



Residents' Association Chairman's Report:

Planning update

Another quiet month with no new applications affecting the village, but there is news involving some current applications.

Firstly, at the last Council Planning Committee meeting PL 2025/01472/PIP Permission in principle was given for up to 2 homes at the rear of 135/137 Hampton Lane.

Secondly, we understand that the planning approval granted on PL2025/02987/PPRM for 85 dwellings on the site at Oak Farm has been quashed following a legal challenge. It is not yet clear what this means in terms of the future of the site, but we will pass on any news as and when we have it.

Motorway Service Area adjacent to Solihull Road at jct 5a

Residents will recall that outline planning approval was granted on appeal some time ago. Since then, there have been a number of issues that needed addressing and resolving, One of those was the how the site would sit within the topography of the land. This has now been resolved and a 'variation in conditions' application has now been submitted to SMBC. The variation means that the amount of soil needed to be removed from the site has been significantly reduced resulting in fewer HGV movements. There will be no need for HGV's to pass through our village or Hampton - they will use Catherine de Barnes Lane. Work is expected to start early/mid 2027 for completion mid-2029.

Solar Farm on land at Woodhouse Farm PL2025/01404/PPFL

This application is still live and an update has been requested from SMBC as to the current situation

Residents' Association

In last month's edition we advised that the Residents Association is 40 years old this year and we intended holding a village social event on **Saturday 11th July** starting at 2.00pm. This date has now been confirmed and a village BBQ will be held at the rear of the village hall. There will be a licensed bar, music, quiz, a few games with face painting for children- and adults of course. Tickets are £10 per head for members and will be on sale in May.
MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR DIARY NOW!!



Residents' Association Committee Meetings

Generally, Committee meetings are now held on the first Tuesday in the month, but the next one is April 14th. Any resident wishing to raise any issue with the Committee, can do so, by meeting, by contacting us at secretary@catney.co.uk. Any items of importance discussed at the meetings or decisions made, are communicated to members via the Catney News and email. The Catney News is distributed to members only but non-members are able to view it on our website the following month.

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

If you see issues with any of these - please send details to the Parish Clerk at clerk@hamptoninardenparish.gov.uk -or you can contact them direct. The council need details of the location of the particular issue and a picture is really helpful. The road surface along Hampton Lane needs particular attention and the Parish Council have requested a full inspection be undertaken with a view to getting the surface issues resolved.

Spring Litter Pick

Many thanks to the 20 Catney Wombles who scoured the roads and canal banks of Catherine de Barnes on a Saturday morning and collected about 30 bags of rubbish. A job well done and hopefully the village will look neat and tidy for a while at least.



Dates for the Diary

Residents' Committee Meeting Tuesday 14th April

Hampton Parish Council Meeting May 13th

Music Night at the Village Hall Tuesday June 23rd See poster at end of the News

Summer Social Event Saturday 11th July - Afternoon Further details in later editions

FOX - on Hampton Lane will be open on **Easter Monday Aril 6th** for a special Easter Brunch. 10 am to 1pm. Menu is available online. www.foxhamptonlane.co.uk



Matt Gallagher

It is with sorrow I report the passing of Matt Gallagher. He sadly suffered with Motor Neurone Disease (MND). Matt lived in Hampton Lane and was a rugby player playing for Coventry at the time of his retirement in 2003.

Two and a half years ago Matt was diagnosed with MND and during that time he and his family formed the Matt Gallagher Foundation to support others living with MND, raising an incredible £2.6 million.

The Residents Association wish to pass on our sincere condolences to Matt's family and friends
Lesley Cuthbert

AGM 2026

Many thanks to the loyal members who attended the AGM on March 24th. The business of the meeting included re-election of the committee, and reports from our Chairman, Treasurer and Social Secretary. The chair of the Village Hall trustees, Steven Wallis, reported on the Village Hall. There will be three vacant seats for our ward at the local council elections in May. Three conservative candidates came to the meeting (Jane Lambdon, Katherine Price and Ciaran O'Neill) and introduced themselves to the audience.

