

CATNEY NEWS

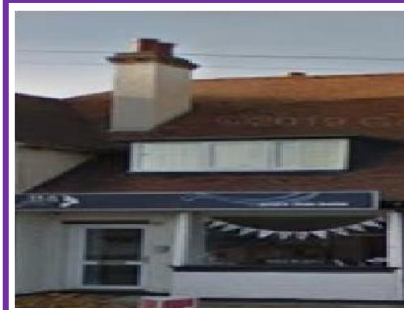
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Catney Residents
Association



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RESIDENTS **ASSOCIATION NEWS**

Planning applications

PL/2023/01954/PPFL for a Battery Storage Facility on Henwood Lane. The Association organised an open meeting in the Village Hall on the 17th October which was very well attended. The application was vigorously discussed and a presentation of key points were presented as guidance for residents wishing to object to the application. Councillor Cook stressed the need for all objectors to submit letters to SMBC. Earlier in the month we sought local residents' views and 98% of the responders objected to the application with the remainder undecided – no one supported it. When the application goes before the Planning Committee we will seek residents support in attending the meeting when the date is known. After the meeting the pointers, plus a more detailed version of them, was emailed to members with a request for written responses to be submitted to SMBC by 23rd October, When the date of the Planning Committee session is known the date will be placed on our website and Facebook page and emailed to Members.

Thanks to all those who gave up their time to attend the meeting and for your support in trying to stop the development on this prime greenfield site.

Airport News

The first meeting of the Airport Noise Working Group was held on the 19th October and Dave Cuthbert represented the RA. The intention of the group is to develop a new Night Time Noise Action Plan. The group will be looking at issues such as the night time noise level itself, the number of flights being allowed to depart during the night, and fines levied for noisy aircraft. Unfortunately, issues like stopping flights at night are not realistic but having some control on the number of departures will be. We will keep you updated as to developments and would be keen to hear if you have any specific issues you wish to be raised.

Potholes /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.

CdeB Residents Association Committee Meetings

Generally. committee meetings are held on the first Monday in the month, the next one being held on Monday 6th November.

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.

Village Hall Update

The play area has been inspected by an authorised playground inspector to ensure that it is safe/secure. At the time of writing, the written report has yet to be received but we have been given verbal assurance that all is well – with no concerns. It is visually inspected weekly.

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 in which we are so lucky 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 Village Hall funds. If anyone would like a copy please contact Lesley Cuthbert on 07776 480813

Committee Members Activities this month

- Secretary arranged planning application survey, recorded responses and data for the meeting on 17th October
- Organise and prepare for the meeting held in Village Hall re the application for the battery farm.
- Prepare a written response to the application which will be available on the website when submitted.
- Liaise with our ward councillors re the application
- Prepared for and attended a meeting of the Airport Community Trust Fund and participated in reviewing and distributing funds to various good causes involving communities affected by Airport operations
- Liaised and met with our Parish Councillors over various community issues.
- 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. Particularly discussed the intention by Skanska as a result of discussions with SMBC to reinstate the routing of heavy lorries through the village again. Discussions are on-going.
- Prepared for the Halloween event on the 29th October, did a leaflet drop, and organised a temporary event notice.
- Started preparations for the Xmas social

CATNEY CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR CAKE REQUEST

If anyone is able to make a cake to support the refreshments stall at the Catney Christmas Craft Fair it would be really appreciated. All money taken on this stall is donated to the Trustees of the Village Hall to help towards maintenance.

