

**FEBRUARY 2013**

Dear Residents of Catney,

Well, as you read this it will be February already. I know a lot of people love snow and it brought lots of fun for the children, but I for one am glad that as I write in January, the recent snow has been washed away by rain. Roll on Spring!

In December, The Bavarian Christmas Party went well, but could have been better supported and a loss was made, which is disappointing.

Our beautiful village Christmas Tree outside the Village Hall was a great success, with lots of good comments coming from both villagers and those passing through. Thank you to it's anonymous donor, and to Dave Lusty and Lightpower for installing the tree and lights and to John Florence for removing the tree after Christmas.

The Carol Singing under the Tree was just lovely, with around 100 people coming along to sing both Carols and Christmas Songs, with refreshments afterwards. We spent some anxious moments waiting for the tree lights to switch on, as they were light activated and sod's law, the evening stayed lighter than expected. They did switch on before the singing finished – but we will be aware for next year! Grateful thanks to Kim Rawson, Director of Music at Hampton Parish Church for his music and to the vicar of Hampton, Duncan Ballard for his blessing at the end of the singing. Thank you to all who came along and offered your support.

In our March edition, we hope to tell you of social events and fund raisers we hope to hold in 2013. If you have any good ideas – come along to our AGM and tell us!

Christine Cluley  
Your Editor

## CATNEY COOK BOOK

**Please help us raise funds for the Village Hall by purchasing a copy of the Catney Cook Book, more copies will be available some time in February at a cost of £4.**

**Many of the Recipes have been donated by Catney Residents**

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## Speedwatch

**This is not forgotten, we are waiting for a member of the Solihull police force to come and discuss the matter with Committee members. We should have more information by next month.**

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## What's on in the Solihull Area in February?

**1<sup>st</sup>. Farmers Market in Solihull High St.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>. The Twist (Great songs never die) Solihull Arts Centre.** Starring and created by Strictly Come Dancing lead vocalist Chris Madin and West End sweetheart Suzi Jary. An American Diner features in this show packed with authentic vocals, a live band, comedy and dancers. Relive fabulous Rock 'n' Roll songs wrapped up in a 'Happy Days' family style feel.

**10<sup>th</sup>. Jaguar Land Rover Band in Concert. Solihull Arts Centre.** This popular band have legions of local fans and their daytime shows are a Sunday treat. They will perform classic songs, film scores, solos, duets and even the odd modern pop hit as well as songs from West End and Broadway shows.

**26<sup>th</sup> Girls Aloud at the LG Arena.**

**28<sup>th</sup> The Mikado at Solihull Arts Centre.** SOSage Factory, part of Solihull Operatic Society Featuring plotlines of: mistaken identity; long lost son; pretty girl forced to marry ugly old man; executioner looking for a victim; dead but not dead; the usual divas and as ever... a happy ending - well maybe! This youth production includes all the well-known songs and remains faithful to the original but with an added modern twist.

## **BOOK REVIEW** BY JOHN ALDERSON

### *WAITING FOR SUNRISE* A novel by William Boyd.

**William Boyd is the author of ten books, many of them critically acclaimed and award winning, but *Waiting for Sunrise* has been my introduction to his work.**

**Mr. Boyd was apparently inspired to write this novel by a love of Vienna, which I share, and I was therefore drawn to the book by it seemingly being set in that City around the time of the First World War, a fascinating period of time and the end of a way of life for many people in Vienna and of course the rest of Europe.**

**The story is of Lysander Reif, an English actor visiting Vienna to seek psychiatric help for a sexual problem and we are introduced to the Viennese scene of this form of medicine and even a fleeting sight of Freud himself.**

**Dr. Bensimon, Reif's chosen psychiatrist successfully treats him for his problem as he becomes intimately involved with another patient, an artist Hettie Bull who becomes pregnant with his child. Out of fear of her fellow artist partner and the standards of life in Vienna at that time, Hettie accuses Reif of rape and he is promptly arrested.**

