

# CATNEY NEWS



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## **RESIDENTS** **ASSOCIATION NEWS**

### **Planning Update**

#### **Battery Storage Facility Proposals**

Arlington (the potential developers) held a 2 evening event in the village hall last month allowing local residents to view the proposals and comment. Since that event, members of both the Parish Council and the Residents Association have met with Arlington to discuss their plans in more detail, No planning application has been lodged with SMBC yet but one is likely early March. As soon as possible after the full application has been lodged, the RA will organise an open meeting in the Village Hall; hopefully our Ward councillors will be available to attend and the proposal can be discussed and any actions agreed. We did undertake a straw email poll after the events in the hall – over 80% of the respondents were against the proposals.

#### **Emerging Solihull Local Plan Review**

SMBC have now responded to the Planning Inspectors letter advising that, as a result of the current consultation concerning the Levelling Up Regeneration Bill and reforming of the planning system, circumstances had changed and they were seeking the Planning Inspectors comments as to the acceptability of the Plan as it stands. Should the Inspectors accept the argument then we could see the Plan being adopted by the Autumn. This is then likely to result in a surge of planning applications for development throughout the Borough including the sites at the end of Lugtrout Lane – 800 homes and Oak Farm 90 homes or a care home.

#### **Hampton In Arden Parish Neighbourhood Plan Review IMPORTANT**

Members are urged to read the draft Neighbourhood Plan which is available online at [www.hamptoninarden.org.uk](http://www.hamptoninarden.org.uk). If you are in agreement with the contents of the Plan please drop an email to that effect to the [clerk@hamptoninarden.org.uk](mailto:clerk@hamptoninarden.org.uk). Obviously if there are things that you are not happy with then either use the response form on the website or again, email your concerns to the clerk and they will be recorded and evaluated by the working group when the consultation ends on the 22<sup>nd</sup>

March. If you are unable to access it from the internet please contact the Clerk at Hampton PC on 01675 442017 and we will endeavour to get a hard copy to you .

### **Coronation BBQ Event Sunday 7th May 12.00 'til 4.00pm**

A small number of volunteers came forward following our last appeal and the first meeting to organise the event was held on the 22nd February. It will be a ticket only event but the final ticket prices still need to be established. We probably have sufficient volunteers to get the ball rolling but will need more help on the Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday morning to get things set up. If you can help please drop an email to secretary @catney.co.uk or leave a message on 07768 502039 – thank you  
More news next month!

### **Airport News**

A representative of the Committee will be attending the Airport Consultative Committee (ACC) meeting on Thursday 2nd March . Amongst the items on the agenda is the Noise Plan Consultation likely to be issued shortly and the Night Time Noise Policy which is also up for review soon. To see what the ACC does please see [www.birminghamairport.co.uk/about-us/community-and-environment/airport-consultative-committee/aims](http://www.birminghamairport.co.uk/about-us/community-and-environment/airport-consultative-committee/aims)

### **Village Hall News**

By the time you read this the tarmacking of the drive should be complete – at long last.

The Committee would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Gareth for his dedication, hard work and constant support given to this community whilst he has been living and working here, running the Spar and then as Hall Manager ably assisted by his other half Toy, who, as the hall cleaner, has kept the hall spick and span. They will be sorely missed when they move to Thailand within the next couple of months unless I can talk them out of it - he has agreed not to change his mobile number!!!!

We welcome and thank Steve Dodsworth (Hall Trustee) , who has taken over as Hall Manager looking after the upkeep of the hall and the bookings.

**March brings breezes loud and shrill, Stirs the dancing daffodil.**  
~ Sara Coleridge

## **CdeB Residents Association Committee Meetings**

Generally Committee meetings are held on the first Monday in the month except there is no meeting in August. Any changes to the date will be notified on social media and our website. Any resident wishing to raise an issue with the Committee can do so, at least 48 hours before the meeting, by contacting [secretary@catney.co.uk](mailto:secretary@catney.co.uk). Any items of importance discussed at the meetings or decisions made, are communicated to members via the Catney News, which is distributed to members only.

## **Residents Association Annual General Meeting**

This will be held in the Village Hall on Friday 3rd March commencing at 7.30pm prompt, followed by wine and nibbles. In addition to the usual items on the AGM agenda, we are fortunate in having our local MP Saqib Bhatti MBE in attendance, who will update us on relevant local issues followed by a short Q & A session.

Anyone interested in joining the Committee should contact [secretary@catney.co.uk](mailto:secretary@catney.co.uk). Most of the existing Committee members are retired folk and have been on the Committee for at least 10 years. In those years the village has changed, as you would expect, and its vital that the Association keeps pace with those changes and new blood helps in doing that. Have you an hour or so a week- not every week -that you could spare- if so give it a go!!  
Hope to see you there.

**Dave Cuthbert - Chair**

## **Village Tidy Up**

Following on from the tremendous success of this event last year, this year's tidy up will take place on Saturday morning March 18th at 10.30am. All equipment needed will be provided, available from the Village Hall. If you can spare a couple of hours please send text or email to 07768 502039 /[secretary@catney.co.uk](mailto:secretary@catney.co.uk) with your names asap and final details will be given in the March edition.  
Tea and coffee will be available in the hall afterwards  
Please help keep our village clean and tidy!!



## Dates for the Diary

**Friday 3rd March:** 7.30pm Residents Association AGM in the Village Hall

**Monday March 6<sup>th</sup>:** Next RA Committee Meeting

**Saturday morning 18th March:** Village Tidy 10.30am in the Village Hall

**Coronation Village BBQ Event:** Sunday 7th May 12.00 'til 4.00pm

**Next Hampton in Arden Parish Council Meeting:** is being held on Wednesday 8th March in the Catherine de Barnes Village Hall 7.30pm.