Anyone who is able to make us a cake could you please let me know so that we have an idea of what/how many cakes we have. Cakes can be left at the Village Hall from 10.00 a.m on the day of the Craft Fair, Saturday 25th November. If you are unable to deliver your cake please let me know and I will make arrangements to collect it. Thank you.
Contact : Lesley Cuthbert email cuthebertlm@me.com or text 07776 480813

CATNEY CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR RAFFLE

There will be a raffle for a knitted blanket and a crochet lap blanket on the Craft Club stall at the Christmas Craft Fair. Each member of the Craft Club has made one or more of the squares for the blanket which was then put together by one person. Below is a picture of the lap blanket which was made by our member, Jane Clancy. Raffle tickets will be priced at £1 per strip and you will be able to purchase them from the Craft Club stall. The members of the Craft Club make and donate all the items that are for sale on their stall and all the money taken is donated to the Trustees Christmas Craft Fair November 25th 2023, 11.00a.m. to 3.00p.m.





Catherine de Barnes Christmas Craft Fair

25th November 2023



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 enjoy coming in for a browse, a chat and tea and homemade cakes.

Remember as most of the stalls are by people who will not have facilities for using credit cards, please bring lots of cash! I know that in the past few years the use of cash has dramatically decreased, but for events like this it is essential.

Hope to see lots of you on the 25th November

Liz Boxall

WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER/EARLY DECEMBER

5TH NOVEMBER. All Souls Service at 6.30 pm in Hampton Church. Names of departed loved ones are read out and there is an opportunity to light a candle in their memory.

8th NOVEMBER. Parish Council Meeting 7.30 pm in Fentham Hall Meeting Room. All are welcome to attend

12th NOVEMBER. Remembrance Sunday service at 10 am by the War Memorial. There is no 11 am service in church.

12.30 PM Special Remembrance Event in the White Lion pub in Hampton.

18th NOVEMBER 10 am to 1 pm. Christmas Fayre in St. Swithin's House, next to Barston Church. £3 entry.

25th NOVEMBER 11am to 2.30 pm. Catney Christmas Craft Fair in Catney Village Hall

2nd DECEMBER. 11 am – 2.30pm Hampton Church Christmas Fayre in Hampton Church Hall.

6 pm. Concert by Ex Urbe choir in church. See details on their website <http://www.exurbe.org>

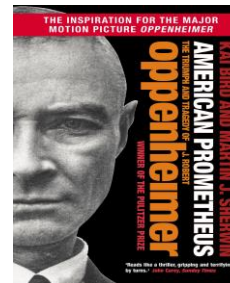
The month of November makes me feel that life is passing more quickly. In an effort to slow it down, I try to fill the hours more meaningfully.”
— Henry Rollins

A BOOK REVIEW by John Alderson

AMERICAN PROMETHEUS

The Triumph and Tragedy of Robert Oppenheimer

Kai Bird and Martin Sherwin



This book was first published in America in 2005, in hardback in the UK in 2008 and in paperback in 2009. The recent film, which I have not seen has brought the book forward again and which I read in tablet form. “Prometheus stole the fire and gave it to men” Hence the apt title for the book on the life and work of the man primarily responsible for the development of the Atomic Bomb at the end of the second World War.

The book, which in the format I read, is 1380 pages long divided into five parts but the story is really about the two principal sections of his life; the design and development of the bomb and his personal acclaim, followed 10-15 years later with his “trial” for treason.

I’m sure most readers particularly above the age of 55-60 who will have some knowledge of World War II and the dropping of the two atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, will have their views on the rights or wrongs of the decision. This book touches on Oppenheimer’s view before and after the event, whilst exploring the changes in American Military, Political and Public attitudes.

The section of the book dealing with the exercise of putting together the team to design, test and manufacture the bomb, alongside the Military and Political attitudes of the day, makes very interesting reading.

The second section of the story in which one man, Lewis J Strauss, effectively sets out to destroy Oppenheimer in the minds of the American people is an appalling insight into the then workings of American politics and the scientific community.

He very nearly succeeds, but he does succeed in destroying the mind of this brilliant scientist Robert Oppenheimer, who is never the same man again.

Anyone with a general interest in the subject of American modern history and politics will enjoy this book.

I found it a very fascinating read.

