>th</sup> (7.30 pm) and 15<sup>th</sup> December (2.30 pm and 7.30 pm) ". It is a time travelling acting, dancing and singing extravaganza taking you from the 1700s through to 2068, stopping off at the 1920s and 1960s on the way. It is to raise money for the school to get a new playground and has a cast of parents from the school with some of the school children in it also.

The Venue is The Fentham Hall in Hampton in Arden.

Tickets are £10 each. Children's tickets include a drink and a packet of crisps.

Tickets are available from Laura on 07725552551, [georgefenthampta.co.uk](http://georgefenthampta.co.uk), the Corner Shop in Hampton, Naughty Nicks and Hampton Post Office. It's a very good cause and a lot of work has gone into it. There is a poster in the Spar shop in Catney with all the details on too.

There will be a full size Tardis and a professional live band.

Please go along and give your support.

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**JANE KIMBERLEY**

**ON YOUR 81<sup>ST</sup> BIRTHDAY**

**12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2012!!**

**SPECIAL DATE, SPECIAL DAY**

**WE HOPE YOU HAVE A GREAT TIME!**

**WHY NOT LET ME HAVE YOUR MEMORABLE DATES FOR 2013 IN ADVANCE – BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, WEDDINGS ETC? I WILL ENSURE THEY ARE ADDED IN TO THE NEAREST CATNEY NEWS**

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**YOUR RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION AGM WILL BE ON THE 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH AT 8 PM NEXT YEAR IN THE VILLAGE HALL. PLEASE TRY AND COME ALONG AND LEARN WHAT IS GOING ON, WHAT YOUR RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION IS DOING AND TO GIVE US FEEDBACK ON WHAT MORE IS NEEDED AND HOW WE CAN GET BETTER! IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PUT YOUR NAME FORWARD FOR A PLACE ON THE COMMITTEE, WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU BEFORE THE MEETING. WINE AND NIBBLES SERVED AFERWARDS**

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**THERE WILL BE AN OPEN MORNING AT THE VILLAGE HALL IN FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR – PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR INFORMATION ON THE VILLAGE NOTICEBOARDS AND BY EMAIL.**

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## **AIRPORT NEWS**

**INFORMATION ON A CONSULTATION WILL BE ISSUED SHORTLY CONCERNING THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO FLIGHT PATHS RESULTING FROM THE EXTENSIONS TO THE RUNWAY.**

**WE HOPE TO HAVE AN INFORMATIVE ROADSHOW VISIT CATNEY VILLAGE HALL IN LATE JANUARY 2013. PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR DATES AND TIMES ON THE VILLAGE NOTICEBOARDS – FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE SUPPLIED E.MAIL ADDRESSES, WE WILL ALSO ADVISE YOU PERSONALLY.**

# SKYLINERS BIG BAND

PRESENT

## “MAD ABOUT SWING”

With guest Vocalist Carole Westwood

To be held at The Fentham Hall, Hampton-in-Arden

On Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2013 at 7.30 pm

All monies raised will be given to the Catney Village Hall Restoration Fund

Tickets are £11 and can be purchased from the Spar Shop, Catney

The Corner Shop, Hampton or from Nicola Ruddick on 01676 442050

Something to lighten up January days – get your tickets now and support this great  
fund raising event

(Skyliners rehearse in our Village Hall every week)

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## COFFEE MORNING

At 10:30 am on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December at Pat and Graham's house,  
420 Lugtrout Lane. Please join them for a cup of tea and a mince  
pie. All proceeds go to Warren Pearl.

## VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The negotiations concerning the Village Hall are progressing well and are  
nearing their conclusion. The situation should be resolved in the New  
Year – so hopefully there will be good news in our next Edition in  
February. In the meantime, please look out for a date and time for our  
Open Day, to be held in January or February.

# VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE

At the last Residents Association meeting, it was agreed that a Christmas Tree outside the Village Hall would be a nice idea. We are very grateful to an anonymous resident who has donated a 20 ft tree to us. Lightpower Ltd/Dave Lusty have donated the hole digging and the lights – so thank you very much to all concerned. It is hoped the Tree will be delivered in late November.