The main topics that came up in discussions were:

- The works in progress at Heath Farm
- Potholes and poor road surface conditions in the village
- The water leaks in Henwood Lane
- Incidents and accidents at the build-out on Hampton Lane
- The old bench on Catney Common that needs replacing

The RA is aware of these concerns and the topics will be discussed at our committee meeting in April.

Membership Report

Thank you to the 160 households have joined for 2026 and paid their subscriptions, and a special thank you for all the generous donations. Your membership matters to us as it shows that you support what we do and are interested in preserving our village and its community. If you haven't joined yet for this year, please do so as soon as possible. All members should have received a membership card for 2026.

Everyone who joins before May 1st will be entered in to a prize draw to win an afternoon tea for two at Sky by the Water, Resorts World Birmingham.

Remember that only members will receive the Catney News and updates on local issues by email.

To join, simply put your details (name, address and email) on a slip of paper and hand it in at the NISA shop, 9 Oakfield's Way or 97 Hampton Lane, with your subs.

(£3 for individuals, £5 for couples, £10 for a family of 4 or more adults)

Or you can pay online: **Bank Sort code: 30-97-78 Account No: 01989267**

Please put your house number and road name with the payment, and let me know if any of your details have changed. Thank you.

Frances Cook (secretary@catney.co.uk)

Catney Craft Club

The Catney Craft Club celebrated its 10th Anniversary in March. The club has 12 members, 6 of whom have been members since day one. We continue to meet every week in the Village Hall enjoying an afternoon of chatting and putting the world to rights whilst crafting. See below photos from our first anniversary and our current 10th anniversary.

Craft Club 2017 First Anniversary



Craft Club 2026 Tenth Anniversary



Hampton in Arden Gardening Club

Our speaker next month (15th April) is Neil Cook "Recreation of the Formal Garden at Hanbury Hall" Neil worked at Hanbury Hall for 40 years until 2025. On 20th May 2026 Terry Bratcher, expert in breeding and showing Dahlias, will talk on 'Dahlias for Growing and Showing'

The club meets in Hampton Church Hall, High Street, Hampton in Arden, every 3rd Wednesday of the month 7.30p.m-9.00 p.m.; doors open at 7.00p.m for coffee and chat, and new members are always welcome. We have an exciting programme for 2026, with excellent speakers booked, a club visit to Waterperry Gardens in June, a plant stall at Hampton Festival and other garden sharing ideas.

For more info, check out our website www.hiagc.co.uk

Email: hiagcmembers@gmail.com INSTAGRAM: hamptoninarden_gardeningclub

Facebook: HiA Gardening Club

A Concert for Catney!



Tuesday 23rd June. 7:30 – 10 pm in the Village Hall

Don't miss out on this first-ever appearance at Catherine-de-Barnes of the hugely popular **Hot Fingers.**

An evening of 1920's and 1930's music performed by a superb ensemble, led by Thomas "Spats" Langham.

Seating is cabaret style. Delicious sandwiches plus crisps, tea, coffee, and After Eight mints all provided at your table. Tickets £20 to include supper.

Tickets are limited, so get your seats reserved now! Contact Roger on 07599 002275 or email rogernwaring@aol.com for details.



Featuring "Spats" on guitar, banjo and vocals. Danny Blyth on guitar, mandolin, bass clarinet and harmonica. Malcolm Sked on double bass and sousaphone. Emily Campbell on vocals and gong! Not to be missed!



A resident in the village is seeking garage space to rent for car storage. Please let me know if you have space available and I will put you in contact. (secretary@catney.co.uk or 0776 850 2039)

Recycling pill containers

Did you know you can recycle empty medicine and vitamin blister packs at participating **Boots stores** by depositing them into dedicated recycling bins. They also have a bin for blister packs at Superdrug.

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

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

Contact us: secretary@catney.co.uk or 0776 850 2039

Website: www.catney.co.uk

Catney News Articles: Please send to secretary@catney.co.uk by the 24th of the month.

Village Hall bookings: Steve Dodsworth on 0744 350 5388 or bookings@catneyvillagehall.co.uk