“Fear not November’s challenge bold— We’ve books and friends,
And hearths that never can grow cold: These make amends!”
— Alexander Louis Fraser, “November”



NIGELLA LAWSONS THUMBPRINT COOKIES

- 225g Plain Flour
- 50g Cornflour
- 150g Salted Butter, softened
- 100g Caster Sugar
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 large egg, at room temperature
- Your favourite jam or curd

Method

Step 1

Preheat the oven to 180°C/160°C fan/gas 4 and line a baking sheet with baking paper.

Step 2

Put the flour and cornflour into a small bowl.

Step 3

Put the butter into the bowl of a food processor; add the sugar, the flour mixture, vanilla and egg, and process to form a smooth dough. Or, cream the butter and sugar (by hand or with an electric whisk) until pale and fluffy, then beat in the vanilla extract, then the egg. Once that is incorporated, gradually add the flour mixture to form a smooth dough.

Step 4

Pinch out small clumps slightly bigger than a cherry tomato – each clump should be about 22g. Roll into balls, stopping when you've got to 13, and place on the lined baking sheet, spaced 2½ cm apart. If you do have 2 baking sheets, then by all means form all 26 cookies now.

Step 5

For the 'thumbprint', press down on each ball with a rounded 1 tsp measuring spoon to make an indent, flattening into fat patties around the dip as you do so. The sides might crack a little, but this doesn't matter, and you can smooth any large fissures with your fingers.

Step 6

Bake for 15 mins until just gold around the edges but still pale on top for the melting texture of shortbread, or – for more of a crunch – cook for 18 mins until they're pale gold on top, and slightly deeper gold at the edges.

Step 7

As soon as they come out of the oven, fill the indent with ½ tsp - 1 tsp of curd or jam. You may need to help it off the spoon with a palette knife. Transfer the filled cookies to a cooling rack to cool completely. Repeat with the leftover dough or keep it wrapped airtight in the fridge for up to 4 days, or in the freezer for up to 2 months (thaw in the fridge overnight before use). Rest at room temperature until soft enough to pinch out clumps.

Makes: 26

A new kind of Remembrance poppy



For the first time in 28 years, there is a new kind of poppy for Remembrance Sunday this year: it is plastic free.

Director of the Poppy Appeal, Andy Taylor-Whyte explains: “We are very proud to introduce the plastic-free poppy. It will not only enable people to support our Armed Forces community but also continues the RBL’s commitment to sustainability.”

The new poppy has been three years in the development and making. The aim was to reduce the use of single-use plastic and to “be economical, sustainable, and less impactful to the environment.”

The new poppy design has a 40% smaller carbon footprint, and it made from “bespoke red and green paper.” The paper comes from a blend of renewable fibres, 50 per cent of which has been recovered from the waste used in the production of coffee cups.

The plastic-free poppy will be available alongside remaining stocks of the current poppy, to reduce any waste of poppies already produced. Poppies containing single-use plastic can be returned to Sainsbury’s stores for recycling.

“November: The last month of autumn, but the beginning of a new adventure; time to take a risk and do the unexpected.”

— unknown

NOVEMBER THROUGH THE YEARS

100 years ago: on 8th Nov 1923 that Christian Barnard, South African cardiac surgeon was born. He carried out the first successful human heart transplant in 1967. (Died 2001.)

80 years ago, from 28th Nov to 1st Dec 1943 that the Tehran Conference in Iran was held. US President Franklin D Roosevelt, British Prime minister Winston Churchill and Soviet Leader Joseph Stalin met to discuss plans for a second front against Nazi Germany. This led to the D-Day assault on Normandy and the Allied invasion of occupied Europe, starting in June 1944.

75 years ago, on 14th Nov 1948 that Charles, King of England, was born.

60 years ago, on 22nd Nov 1963 that US President John F Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas by suspected gunman Lee Harvey Oswald.

Also 60 years ago, on 22nd Nov 1963 that CS Lewis, Irish-born British novelist, literary critic and academic, died. Best known for this book on Christian apologetics, and the Chronicles of Narnia.

