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Catney Residents
Association



CATNEY NEWS

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Residents Association News

Planning applications

PL/2023/01954/PPFL for a Battery Storage Facility(BESS) on Henwood Lane. - UPDATE

Further documents appeared on the planning portal just before Christmas . They were all submitted by the applicant and consisted of various documents endeavouring to counter various objections that had been raised in earlier submissions. One document consisted of a number of appeals which had been allowed for other Bess's attached to substations or accompanying solar farms with the PC have suggested should not have any relevance as the developments are not directly comparable to this one. A copy of this response can be viewed on the Parish Website - Planning area. We will let you have more information as and when.

PL2024/00037/PPOL an application for up to 50 dwellings involving the demolition of existing agricultural buildings, with all matters reserved except access. | Land North Of Lugtrout Lane Catherine De Barnes Solihull

This site in this application forms part of the larger site SO1 (PolicySO1) in the Solihull Local Plan currently being reviewed but held up awaiting news of changes to the NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework) . When that plan is adopted the site will be taken out of Green Belt (GB) but currently it remains in GB and as such needs 'Very Special Circumstances' to be accepted and outweigh the position that the development represents inappropriate development in the GB. The RA organised and held a meeting in the Village Hall on the 30th January to discuss the application and next steps and Cllrs Bob and Gail Sleigh were expected to attend. The RA will be submitting a response to the application as will the Parish Council. There has been a number of posts on various social media platforms concerning and objecting to the application and members will be encouraged to respond to the application and given guidance as to how etc. at the meeting on the 30th.

PL/2023/01031/PPFL | Erection of a triple combined Tepee tent for use by adults with learning disabilities and for weddings and hospitality events, as part of the small business work stream at Newlands Bishop Farm | Newlands Bishop Farm Berry Hall Lane Catherine De Barnes Solihull B91 2RY

We understand that this retrospective application is likely to go before the Planning Committee in March and a meeting will be held sometime in February to discuss how local residents can participate in the hearing. As many of you will be aware the tepee has for last couple of years been used at weekends during wedding events and such events have given rise to numerous noise/nuisance complaints to NB and SMBC. Again once the actual date is known a meeting will be organised to establish how we are going to participate in the hearing. It will be extremely valuable for a good turnout of local residents attends the hearing which will be held in the Council's Civic Suite

Airport News

A meeting of the Airport Noise Working Group (ANWG) was held on the 7th December. Prior to that meeting we arranged for local community groups/PCs etc to discuss how we would wish to see the current Night Flying Policy reviewed/improved and the results of that meeting were passed to the Airport representatives (AR) attending the ANWG meeting. Unfortunately at this time we can't go into more detail concerning potential changes suffice to say we are endeavouring to reduce both day and night time noise limits and limit aircraft movements during the night time period. The AR's took those suggestions for consideration and we await details of a next meeting. The AGM and regular meeting of the Airport Consultative Committee (ACC) meeting the afternoon of the 7th. Details of what the ACC does and copies of agendas and minutes etc can be viewed at the following:- www.birminghamairport.co.uk/about-us/community-and-environment/airport-consultative-committee

Pot holes /Drainage issues/ Faulty Street Lighting/ Fly tipping

If you see issues with any of these - please send details to the PC clerk at clerk@hamptoninarden.org.uk - we find things get attended to quicker that way. If you can send a picture so much the better but please provide details of its location.

Catney News and Distribution

Firstly and apology for an omission in the last edition . The Committee wanted to extend their sincere thanks to Chris Cluley who continues to put together the Catney News for us which we hope you agree, provides members with a pretty comprehensive overview of the activities of your Committee. If you have any comments or suggestions concerning how we communicate with you all please let us know.

Ideally we distribute the Catney News via email but we are required to print a number of hard copies for members which obviously need to be delivered and we wish to thank distributors who also deliver these but also the Parish News quarterly... Glenn Hayes generally looks after our postings on Facebook and take this opportunity of thanking him too Thank You

Residents Association Committee Meetings

Generally Committee meetings are generally held on the first Monday in the month but the next one being held on Tuesday 13th February.

Any resident wishing to raise any issue with the Committee can do so, at least 48 hours before the meeting, by contacting secretary@catney.co.uk. Any items of importance discussed at the meetings or decisions made, are communicated to members via Catney News, which is distributed to members only.

Catherine de Barnes Village Traffic Calming

We are hoping to learn in February if we have been successful in obtaining funding for traffic calming measures in the Village If we are successful we will arrange a meeting in the village Hall for both members and non-members to be able to view the proposals and comment prior to any works proceeding.

