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Association



CATNEY NEWS

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Residents Association News

Planning News

Solihull Local Plan Review

As many of you will know the Solihull Local Plan Review is stalled while issues over housing number and trajectories are resolved. SMBC received a letter on September 4th from the Planning Inspectors advising that they had not accepted SMBC's recent proposals put forward in an attempt to resolve the deadlock and basically gave the Council 2 options.

- 1) Withdraw the Plan
- 2) Suggest to the Inspectors that they issue a report on the Plan as it stands which will result in the Plan being found unsound (not accepted)

In either case it appears the Plan is dead . We understand that the Head of Planning will be making a statement at the Planning Committee on the 11th September so we will then know how this affects things going forward and we will provide an update next month. We do know that any new plan will be subject to any new National Planning Policy Framework, with one of the requirements said to be that any residential developments will need to consist of 50% Affordable Housing rather than the 40% now required by SMBC .

Motorway Service Area (MSA) to be sited adjacent to new junction 5a off Solihull Road

Members may recall that SMBC refused the application for the above but the applicants won the appeal. Matters have been held up as a result of the previous Government's decision to halt any new All Lane Running (ALR) projects on the motorway network. The design of this MSA was dependent on ALR so the building of it has been stalled requiring a redesign of the access. We have recently learned that discussions have been going on with SMBC and the applicant Extra concerning the re design. Extra have progressed a design for Solihull Road and this will form part of a Section 278 Agreement with the Council.

They are also progressing with various design workstreams within National Highways. We anticipate an application for phased discharge of the relevant planning conditions in the near future.

The Parish Council have arranged a meeting with Extra and SMBC for the 11th October to discuss the new proposals.

A further update will be given following the 11th October meeting.

PL 2024/01173/PPOL Outline planning application for up to 95 homes on Oak Farm CdeB

This application is being considered by the Planning Committee on the 11th September. The site has been allocated in the Draft Solihull Local Plan with a designation HA2. However, as mentioned above that Plan appears effectively dead so it will be very interesting how this application will be viewed now. The Parish Council intend to speak against the application. In 2012 the Council concluded that the site was not suitable for family housing.

If approved, this site would increase the size of the village by nearly 25%.
More news next month.

Airport Matters - New Night Flying Policy

We stated last month that we would report on the base elements of the new Policy in this month's edition. However, this is not possible as the Airport have not yet released details into the Public Domain. We attended the ACC meeting on the 5th September and the policy was outlined to the Committee. As you know a working group, involving many community groups, have been trying to thrash out a new policy with the Airport Company which balances community impacts with commercial requirements. What we can say at this stage is that the we feel a little disappointed with the outcome. The Airport Company will be putting the new policy forward to Solihull later this month for approval. As part of the process, the Council will then hold a 21 day Public Consultation period where local people will be able to comment on the Policy. Following the consultation the intention is for it to go before the Council's Planning Committee in October and with the hope that it will be approved to be adopted on 27th October when the previous policy expires. As soon as matters are in the public domain we will be in touch again without thoughts and encourage members to respond to the consultation .

Village Hall Update

We are still awaiting a decision from National Highways concerning our grant application for the refurbishment of the Village Hall Kitchen (we asked for the limit of £10k). They requested a face to face meeting at the end of August which it seems was arranged just to tell us that they had received a greater number of applications than they expected and the maximum we could now receive was £6K. These people are unbelievable!!! We were then told that application, now revised down, would be heard on 11th September. Hopefully we will be able to give you some good news next month

Play Area

The Play area had its annual inspection by ROSPA in September and was given a clean bill of health once again. A link to the report will be placed on the RA website shortly

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.

Residents Association Committee Meetings

Generally, Committee meetings are held on the first Tuesday in the month, the next one is 1st October. 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. Non-members are able to view it on our website the following month.

Dates for the Diary

Residents Association

Monday 9th September - RA Committee meeting

Saturday 21st September- Village Tidy up meeting at the Village Hall at 10 am
- all equipment provided- followed by complimentary refreshments

Saturday 5th October. - Butty brunch in the Village Hall commencing 10.15 am until 12 noon. Members are welcome to a complimentary bacon or sausage butty with a tea or coffee. Non-members are welcomed for a donation of £3/head - which covers RA membership for 2025.

Sunday 10th November - Remembrance Service Village Hall doors open at 10.30 am, followed by refreshments

Saturday 30th November - Catney Christmas Craft Fair 11am until 3 pm Village Hall

Saturday 7th December - Christmas Social- with official Xmas light switch on- full details of the event will be in the November edition

Remembrance service

The Village Hall/Church will be open for the Remembrance service from 10.30 am on Sunday 10th November. We do hope you will be able to join us in remembering all those who perished in times of war, especially those from our village during WW1 and WW2.

