



# CATNEY NEWS

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December 2025 and January 2026



**The Residents' Association Committee would like to thank all of our members for your support through the year and to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.**

## CHRISTMAS EVENT SATURDAY 6th DECEMBER

On Saturday 6th December we will be holding our annual Christmas lights switch on event at the Village Hall. A fun way to kick off the festive season and get us all into the festive spirit. We look forward to seeing you all there. The running order for the event will be as follows:

3.30 p.m Children's event of a short animated film and games

4.30 p.m The official switching on of the Christmas lights

4.45 p.m Singing of traditional Christmas songs with the introduction of a few more modern ones

Followed by socialising with mulled wine and Christmas nibbles.



## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Thank you to Fr. Roy for leading us in a very special and moving Remembrance Service on 9th November and to Steve Wallis for accompanying us on the piano for the hymns. Last but not least to everyone who attended the service to pay their respects to all War Heroes, especially those from our Village who lost their lives during WW1 and WW2

Lesley Cuthbert





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### Planning News

It's been a quiet month regarding new applications with only one being considered this month. We were notified by a resident in Barston Lane (where we have a few members) that an application for Permission in Principle (PIP) to build up to 9 dwellings on a piece of land towards the end of Barston Lane. -PL2025/01926/PIP had been placed on the Planning Portal. Following participating in an open meeting organised by Barston Parish Council we submitted a response objecting to the proposal on the basis that it fails to meet Policy P7 -poor access to local facilities and Policy P15 of the Solihull Local Plan 2013. However, the major issue for us is that the square metrage of development area exceeds the limits for PIP's and therefore should be refused or at least withdrawn and re submitted as an outline planning application which has more qualifying requirements.

### PI2025/01715/DIS Oak Farm seeking Discharge of conditions

Members may recall that the original application for up to 85 homes on the site was approved with the exception of the 3 storey canal side dwellings. After reviewing this application we have submitted our objection to the new proposals as still presenting an unacceptable visual impact at this rural canal side location. We have requested of our ward councillors to call the application in, which means it will be considered by the full Planning Committee rather than planning officers who recommended approval of the original application . We wait to learn when the application will be heard. The developer has mostly cleared the site but work seems to have come to a stop. We have some concerns over the amount of hedging and trees that have been removed and understand some of our parish councillors are meeting with the developer to discuss the issue.

### Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan

#### Consultation on the Hampton-in-Arden Submission Draft Neighbourhood Plan

Hampton-in-Arden Parish Council have formally submitted their Submission Draft Neighbourhood Plan to the Council for public consultation. Consultation on the [Submission Draft Neighbourhood Plan](#) for Hampton-in-Arden will run for a period of six weeks from Friday 7 November 2025 to Friday 19 December 2025 before progressing to independent examination.

Documents accompanying the plan can be viewed using the following link:<https://www.solihull.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/hampton-arden-neighbourhood-plan>

The Committee urges members to spare an hour reading through the main review document as it details how the Parish Council wishes see the Parish develop in the next few years and what conditions etc it expects any developers to take note of when consider developing in the parish. Responses can be made using the link below.

You can make a representation by email to [psp@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:psp@solihull.gov.uk)

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## Airport News

Our representative recently attended the third meeting of the Night Noise Group which is made up of a number of representatives from community groups and members of the Airports sustainability team. Whilst the airport provided the group with current details over a variety of noise related subject areas we made very little headway in discussing what a future night flying policy might contain. We are in the second year of three-year policy and previous experience has shown that it takes over 18 months to hammer out a new policy so time is of the essence. At the time of writing a further meeting in December has been arranged with a view to see how things can be improved. More news in the February issue.

## Catney News and Parish News distributors

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to express their thanks to all those who distribute both the Catney and Parish News to residents and members in all weathers - you do a great job which is very much appreciated.

Whilst I'm on the subject of thanks I would like to thank you, the members, for supporting the Association again this year. Without your support we would not exist. We strive to ensure the Association remains relevant in this age of social media and welcome your views, comments and ideas on what you expect of your association

Dave Cuthbert Chair

## Village Hall News

The Trustees are pleased to announce that a new PA system has been installed which should improve the sound quality at meetings and together with the installation of a remotely controlled screen with accompanying projector, we will be able to hold films shows and more professional informative community events as and when the needs arise. It's being used for the children's film show on the afternoon of the 6th December-more news later in this issue.

## New Residents Association Website

The Residents' Association website has been refreshed and simplified to work better on mobile phones. Please take a look at [www.catney.co.uk](http://www.catney.co.uk). We welcome any suggestions for changes or amendments and would especially like some more up-to-date photos of the area to share with you all. If you have any photos we can use, please send them to [secretary@catney.co.uk](mailto:secretary@catney.co.uk)



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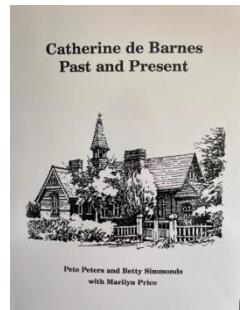
### DATES for your Diary

**Catney Christmas Social - 6th December** Children from 3:30pm. Light switch-on, singing and refreshments from 4:30 pm

**Parish Council** The next Hampton in Arden Parish Council Meeting is on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026 in the Meeting Room in Marsh Lane, adjacent to the Soho Tavern starting at 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@hamptoninardenparish.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@hamptoninardenparish.gov.uk) or phone 01675 442017. Residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

### 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](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

Contact us: [secretary@catney.co.uk](mailto:secretary@catney.co.uk) or 0776 850 2039

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Village Hall bookings: Steve Dodsworth on 0744 350 5388 or [bookings@catneyvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:bookings@catneyvillagehall.co.uk)