**With the likelihood of a long prison sentence and a huge fine he is assisted to escape and leave Vienna by a couple of rather shadowy diplomatic or Intelligence people, Munro and Fyfe-Miller. On his eventual return to London, Reif is effectively blackmailed into working for them.**

**Reif is sent to Geneva to find a secret code that Munro and his team are seeking to track down a traitor in London who is passing information on troop and supply movements within the British Army to the Germans. Reif is introduced to another agent, Madame Duchesne, who advises him on the location of the code, which he manages rather violently to obtain and is then shot by Madame Duchesne.**

**Back in London, and recovering from his wounds, Reif is now placed in a Government Department to root out the traitor armed with the information gleaned from his time in Geneva. Again he is successful, but whilst carrying out his investigation he finds that his mother, to whom he is clearly very close, bizarrely involved in the same traitorous plot.**

**There is a great deal of description of the life and style of the period which is interesting as is Reif's attitude to his changing circumstances and his relationship with Munro and Fyfe-**

**Miller, but I found the movement between the various parts of the book too reliant upon coincidence and rather unconvincing.**

**Catney Residents Association Committee would like to express their sincere condolences to the family of Albert Peter Tarplin of Lugtrout Lane, who died on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December aged 82. Albert contributed an enormous amount to the look of the village of Catney, having built the shops, the row of cottages next to their builders yard and houses further down Lugtrout Lane. Tarplins Builders Yard continues to operate on the corner of Lugtrout Lane and Hampton Lane. Rest in Peace Mr Tarplin.**

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**For Sale**

**Suitcase, mottled grey used once only ( sadly ! ) in perfect condition.**

**Wheels. 26" x 18" x 10" Ex John Lewis; Antler**

**£ 30.00**

**Please ring: 705 9856**

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**Catney Common Working Party**

Regrettably the Working Party on Catney Common which was scheduled for Saturday 10 January had to be postponed. The ground was too waterlogged for any work to be done. The working party has been rescheduled for Saturday 9 March 2013. Please come along to help improve our Catney Common from 10 am to 12 noon or so. Please let Chris Boxall know if you intend coming on [cb@catney.co.uk](mailto:cb@catney.co.uk)

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**RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**This will be held in the Village Hall at 8 pm on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013 with wine and nibbles to follow. Come along and learn the current situation regarding the Village Hall, volunteer as a Trustee, Put your name forward as a member of the Residents Association Committee, Ask questions, and let us know of any problems with which you would like us assist. This is your opportunity to show your support to the**

**Residents Association and to learn what has been done during the last year. Meet other villagers and socialise. Your active support for this village is much appreciated.**

SOLIHULL MBC. Have informed us that Hampton in Arden Parish Council have applied to them to designate the Parish as a Neighbourhood Area. The application is now subject to a period of public consultation which will close on **Friday 22 February 2013**. A copy of the application including a map of the area can be viewed on the Solihull MBC website at: <http://www.solihull.gov.uk/ldf/np.htm>.

## **CATNEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION CURRENT ISSUES**

- We are investigating the proposal to build a Dogs Home – we are looking at noise issues and green belt issues.
- We are looking at current planning issues, particularly building proposed within green belt land around Catney.
- We are attending airport meetings to understand any proposals for changes to runways, flight paths and other issues.
- We are working with our Village fund-raising committee, who work under the jurisdiction of the R.A. Committee, to ascertain the maintenance required for the Village Hall, and to raise funds.
- We would like to improve the look of Catney by planting more bulbs and flowers, purchasing a couple more benches and improving the Common.