Also 60 years ago, on 23rd Nov 1963 that the first episode of the science fiction television series Doctor Who was broadcast in the UK. It is the longest-running and most successful science fiction TV series in the world.

50 years ago, on 13th Nov 1973 that Britain declared a state of emergency as a strike by coal miners caused supplies to dwindle. A 3-Day Week was introduced to conserve supplies.

20 years ago, on 22nd Nov 2003 that England won the Rugby World Cup for the first time.

15 years ago, on 14th – 15th Nov 2008 that the first G20 Summit was held in Washington DC. It was established as a result of the 2008 financial crisis.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES at THE PARISH CHURCH OF HAMPTON IN ARDEN



16th December: 2.30 pm Nativity Trail

17th December: 6.30 pm 9 Lessons and Carols

24th December 8.15 am and 11 am Sunday Services

24th December 2.00 pm Nativity with Open The Book

24th December 11.30 pm Midnight Mass

**25th December 8.15 am and 11 am
Christmas Communion Services**

Choral Music at Christmas

Ex Urbe Chamber Choir will be performing Christmas music in Hampton Church on Saturday 2nd December at 18.00, The concert is an eclectic mix of festive songs, ancient, modern and some in between. Mince pies will undoubtedly feature in the interval.

www.exurbe.org

Hampton Singers will be performing their Christmas Carol concert at Temple Balsall church on Saturday 9th December at 16.00. There will be a mix of traditional and modern carols, with the opportunity for audience participation, to get you in the festive mood. Mulled wine and more mince pies will definitely feature!

www.hamptonsingers.co.uk

“The wind that makes music in November corn is in a hurry. The stalks hum, the loose husks whisk skyward in half-playing swirls, and the wind hurries on... A tree tries to argue, bare limbs waving, but there is no detaining the wind.”

— Aldo Leopold

CHRISTMAS FAYRE
SATURDAY, 18th NOVEMBER 2023
10am to 1pm
In
ST SWITHIN'S HOUSE
BARSTON, B92 0JU

Free glass of mulled wine and a mince pie
(tea or coffee if preferred)



Entrance £3

Proceeds to

Troop Aid,

St Swithin's House and Church



Do's and Don'ts to protect hedgehogs in your garden

- Do leave some areas of wilderness where the hedgehogs can snuffle for insects.
- Do put out water for drinking.
- Do put out a bowl of dog food or meaty cat food around dusk.
- Do install, in a quiet part of the garden, a hedgehog house.
- Do look to see if your hedgehog is limping or appears to be injured, or in late Autumn look out for underweight hedgehogs
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- Don't put out bread and milk
- Don't pick up fit hedgehogs
- Don't leave black sacks lying around.
- Don't use slug pellets or other chemicals, they may poison hedgehogs and other animals.
- Don't light a bonfire without checking to see if a hedgehog or other wild animal has moved in.
- Don't fork over compost heaps in case hedgehogs or other animals have taken up residence.
- Don't spray hedgehogs with dog or cat flea sprays. It will be detrimental to the hedgehog.
- If you leave out old pumpkins for the birds ensure they can't be reached by hedgehogs as eating pumpkin could be fatal to them.



“October extinguished itself in a rush of howling winds and driving rain and November arrived, cold as frozen iron, with hard frosts every morning and icy drafts that bit at exposed hands and faces.”

— J.K. Rowling, *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*

Catney Christmas Craft Fair

Saturday 25th November
11am to 3pm

Catherine de Barnes Village Hall
B91 2TJ

Plenty of quality handmade sewn, knitted and crocheted items, Christmas gifts and decorations, stocking fillers, toys, bags, pottery, fused and stained glass, dog accessories, cosmetics, soaps, wooden gifts and signs, pictures and homemade jam and preserves. With raffle for craft club made lap blankets.

To Raise funds for the Village Hall.

Tea/coffee and homemade cakes



BRING LOTS OF CASH!

