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CATNEY NEWS

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Residents Association News

Planning News

PL/2025/00547/MAJFDW Outline planning for the demolition of Mell Square site and full planning application for redevelopment of Phase 1 .

No News .

Battery Storage Facility on Henwood Lane, Catherine de Barnes

Unfortunately we have learned that the Planning Inspector has upheld the appeal and the facility will in due course go ahead .

PL/2024/02987/PPRM Oak Farm Hampton Lane Catherine De Barnes Solihull B92 0JB

By the time you read this, we will know what the result of the planning committee will be . The application was being considered on the 13th August . The Association made a personal representation to the Committee objecting to the positioning and materials used in the 3 storey dwellings bordering the canal towpath. The Association together with the PC and the Canoe Club in discussions with Cala and SMBC managed to ensure a small area of land, currently used by the canoe club but now owned by Cala Homes remains undeveloped and Cala have agreed that the club can continue to use it aiming to give them the freehold of it following completion of the development. This ensures the clubs activities are secured into the future as far as parking etc., is concerned. A great result for all concerned !!

PL2025/01404/PPFL Installation and operation of a 49.9 MW ground mounted solar farm and 5MW BESS facility together with all associated works, equipment, necessary infrastructure and biodiversity enhancement areas.

The wording of the title of this application is we feel slightly misleading. The site is actually spread over 3 plots of land- one bordering the canal on land at the end of the Common in Bickenhill Lane, a second behind dwellings in Bickenhill Village and the third on land north of the Woodhouse Farm. See the planning portal for full details of the application.

The date for the submission of responses was 26th August but responses received after that date would be generally be accepted so long as the application remains to be considered . We met with representatives of Bickenhill PC and their planning consultant on the 11th August to discuss possible implications of the development on the surrounding area. Any worthwhile information resulting from that meeting will have been notified to members prior to receiving this edition .

Heath Farm 26 Henwood Lane

A number of residents have been in touch concerning the various work being undertaken, As you may be aware there have been a number of applications concerning proposed development of the various buildings on the site. Enquiries have been made to try to establish what the current position is and understand it is as follows :

- 1) The first relates to the re-build of the outbuildings (PL/2025/00113/VAR, for External alterations to previously approved Class Q prior approval consent PL/2023/01507/PNCUDW, was refused in late April). Since this time, the applicant has submitted a fresh application for a new dwelling, but this is currently invalid. As soon as it is valid, there would be the usual assessment, and residents could pass formal comment.
- 2) The second issue relates to the significant works to the original dwelling. As you will recall, this does in fact have a number of approvals (prior notifications) for various large additions. However, since these approvals, the applicant then submitted application PL/2025/00164/PPFL for Replacement existing extended bungalow with a detached two storey dwelling. It is understood that there have been subsequent works to those made originally and a site visit is expected .
- 3) PL/2025/00164/PPFL case (ie the replacement/re-build of the original house). Again a visit is being made on the near future to view the site to assess the building works.

Motorway Service Area (MSA):

Following a recent meeting with the developers it now looks like work will not start until end 2026 early 2027.

Airport News

We are a member of the Airport Noise Sub Group, which met on the 7th August. The group has been formed to monitor and review the current noise policy and discuss potential improvements that might be included in the next policy which is up for review in 3 years. One of the items that has been discussed is the number of noise violations resulting in the reduction of the night time noise limit and what can be done to ensure limits are not exceeded. This means the Airport Company is talking to the airlines who are breaching the limits in what they can do in their procedures to improve things . The group meets again in November.

Village Hall

The hall will revert to a Church again for Remembrance Sunday on the 9th November .

A Christmas tree effect product has been purchased and will be delivered in September which should create an improved lighting effect during the Christmas season .

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.

Ring and Ride

We'd like to remind members that this service is available to residents of CdeB- further information is available by phoning 0330 053 8141 or from ringandride.org

Residents Association Committee Meetings

Generally, Committee meetings are now held on the first Tuesday in the month, the next one is. 2nd September. 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.