Village Hall Update

No updates this month

Committee Members Activities this month

- We organised the very successful Village Christmas Light switch on event on the 2/12 which was accompanied by light hearted carol and Christmas song singing followed by complimentary mulled wine, sausage rolls and mince pies
- Liaise with our ward councillors re the Battery Storage and other applications application

- Prepared night noise information in preparation for a meeting with other community groups in the area and arranged that meeting.
- .Distribute information items from local organisations and utilities that may be of interest to members
- Attended the monthly meeting at Skanska's offices, along with our parish councillors, to discuss current works, road closures, diversions etc concerning the m6 improvement works.
- Prepare for and attended the Airport Noise Working Group meeting and the ACC meeting
- Prepare plans for the membership drive in early 2024
- Start preparing for membership renewal for 2024.
- Plan a social event/butty breakfast in February
- Organise village meetings for Lugtrout Lane planning application and liaise with PC over possible response
- Welcome packs are prepared and delivered to new residents

Catherine de Barnes History

If anyone has any historical pictures, documents etc about the village, and they are willing to donate them to the archive please let Dave /Lesley know 07824-696137/07776-480813 or send copies to cuthbert488@outlook.com

If anyone would like to learn more about the area we are so lucky to live in, 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 Village Hall funds. If anyone would like a copy please contact Lesley Cuthbert on 07776 480813

Dates for the Diary

Residents Association

Next RA Committee Meeting-Tuesday 13th February 2024.

If you have any issues you wish to raise or would like to talk to us about - please contact secretary@catney.co.uk

Village Meeting re Planning application PL2024/00037 50 homes off Lugtrout Meeting This was held on Tuesday 30th January 2024 commencing 7.30pm Cllr Bob Sleigh was in attendance

Residents Association Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on Tuesday 5th March commencing 7.30pm in the Village Hall there will be the usual complimentary wine and nibbles following the meeting

Butty Breakfast Saturday 17th February 10am til 12 noon

Members are welcome to drop in for a complimentary bacon or sausage sandwich and a cup of tea/coffee - it's an ideal opportunity to meet your local Ward Parish Councillors and neighbours. Non-members are also welcome to attend at a cost of £3 per head which includes RA membership for 2024.

Parish Council

Next Hampton in Arden Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting is being held on Wednesday January 3rd in the Meeting Room next to the new Soho Tavern in Marsh Lane , Hampton in Arden 7.30pm. 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 or phone 01675 442017

All residents are welcome to attend

Dave Cuthbert

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 or text/telephone me on 07776 480813 with the address of the new resident.

Thank you

Lesley Cuthbert

CATNEY CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR 2023

We are so pleased to announce that we made £1009.22 at the Craft Fair on 25th November to donate to the Village Hall Trustees, towards the maintenance of the hall. Special thanks go to all our very special bakers who made lots of fantastic cakes for the refreshments and to the Catney Craft Club for all the wonderful items they made, filling our table with fabulous things to sell also to everyone who gave up their time to help on the day. Finally, thank you to everyone who came to the event making it a record breaking year!!!

All other stall holders, who bring a wide selection of goods for sale, have said that our fair has a lovely, friendly atmosphere. Thank you.

Lesley Cuthbert and Liz Boxall

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR RAFFLE

For the first time we held a raffle at the Craft Fair, 1st prize was a knitted blanket which all members of the Craft Club knitted one or more squares to make the blanket which was won by Margaret Coleman (see picture below). The 2nd prize was a crochet lap blanket which was made by one of the Craft Club members and was won by Heather Phillips. Congratulations to both of you.



Lesley Cuthbert

Residents' Association Membership 2024

Thank you to everyone who supported us in 2023. We are very much hoping you will join us again this year. Everyone in the village should have received a flyer requesting your subscription renewal for 2024. Your membership is very important to the association. So please do it now!

You can pay your dues by bank transfer (Sort code: 30-97-78 Account No: 01989267) or by leaving your details and money in an envelope at the NISA shop. The subscription fees are £3 for individuals, £5 for couples and £10 for a family of 4 or more adults. No inflation in our fees! We just need sufficient funds to cover our annual expenses.

Remember that the Catney News is for members only and members also get emails keeping them informed about road works, planning applications, village events and so on. Everyone who joins will receive a membership card as a receipt.

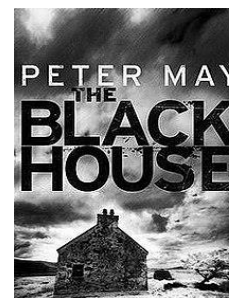
Thank you in advance.

Frances Cook (secretary@catney.co.uk)

BOOK REVIEW

THE BLACKHOUSE

A Novel by Peter May



A book review by John Alderson

Any book that requires a guide to the English pronunciation of Gaelic names has to be a little daunting and as I read this book on my iPad, making it difficult to refer back, I remembered them as best I could.

It was well worth the effort. This is quite a powerful novel which brings Fin, a young detective based in Edinburgh, back to his home village of Crobost on the Isle of Lewis, to help solve a murder.

The story is of Fin's return to the village he had left to go to University, to find it hardly changed and many of his old school friends still living there, the murdered man being well known to him.

As he begins his investigation meeting the people he once knew well, we are shown in flashback details of his early life and also the hard way of life on this wild windswept part of the UK that has barely changed in centuries, with descriptions of the sea, the wind and almost constant rain vividly and beautifully portrayed.

There is a lot of hardship and emotion described in this book as Fin gradually works his way towards a conclusion; examining his own early experiences with his attitudes of today.

This is not always an easy read, but I found it fascinating and enjoyable.