



## Chairman's Report:

### Planning Update

Not much to say this month. The first phase of the Mell Square redevelopment (now known as Holbeche Place) was recently approved and we expect a planning application for phase 2, which involves the re development of the House of Fraser site, to be submitted soon. The full redevelopment is expected to start later this year with completion in 2036. More information is available on the masterplan website <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/about-council/solihull-town-centre-masterplan>

### 82 Bus Service IMPORTANT NEWS

As a result of the HS2 bridgeworks and the related closure of Meriden Road, the 82 bus service will be suspended between the 23/2 and 8/3. Thanks to work by the PC and Ward Councillors, Transport for West Midlands (TfWM) have agreed to put on a free minibus operating between Hampton in Arden Station and Solihull Station during this period. Details of the new service 82E, together with the timetable were communicated to members by email and posted on Facebook mid-February and details will also be placed at the bus stops. The nearest bus stop for CdeB is located near the Village Hall.

There are likely to be an additional 3 periods when this minibus service will operate but we need HS2 to advise when these are planned. As soon as we have this information we will email and post as before.

### Residents Association News

The Association is 40 years old this year and we are planning to celebrate this birthday with a summer social event on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July. -MAKE A NOTE OF THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY

More news next Month

**The Association's AGM** will be held in the village hall on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March commencing promptly at 7.30pm. The meeting will be followed by complimentary wine and nibbles. Copies of committee reports and agenda will be made available early in March with a Q&A session at the meeting to any questions raised as a result of the reports. We do hope you will feel able to spare an hour or two to support the Association by attending the AGM - hope to see you there.



## **Village Tidy Up - Spring Clean Week**

As part of national Spring Clean Week, we have organised a village litter picking session for Saturday 14th. March meeting at 10.00am in the village hall. All necessary equipment will be supplied and complimentary refreshments will be available following the pick. If you can spare a couple of hours to improve our village appearance, please contact [secretary@catney.co.uk](mailto:secretary@catney.co.uk) or txt 07824696137 with details of who is able to help. Thank You

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

If you see issues with any of these - please send location details and /or picture to the PC clerk at [clerk@hamptoninardenparish.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@hamptoninardenparish.gov.uk) - or direct to the Council using [Report it | Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council](#).

## **Residents Association Committee Meetings**

Generally, Committee meetings are now held on the first Tuesday in the month, the next regular one is on 7<sup>th</sup> April. Any resident wishing to raise any issue with the Committee, can do so, at least 48 hours before, by contacting [secretary@catney.co.uk](mailto:secretary@catney.co.uk). Any items of importance discussed at the meetings or decisions made, are communicated to members via the Catney News, which is distributed to members only.

## **Parish Council Meeting**

The next Hampton in Arden Parish Council Meeting is on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026 and will be held in the Village Hall 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 to attend. If you want to know what your Parish Council does spare an hour and come along to the meeting.

## **Dates for the Diary**

**Village Litter Pick** - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 10.00am in the Village Hall - equipment provided - Meet at the village hall - volunteers needed - please contact [secretary@catney.co.uk](mailto:secretary@catney.co.uk) if you can spare an hour or two

**Parish Council Meeting** Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March commencing 7.30pm Village Hall

**Residents' Association AGM** Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm Village Hall

**Residents' Committee Meeting** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April

**Summer Social Event** Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July - Afternoon Further details in later editions



## Membership Report

Thank you to the 136 households have joined for 2026 and paid their subscriptions, and a special thank you for all the generous donations. Your support is very important to us. If you haven't joined yet for this year please do so as soon as possible.

All who join before May 1<sup>st</sup> 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 or be on our lists for other local information 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: Catherine-de-Barnes Residents Association

**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](mailto:secretary@catney.co.uk))

## PHARMACY FIRST

Did you know? Instead of waiting for an appointment to see your GP you can go to your Pharmacist for some simple remedies, without a prescription e.g Earache, Impetigo, infected insect bites, Shingles, Sinusitis, Sore Throat, Uncomplicated urinary tract infection, why not give them a go. See poster below. Lesley Cuthbert.

HM Government

**NHS**

**PHARMACY FIRST**  
services available  
without a prescription

For patients in eligible age ranges

<b>Earache</b> 1 to 17 years	<b>Sinusitis</b> 12 years and over
<b>Impetigo</b> 1 year and over	<b>Sore throat</b> 5 years and over
<b>Infected insect bites</b> 1 year and over	<b>Uncomplicated urinary tract infections</b> Women 16-64 years
<b>Shingles</b> 18 years and over	

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Website: [www.catney.co.uk](http://www.catney.co.uk)

Catney News Articles: Please send to [secretary@catney.co.uk](mailto:secretary@catney.co.uk) by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

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



## CATNEY NEWS MARCH 2026

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The Which? Scam Alert Team recently sent out this notice about a new kind of telephone scam that we thought it was useful to be aware of.

National Trading Standards has identified a worrying new scam. It starts with a cold call, where a fraudster asks you to participate in a non-existent 'lifestyle survey', created to gather your personal details.

While you answer the questions, this information is used to create an AI-generated replica of your voice (voice cloning), which can be used to set up direct debits without you knowing. [Find out more about this new scam and how you can protect yourself.](#)

### **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