You are invited to join us for refreshments following the service.

Lesley Cuthbert



Listen! The wind is rising, and the air is wild with leaves; we have had our summer evenings, now for October eves!" — Humbert Wolf

Refreshment Stall at the Catney Christmas Craft fair

It would be really appreciated if anyone is able to make a cake for the refreshments table at the Craft Fair on Saturday 30th November. All money taken on this table is donated to the Village Hall for maintenance and improvements. This year we are hoping to put the money we raise towards the kitchen refurbishment project. If you are able to make a cake it would be helpful if you could let me know by text on 07776 480813 or email cuthbertlm@me.com. The hall will be open to receive cakes from 10.00 am on the day, if you are unable to deliver please let me know and I will arrange for collection. Thank you.

Lesley Cuthbert

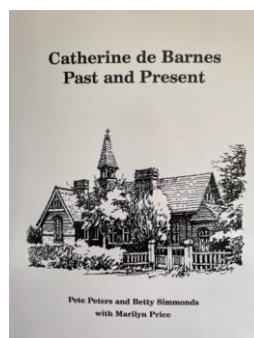
WELCOME PACK FOR NEW RESIDENTS

If anyone has a new neighbour or 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

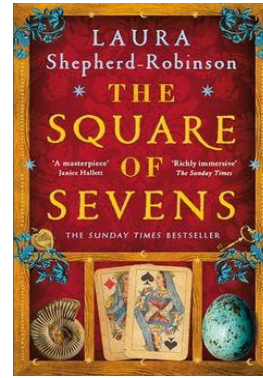
Catherine de Barnes Past and Present

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 the Village Hall fund. If anyone would like a copy, please contact me Lesley Cuthbert on 07776 480813 or cuthbertlm@me.com



BOOK REVIEW by JOHN ALDERSON

THE SQUARE OF SEVENS



A novel by Laura Shepherd-Robinson

I found this a fascinating book, but if you have no interest in 18th Century England and the gilded but corrupt lives of the upper tier in Society, it will not be for you.

Red, the child of “George the Tenth of Kernow” who describes himself as a Cunning Man or Pellar, but we would regard him as a Gypsy, has the gift of cartomancy, the fortune telling from playing cards. She finds herself an orphan on the sudden death of her father, when she is then taken in by Robert Antrobus a gentleman of Bath.

Red learns that her father was not all she thought, in that he appears to have had a relationship with the daughter of a major landowner in Cornwall and whose family are prominent in London Society.

If appropriate documentation can be found, Red could be the sole issue of their union and ultimately heiress to Seabrooke / de Lacy fortune.

The Square of Sevens is the story of Red’s life with Mr Antrobus, her Gypsy friends and then cleverly inserting herself into the de Lacy family to secretly pursue her claim.

The description of life in the 18th Century is vivid and well-drawn, with cheating, violence and corruption commonplace throughout all shades of society and Red’s use of her card reading to try to get what she thinks is her right is equally entertaining.

This is quite a big book, over 500 pages in paperback, but with intrigue on almost every page, the story rolls along at pace, which I found a joy to read, but I would not have liked to live in those times.

“October is crisp days and cool nights, a time to curl up around the dancing flames and sink into a good book.” —
John Sinor

Catney Christmas Craft Fair November 30th 2024,



**11.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.
Catherine de Barnes Village Hall**



The Catney Christmas Craft Fair is now an annual event and will always take place on the last Saturday in November, so put this date in your dairies.

These events are hard work but are generally enjoyed as a village social event, which brings in quite a few visitors, and raises funds for the village hall. It's important that we get a good turnout, so tell all your friends. Many people enjoying coming in for a browse, a chat and tea and homemade cakes.

We have not had to advertise for stall holders this year as I have had some approaches for stalls already and most of our regulars are very happy to come back. In the past we have had tables selling fused and stained glass, fabric and knitted items, wooden novelties, scented candles, hand crocheted jewellery, handcrafted soaps, hand thrown pottery and a wide variety of items including homemade jams and preserves made by members of the Catney Craft Club. This year we are adding macrame and a lady who sells locally grown flowers. Once again there will be a raffle for a blanket made up of crocheted squares made by members of the craft club.

As in previous years we rely on donations of home-made cakes for the tea stall. Will those of you who can help, please contact Lesley Cuthbert on cuthbertlm@me.com or on 07776 480813.

I know that in the past few years the use of cash has dramatically decreased, but it would be extremely helpful if you brought cash as most of the stalls and the refreshment table will not have credit card facilities.

Hope to see lots of you on the 30th November.

Liz Boxall

“There is no season when such pleasant and sunny spots may be lighted on, and produce so pleasant an effect on the feelings, as now in October.” — Nathaniel Hawthorne