Residents are welcome to attend.

If you have any issues you wish to raise, please make the Clerk, Julie Barnes, aware that you would like to speak, with a brief description of the issue, at least 2 working days prior to the meeting. Julie can be contacted at [clerk@hamptoninarden.org.uk](mailto:clerk@hamptoninarden.org.uk) or phone 01675 442017

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## **Save the date with Ex Urbe Chamber Choir - Eternal Harmony on 29th April**

Ex Urbe have started to rehearse for their Spring concert, which will take place at Hampton Church on April 29th and in the afternoon of 30th April at Dorridge Methodist Church. Our Spring concert includes Bach motet Komm Jesu, Komm!, Taverner`s Svyati and the beautiful Durufle Requiem. With the accompaniment of organist Kevin Gill and Cellist Mark Walkem, this promises to be an enjoyable concert, full of beautiful harmonies. Visit our website for more information and to buy tickets. [www.exurbe.org](http://www.exurbe.org)

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**It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade.**

**~ Charles Dickens**



## Childrens Play Area

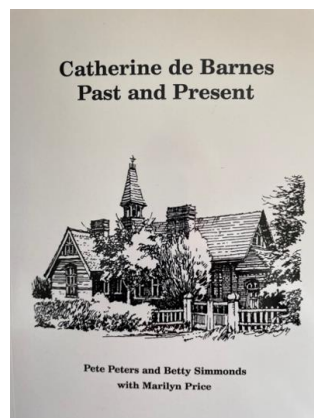
On Saturday 28th January our new children's play area at the rear of the Village Hall was officially opened by our MP Saqib Bhatti MBE, which was very well attended by children and parents.

Saqib first unveiled a brass plaque commemorating the official opening he then cut the ribbon and the children flooded into the play area to enjoy playing on the equipment. It was a cold day and welcome refreshments were served in the Village Hall. Our thanks go to Saqib for taking the time to facilitate this event.



## Catherine de Barnes Past and Present

If anyone would like to learn more about the area we are so lucky in which to live, for £5 you can purchase a book which was co-authored by our Residents Association founder and first Chairman, Pete Peters entitled "Catherine de Barnes Past and Present". Money from the purchase of these books goes to the Village Hall fund. If anyone would like a copy, please contact me, Lesley Cuthbert on 07776 480813 or [cuthbertlm@me.com](mailto:cuthbertlm@me.com)



## **WELCOME PACK FOR NEW RESIDENTS**

If anyone has a new neighbour, knows of a new resident to the village or is in the process of moving, I would very much appreciate it if you could let me know the address of the new resident so that I can deliver a Welcome Pack to them. The Welcome Pack contains information of the village amenities, useful telephone numbers and of course information about the

Residents Association and the many things we do. Please email me at [cuthbertlm@me.com](mailto:cuthbertlm@me.com) or text/telephone me on 07776 480813 with the address of the new resident. Thank you.

**Lesley  
Cuthbert**

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## **WELCOMING CHILDREN**

**at The Parish Church of Hampton in Arden**

**TEA AND TOAST** - for mums, dads and carers and their pre school babies and children. Baby Bumps too! Tea and Toast is back on a Friday in the Church Hall 9am-10.15am every fortnight in term time. This month; 3rd and 17th March

**TINY TOTS** - Bring the little ones (pre school) to Church on a Friday afternoon, 2-3 pm, meet and make friends while the children play. This month; 10th and 24th March

**J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) is our Sunday School. Sundays in Term time at 11 am** Ages 3 - 15. Just come along to church around 10.45 am and ask for Priscilla. Lots of fun for all ages while learning about stories from the Bible. This month; 12th March, 26th March

**Our Junior Choir Ages 7 to 15**, meet to practise In the Vestry on a Friday evening. If your child would like to sing with us at some services and weddings, please email Mr Kim Rawson, our Director of Music for more details. [kim.rawson@btinternet.com](mailto:kim.rawson@btinternet.com)

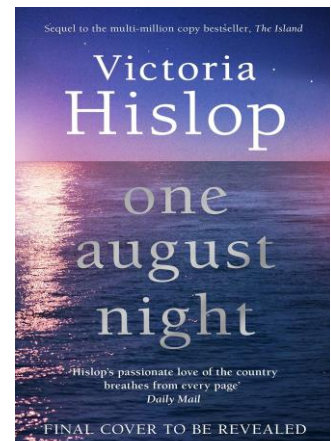
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**One swallow does not make a summer, but one skein of geese,  
cleaving the murk of March thaw, is the Spring.**

**~ Aldo Leopold**

## **BOOK REVIEW** by John Alderson.

### **ONE AUGUST NIGHT A Novel by Victoria Hislop**



This book is written as a sequel to Hislop's first novel "The Island" with a cure for leprosy having been discovered and the lepers returning as Spinalonga Island is closed. Maria returns with her new husband Nikos, a doctor from the island who helped save her life, to Plaka where the early action takes place.

Maria's sister Anna who has married Andreas the son of the very wealthy Vandoulakis family has given birth to her first child, a daughter Sofia. Anna has however entered into a relationship with Andreas's cousin Manolis, who was originally more or less engaged to Maria before she had to leave Plaka to go and stay on Spinalonga.

At a huge celebration to welcome the closing of the island Anna is shot dead, Manolis leaves for Crete and Andreas is arrested. The story is what happens to who next.

As always with Hislop the story is beautifully told with well drawn characters with lots of colour; however, I didn't find the ending too satisfying, but possibly I am being too critical of a very fine writer.

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**Every cold and dark phase ends and hence begins a beautiful phase of warmth and vibrance. Don't believe? Just notice March.  
~ Anamika Mishra**