You are invited to join us for Carol singing around the Christmas tree on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 4 pm. We will be accompanied by Kim Rawson, Director of Music and organist at Hampton Parish Church and Balsall Common church, who has kindly offered to break from his busy routine to play for our singing. Take an hour off from the preparations, wrap up warmly and come and sing Carols and Christmas songs for half an hour. Carol sheets with the words will be provided and a chair if standing is too much for any of you. The singing will be followed by hot drinks, sausage rolls and mince pies etc. in the hall if it is too cold to stay outside!

Please support this new endeavour for Catney, which we hope will become a tradition for us all to enjoy every year.

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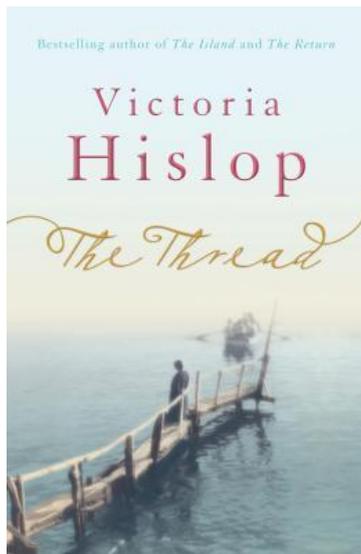
## CATNEY COOK BOOK

This will hopefully be available at the Christmas Party and afterwards at the Spar Shop.

Recipes have been donated by Catney Residents – and all proceeds will go to the Village Hall Fund after printing costs are taken out. I am hoping to keep the book price to under £5, but I am still working on costs.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed. You will each be acknowledged against your recipe.

Chris Cluley

**BOOK REVIEW** BY JOHN ALDERSON

# The Thread

Victoria Hislop

Victoria Hislop, the wife of Ian Hislop, the writer and broadcaster, clearly has an affinity with Greece and more particularly a detailed knowledge of its history during the period of this book which runs from 1917 to 2007.

The story is primarily about a five year old Greek refugee being forced to flee from her home in Smyrna to Thessaloniki, as the Turks under Kemal Ataturk force the Greeks out of Asia Minor, as they try to reclaim their lands lost in the settlements of the First World War.

Katerina, who's story is essentially the thread of the title, loses contact with her mother but finds herself taken into a loving family base in a very poor part of Thessaloniki and with people of different nationalities and ethnicities, and who even speak a different language. Her life is then beautifully drawn through to old age with a background of ethnic transportations, the Nazi occupation of Greece, the Holocaust and the destruction of the city by earthquake.

Parallel and intertwined stories of great wealth and grinding poverty and the clear class distinctions brought about by such differences, add colour and sympathy to a delightfully told story of a woman with a natural gift in her hands, overcoming great hardship in her life to achieve a calm and satisfying old age.



**Catney Residents Association would like to express their sincere condolences to the family of Olympic Hero Tommy Godwin, who died recently aged 91.**

**Tommy was to open our Fete this year, but was taken poorly. He did however send us his good wishes and expressed his disappointment at not being able to attend. Rest In Peace Tommy.**

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**A big thank you to Jean and John Evans of Lugtrout Lane, for the donation given to The Village Hall Fund after their open day sale of jewellery and stained glass and for the raffle prize.**

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### **REMEMBRANCE DAY**

**The Remembrance Day service held at Catney (church) was well attended and a really gentle and moving experience thanks to Stephen Wallis (Warden at St. Alphege) and Pete Peters. After a short talk on the subject, Pete gave out details of some of the men whose names are recorded on our war memorial font and water jug from the First and Second world wars. This will enable us to have knowledge of these brave men of Catney when we think of them each year. In addition to the two minute silence, the congregation were invited to come forward to stand their poppies into a cross laid on the font.**

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### **CATNEY COMMON WORKING PARTY**

**The next working party will be on Saturday 12th January 2013, from 10:00 am to about 12:30 pm. It would be helpful if you could let Chris Boxall know if you are coming on [cb@catney.co.uk](mailto:cb@catney.co.uk)**