PL2025/02987/PPRM. Oak Farm up to 85 dwellings (continued)

This application went before the planning committee on 13th August. Local resident Duncan McArdle, representing himself and the Association, gave a slide presentation objecting to the siting of the 3 storey homes on the canalside and suggesting the committee defer any decision until a redesign incorporating buildings with a lower height at this location. This was followed by the legal representative of the owner of Oak Cottage who asserted that, because of an issue re the boundary, that as things stood, the site could not be delivered for housing and a legal challenge to any approval might well follow. A representative from Cala Homes spoke supporting the scheme and then the Chair sought comments from the Committee. Cllr David Pinwell disapproved of the location of the 3 story dwellings as well as having some concerns over the fact that Cala had not fully adopted "Secured by Design" recommendations with regard to lighting.

After some discussion with planning officers the Chair followed their recommendation in asking the committee to approve the application apart from the block of 3 storey homes which they did unanimously. We now have to establish what happens next concerning the redesigning of the homes bordering the canal

Date for the Diary

Village Litter Pick – September 20th 10.00am til 12.00 with complimentary refreshments – equipment provided – Meet at the village hall – volunteers needed - please contact secretary@catney.co.uk if you can spare an hour or two

Quiz night – Saturday 18th October starting at 7.30pm licensed bar and fish and chip supper (see item in this months edition) book now -contact cuthbertlm@me.com with numbers and dietary requirements. Tickets £13

Remembrance Sunday 9th November -assemble from 10.40am followed by refreshments.

Annual Catney Christmas Craft Fair Saturday 29th November 11.00am ‘til 15.00pm in the village hall with teas and refreshments .Free entry

Xmas Social – Light switch on, Xmas songs followed by drinks and xmas nibbles .
Saturday 6th December. We are hoping to organize a Christmas film for the younger fold in the afternoon but more news in later editions

Parish Council

Next Hampton in Arden Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting on Wednesday 17th September 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 or phone 01675 442017

Residents are welcome and encouraged to attend

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

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

Remembrance Sunday 9th November

This year has been another special year being the 80th Anniversary of VJ Day. On Sunday 9th November our Village Hall will revert to being a Church for a Remembrance Service, when we will remember all those who bravely fought in war and those who sadly lost their lives fighting. We will especially remember all those from our village who lost their lives during the two world wars.

We hope you will be able to join us for this very special service, assembling in the hall at 10.40 a.m for the start of the service at 10.45 a.m



Lesley Cuthbert



The next ever popular quiz night will be on Saturday 18th October starting at 7.30 p.m., in the Village Hall.

Tickets are £13 per person, to include fish and chip supper. There will be a licensed bar and a raffle. To order your tickets please contact Lesley Cuthbert on

Tel : 07776 480813 or email cuthbertlm@me.com.

Ideally if you could make up a team of 4 or 6 people it would be appreciated but don't worry if you can't we will place you in a team.

Order your tickets early to avoid disappointment, the last quiz night sold out quickly. If there are any vegetarian requirements please order these at the time of purchasing your tickets. Any donations towards the Quiz Evening raffle would be appreciated.

Thank you.

- **"The important thing is not to stop questioning."**
- [Albert Einstein](#)



Catney Christmas Craft Fair November 29th , 2025

11.00a.m. to 3.00p.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 29th November is a date for your diary. The fair is now a social event, which brings in visitors and raises funds for the village hall. Many people come in for a browse, a chat with tea and homemade cakes and to do some Christmas shopping.

I can report that all of the tables have been taken for this year with some new contributions of handmade wooden decorations and novelties and candles. We will have our regular tables selling fused and stained glass, fabric and knitted items, cards, floristry, jewellery, pottery, artwork, and a wide variety of items made by members of the Catney Craft Club including homemade jams and preserves.

In November we will be calling for donations of homemade cakes for the tea stall. I hope many of you will contribute and join us on the day. Look forward to welcoming you in November.

Liz Boxall, liz@boxall.info

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Editor for Catney News

It is with much thought and great sadness that due to poor health I am having to stand down as editor of the Catney News after around 17 years. I have really enjoyed my time as editor and would have loved to continue.

Obviously a new editor is needed as quickly as possible.

Whoever takes on this enjoyable voluntary role would need to produce 10 editions per year, omitting August and January. The final version is sent by email to Midland Business Equipment in Knowle to be printed for those who wish to have a hard copy. Various regular items are provided, but there is likely to be a need to find extra information to fill the 8 or 12 A5 pages.

If this is of interest to you, please talk to Dave or Lesley Cuthbert or send me an email if you require more information.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed over the years. I hope you will continue to support the new editor and Catney Residents Association in the years to come.

Chris Cluley