**BUT..... MORE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE NEEDED URGENTLY**

**YOUR RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE IS DESPERATELY IN NEED OF MORE MEMBERS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN WORKING ALONGSIDE CURRENT MEMBERS TO LOOK AT PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT, AND AIRPORT ISSUES, IN CATHERINE-DE-BARNES, TOGETHER WITH IMPROVEMENTS TO THE AREA, SOCIAL EVENTS AND FUNDRAISING, PLEASE LET ONE OF US KNOW URGENTLY OR EMAIL OUR SECRETARY, FRANCES COOK. WE MEET NORMALLY ONCE A MONTH. ALTERNATIVELY, COME ALONG TO OUR AGM (DETAILS ON ANOTHER PAGE) AND OFFER YOUR SUPPORT. IT IS A STRUGGLE TRYING TO DO ALL OF THIS WITH VERY FEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND THE DANGER IS THAT, WITHOUT MORE HELP, WE WILL HAVE TO WIND UP CATNEY'S RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION ALTOGETHER.**

**SO PLEASE GET IN TOUCH AND OFFER TO JOIN US. WE WOULD BE SO GLAD TO HAVE YOUR HELP!**

## Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Auditions

If you would like the opportunity to be on stage then The Arts Drama and Dance school needs you.

The Arts will be holding Open auditions on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> February for all parts in their next Production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

No experience is needed as you will learn all about performance technique and stage presence. So if you are aged between 6 to 16 years and have a dream to be an actor or dancer, come along to Catney Village Hall, Catherine-de-Barnes, Hampton Lane, B91 2TJ

The Drama workshop will be: 9.30 am till 11.00 am and the Dance workshop will be: 11.00am till 12.00pm. You are welcome to stay for both workshops. Please note main characters will be required to act and dance.

For more information you can contact 'The Arts' on 07716342702 or at [artsclasses@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:artsclasses@hotmail.co.uk) and book your place, places are limited so to avoid disappointment call to book in advance.

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**SOME OF THE CAROL SINGERS.... WAITING FOR THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ON THE TREE TO SWITCH ON!**



## Longfeng Martial & Cultural Arts

*Don't limit yourself, do Gung Fu*

**Do you want to get fit, feel good, feel safe, meet new people or try something new?**

**Try Gung Fu.**

**Our classes in Hampton in Arden have been running since 2003, this year we have changed venues and now hold regular classes for children and adults at the Church Hall, High Street, Hampton in Arden B92 0AE, on Tuesdays.**

**5pm – Little Dragons**

**6pm – Gung Fu**

**First Session Free!**

**Long Fêng only teach Chinese Martial Arts with classes for children and adults covering White Crane and Northern Shaolin (Chin Woo) as well as Weapons Training and Lion Dance. Dan and Alex also teach Key Stages 1, 2 & 3 in schools across Warwickshire and Coventry – for more information check our website: [www.longfeng.moonfruit.com](http://www.longfeng.moonfruit.com) or call Alex on 07909 837 088**

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## First steps to Dance

**Classes opening in Hampton in Arden Church Hall.**

**Introductory lessons in ballet and modern theatre on Thursdays and Fridays  
Creative and fun pre school Ballet from age 3-5yrs (Fridays 1.45pm-2.30pm)**

Ballet and Jazz classes for all ages including adults and teenagers (Friday, times to be confirmed) Classes commencing 8/03/13.

My name is Kate Pomfret and I have been lucky enough to perform in the entertainment industry for over 15yrs, travelling around the world with many successful shows including and most recently Celtic Tiger original world tour directed by Michael Flatley, Lord of the Dance and Eclipse cirque ballet.

I now feel it's my time to give something back to the next generation and what better way than in my local community. I have trained at the Musical Theatre College, Laine Theatre Arts London and Ballet school from the age of three. I am a fully qualified teacher of Dance under the ISTD and teach the highly acclaimed Cecchetti Ballet method. I have full CRB clearance and basic first aid training.

If you are interested in enrolling your child in fun and creative dance classes or attending yourself, then please contact me on 07793185219 for times and information. Prices start at £4.50 for a 45min class. Please note spaces are limited.

#### **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, 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, 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 March issue; please let me have all copy by 20<sup>th</sup> February.**

**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.**

**Chris Cluley  
Editor**