



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

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

We are delighted to announce that tickets are now on sale for our BBQ Summer Social, celebrating 40 years of the Residents' Association.

Tickets are initially available to members, their families and friends at £10 per person. As the Village Hall has limited capacity, we expect tickets to sell quickly. They will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis.

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. To secure your tickets, payment must be completed by 31 May 2026 via bank transfer or cash. After 31 May, any unsold tickets will be released to non-members.

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

Gateway Survey

Thanks to everyone who completed the survey. We have had 130 responses so far and will leave the questionnaire open until May 3rd so you can still take part. It is only 9 questions and takes less than 2 minutes. We now have some idea of the views of local residents and drivers who pass through the gateway frequently. We will share the results with HPC and Solihull MBC and with members soon.

A link to the survey: [Catherine de Barnes Survey - Village Entry Gateway](#)

Eidtor's request

We would love to have some pretty pictures of the Village to add colour to the Catney News. 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



Residents' Association Chairman's Report:

Planning Update

Another quiet month - thankfully

Following the Kings Speech the Government announced significant changes to the planning process taking affect in September. These changes restrict the type of applications that can go before the Planning Committee - most applications being decided by the planning officers. Responses to planning applications will be able to be made in the usual way, but unless it's a contentious application it is unlikely to qualify to be put before the planning committee. We don't feel this improves local democracy although it is likely to speed up approvals. Not good news we feel

New application PL 2026/00678/PPFL for a self-build dwelling in the garden of 254 Hampton Lane - detail available on the planning portal: [Search Results](#).

No news on Oak Farm (up to 85 homes), Lugtrout Lane (up to 50 homes), or the Solar Farm 2025/01404/PPFL land north of the canal.

Work has not yet started on the Battery Storage facility down Henwood Lane - we believe this is due to the delays in getting a grid connection.

Airport News

Our airport representative on the Airport Noise Working Group is due to meet with other community members and representatives from the Airport Sustainability Team at the end of April to discuss future day and night time noise levels to be included in the next policy reviews. Barston PC have been doing extensive work on summer night/daytime noise levels and we have been invited to participate in their noise group Banac.

Village Hall News

The Trustees are organising a working party on Sunday 14th June starting at 10.00 am to tidy up the rear grounds, clear the gutters, refurbish the picnic tables etc and are looking for some help.

If you are able to spare a couple of hours please come along. You'd be extremely welcome - refreshments provided

There are plans to get some roof repairs done next month and quotes are currently being obtained for new curtain tracks/poles and for re hanging the curtains. Plans are in motion for some external paintwork and the interior below the dado rail to be re-decorated during the school holidays



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

If you see issues with any of these - please send details to the PC clerk clerk@hamptoninardenparish.gov.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.

Residents Association Committee Meetings

Generally, Committee meetings are now held on the first Tuesday in the month, the next one is 5th May. 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.

Parish Council Meeting

The next Hampton in Arden Parish Council Meeting is on Wednesday 13th May 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.** If you want to know what your Parish Council does, spare an hour and come along to the meeting.

Membership Report

Thank you to the 175 households have joined for 2026 and a special thank you for all the generous donations. We are very near to our total (186) from last year but there are still some who have forgotten to renew. 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 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)



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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

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.**

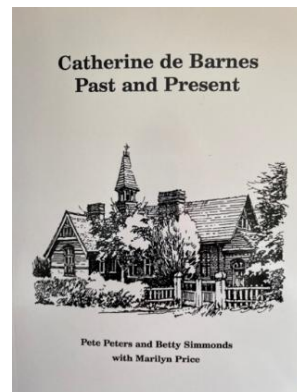


**Featuring "Spats" on guitar, banjo and vocals. Danny Blyth on guitar,
mandolin, bass clarinet and harmonica. Malcolm Sked on double bass and
sousaphone. Emily Campbell on vocals and gong! Not to be missed!**



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