**These winter working parties are just for remedial activity. There were a few tasks that we failed to complete during the summer. But since then a number of trees and branches have fallen down in the bad weather so we need to clear these up. The cleared areas have now sprouted life so that tidying here is also needed. Thanks in anticipation to anyone who can help.**

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## Main Christmas Services

“O Come all ye faithful”

All are welcome

*The Parish Church of St. Mary and St. Bartholomew, Hampton-in-Arden.*

- December 2<sup>nd</sup>: 11 am: Start of Advent: Family Service and the Posada family and sheep start their journey to the homes of the congregation.
- December 17<sup>th</sup>: 6 pm: Carol Singing around Hampton by Lamplight. Starting at the Green in Peel Close. Everyone welcome.
- December 23<sup>rd</sup>: 11 am : Family service – Posada family procession.  
6.30 pm : Carol Service by candlelight.
- December 24<sup>th</sup>: 3 pm : Crib Service for children  
11.30 pm : Midnight Mass
- December 25<sup>th</sup>: 10 am : Christmas Day Family Service

*The Parish Church of St. Alphege, Solihull*

- December 2<sup>nd</sup>: 6:30 pm : Advent Carol Service
- December 9<sup>th</sup>: 9.15 am : All Age Christingle Service
- December 16<sup>th</sup>: 6.30 pm : Community Carol Service with readings
- December 24<sup>th</sup>: 3:00 pm : Crib Service – understand the story of Christmas and watch the crib being built.  
11.30 pm : Midnight Mass with Carol Singing at 11.10 pm.
- December 25<sup>th</sup>: 9.15 am : Eucharist suitable for families.



**GAMES TO PLAY AT CHRISTMAS****SHAVE THE BALLOON**

**The objective of the Shave the Balloon is to shave whipped cream or shaving foam off a balloon without bursting it! Warning - If a balloon bursts the whipped cream or shaving foam flies everywhere!**

**How to Play Shave the Balloon**

**The instructions on how to play Shave the Balloon are as follows:**

- 1. Every player is given a balloon to blow up**
- 2. A face with hair, eyes, eyebrows, nose, moustache and beard must be sprayed on the balloon with whipped cream or shaving foam**
- 3. On the count of three all the players must try to shave their balloon with a butter knife**
- 4. The first player to shave their balloon, without bursting it, is the winner**

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**TOILET ROLL DESIGNER**

**The objective of the Toilet Roll Designer is to see who can create the best clothes using only toilet rolls and scotch tape (sellotape).**

**How to Play Toilet Roll Designer**

**The instructions on how to play Toilet Roll Designer are as follows:**

- 1. Split the players into as many teams as possible (2 or more people per team)**
- 2. Provide toilet rolls and scotch tape for each team**
- 3. One player in each team is chosen as the 'model'**
- 4. The team has 10 minutes to create an outfit!**
- 5. The teams then compete in a Fashion Show for the best outfit!**

“I WILL HONOR CHRISTMAS IN MY HEART, AND TRY TO  
KEEP IT ALL THE YEAR.”

— CHARLES DICKENS



*"The joy of brightening other lives, bearing each others' burdens, easing other's loads and supplanting empty hearts and lives with generous gifts becomes for us the magic of Christmas." ~ W. C. Jones*

### CHRISTMAS CRACKER TERRIBLE JOKES

WHAT DID THE SNOWMAN ORDER AT McDONALDS?

ICEBERGER AND CHILLI SAUCE.

WHAT GOES RED, WHITE, RED, WHITE, RED, WHITE

SANTA ROLLING DOWN A HILL

WHY DON'T PENGUINS FLY?

BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT TALL ENOUGH TO BE PILOTS



12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS PUZZLE

4 Letters

Hens

5 letters

Birds  
Dames  
Doves  
Geese  
Lords  
Maids  
Rings  
Swans

6 Letters

French  
Golden  
Laying  
Pipers  
Piping  
Turtle

7 Letters

Calling  
Dancing  
Leaping  
Milking

8 Letters

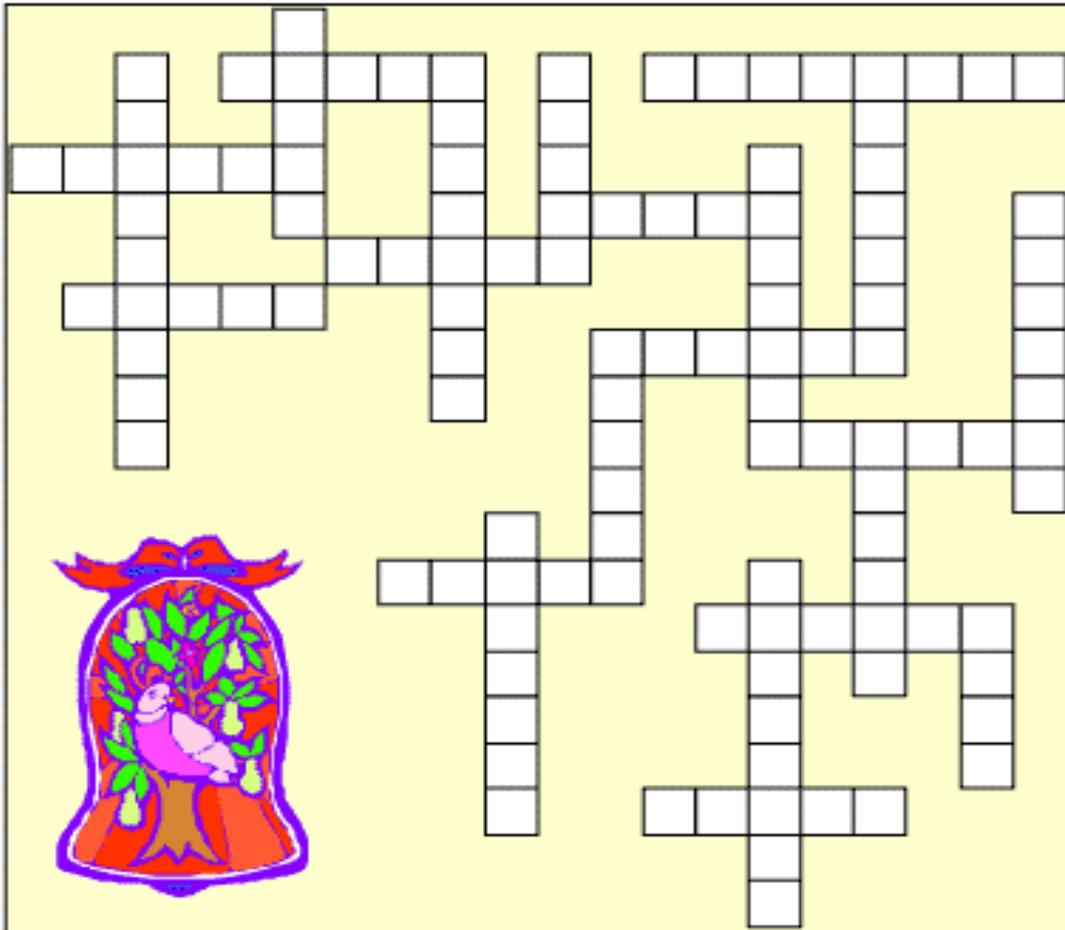
Drummers  
Drumming  
Swimming

9 Letters

Partridge

**Directions:**

The words are listed in alphabetical order according to length. Fit them in their proper places in the framework crossing off the words from the list as you go.



*"My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern, is very simple: loving others. Come to think of it, why do we have to wait for Christmas to do that?"*

*- Bob Hope*

**RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION :**

You can contact us by emailing Frances Cook at [secretary@catney.co.uk](mailto:secretary@catney.co.uk) or for contributions to the Catney News or for the Catney Cookbook, you can contact Chris Cluley at [editor@catney.co.uk](mailto:editor@catney.co.uk) 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.**

**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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**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. About to hold an event locally? Let us know. Do you know of anyone new to the Village? Tell us and we will send them a welcome card.**

**Ideas of what you would like to read about in your Catney News are always welcome. I would really appreciate articles of interest to put in the February issue; please let me have all copy by 20<sup>th</sup> January.**

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

**May you stay safe and may you all receive many blessings in 2013 in addition to happiness and good health. See you in February.**

**Chris Cluley  
Editor**