



CATNEY NEWS JUNE 2026

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Summer Social Event - Celebrating 40 Years of the Residents' Association

Saturday 11 July 2026 at 1:30pm (Food served at 2:00pm) Village Hall

Tickets are still available for our BBQ Summer Social, celebrating 40 years of the Residents' Association. Tickets are priced at £10 per person.

What's happening

- BBQ lunch (vegetarian options available)
- Face painting for children
- Reasonably priced bar (cash or card)
- A great opportunity to come together and celebrate this milestone

How to book - Please email debbie.moseley@icloud.com with:

- The number of tickets you would like
- How many vegetarian meals are required
- Whether any tickets are for children (please include their ages)

Payment details will be provided in our reply.

We hope you can join us to celebrate this wonderful achievement.

Residents' Association Chairman's Report:

Planning updates

PL2025/01404/PPOL. Castle Hills Solar Farm on Woodhouse Farm Land

Following a requirement to undertake an Environmental Assessment on the site a new application has now available to view on the planning portal. The Association are keen to hear members thoughts on the application which can sent to the secretary@catney.co.uk.

Motorway Service Area adjacent to Solihull Road at jct 5a

The Parish Council, in a response to the latest application, have suggested that a bund be erected using soil planned to be removed from the site erected at the Northern border of the site parallel to Solihull Road and at the edge of the HGV car park with the intention of hiding the site from Solihull Road and creating the impression of high rising countryside. We wait to hear whether the suggestion has been taken up. By creating this bund, it would reduce even further the amount of soil required to be removed from the site - more environmentally friendly.

Village Hall News- HELP NEEDED

The Trustees have planned a working party session on Sunday 14th June starting at 10.00am at the Village Hall.



If you are able to spare a couple of hours please come along, we would love to see you help us keep our Village Hall in the condition it deserves. Refreshments provided.

Hope to see some of you there

Stephen Wallis Chair of the Trustees

Airport News Noise Group Update

The purpose of this group is twofold - firstly to monitor the airports performance against the current 3 year Night Flying Policy and secondly to discuss possible changes to the next policy. The community section of the group are seeking a number of improvements to reduce the environmental impact (primarily noise). They are, not necessarily in priority order,

1) a quiet time in the night

2) a number limit of nighttime movements - not a percentage of overall movements as agreed by SMBC last time round, which provides no real control as the limit cannot be established until the end of the year

3) a reduction in both day time and night time noise limits - when comparing these with a typical competitive airport such as Luton the limits at Birmingham are less stringent for what the group sees as a similar business/traffic profile.

At a recent meeting of the full noise group, we learned that the airport are in compliance of the current Night Flying Policy but frankly is having little success in discussing the next policy although increased focus on this aspect of the group's responsibility is being given to future meetings.

If you have any views on the subject, please email the secretary@catney.co.uk

Residents Association Committee Meetings

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

Parish Council Meeting

The next Hampton in Arden Parish Council Meeting is on Wednesday July 8th 2026 and will be held in The Meeting Room off Marsh Lane 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 to attend.



50 Years of living in Catherine de Barnes

In the middle of May I celebrated moving into Lugtrout Lane, way back in 1976. I felt it was a good time to reflect on what changes we have had in that time. 50 years is probably an unusual time to stay in one house these days, with people moving much more regularly to upsize and downsize. We added an extension, upsizing without moving. We moved to Catherine de Barnes as we had a boat and wanted to find a house with its own mooring space. This limited our choice in Solihull to something backing onto Grand Union canal or along the Stratford canal. We were lucky to find somewhere in Catherine de Barnes.

When we moved here, there was no M42 and the road leading up to the Coventry Road led to a set of traffic lights at a pub called the Clock, the roundabout which replaced the traffic lights is still called the Clock roundabout, although the pub has gone. There was no International Station and trips to London for work meant getting on an Intercity British Rail train at Hampton in Arden. I remember being told by my boss to get on with a standard class ticket and then go through to the first-class coaches to buy a full English breakfast. Lugtrout Lane had not been split by Damson Parkway and Hampton Lane had not been split by the Solihull by-pass. The new terminals had not been built at the airport, and the airport entrance was off the Coventry Road opposite the traffic lights where the road from the new Land Rover development joins. I seem to remember that there was not a pedestrian bridge over the canal, but I'm not sure when that was built. There was a white house on Hampton Lane with an orchard behind, where the Foxley Drive development was built and round the bend in Oakfields Way the houses looked onto a field.

The village post office was on the corner of Lugtrout Lane and Hampton Lane, and on the opposite corner was Tarplin's builder's yard. The post office later moved into the village store before being closed in a more recent rationalisation. The houses on the corner of Bickenhill Lane and Hampton Lane were built on the site of the village bakery and shop owned by a local resident Mrs Lewis, who lived on Lugtrout Lane. The other shops in the village were the village store where NISA is now. In the middle was a bike shop with a single old fashioned petrol pump outside, later replaced by an art gallery and more recently by Ele the hairdresser. The space where Fox restaurant is now was a saddlery when I moved here, later having a café before becoming a proper restaurant, Longfellows, run by Doug and Chris Long.

The village hall was still a church, though it had stopped being a school. I remember summer fetes being held in the field behind with stalls run by the residents, although the resident's association, whose 40th Birthday we will celebrate in July did not start till 10 years after I moved here.



Catherine's Close was still a smallpox hospital, on standby for suspected imported cases, although it had to be used for real in 1978 when there was a laboratory acquired case in a member of staff at the Medical School.

I can't be sure that I have got the chronology correct, it can be difficult to remember things exactly, so if any readers have a different recollection of things, we can have a dialogue through Catney News with other residents' memories. The definitive work on the earlier history of Catney, 'Catherine de Barnes Past and Present' is still available for purchase from Lesley Cuthbert. cuthbertlm@me.com

Liz Boxall, Lugtrout Lane, Catney

A pair of react-to-light glasses were found outside 136 Lugtrout Lane about 2 weeks ago. If you know who owns them, please contact secretary@catney.co.uk

Editor's request

We would love to have some more pictures of the Village to add colour to the Catney News and our website. We have had a beautiful spring so perhaps someone out there has a photo or two to share. Please attach your photo to an email to secretary@catney.co.uk

Membership Report

Thank you to the 183 households have joined for 2026 and a special thank you for all the generous donations. If you haven't joined yet for this year, you can still do so. If you haven't renewed, I will take your name off the Catney News distribution list. All members should have received a membership card for 2026. Please get in touch if you have any queries.

To join, simply put your details (name, address and email) on a slip of paper and hand it in at 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)

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.



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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

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.**

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sousaphone. Emily Campbell on vocals and gong! Not to be missed!**