

## Your Residents' Association Newsletter

### Events

#### Remembrance Sunday 9th November

On Sunday 9th November our Village Hall will revert to being a Church for a Remembrance Service, remembering all those who bravely fought in war and those who sadly lost their lives fighting. We especially remember the brave souls from our village who lost their lives during WW1 and WW2.



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. Complimentary refreshments will be served following the service.

Our Village memorial is very unusual, it is our Baptismal Font. The names of those from our Village who perished in WW1 are engraved around the bowl of the Font and the names of those from the Village who perished during WW2 are engraved on the lid, with one more name engraved on a jug that sits at the base of the Font. As a sign of respect, during the service we will be invited to place poppies around the font.

Lesley Cuthbert



#### Refreshment Stall at the Catney Christmas Craft fair Saturday 29th November

It would be really appreciated if anyone is able to make a cake for the refreshments table at the Craft Fair on Saturday 29th November. All money taken on this table is donated to the Village Hall for maintenance and improvements. If you are able to make a cake it would be helpful if you could let me know by text on 07776 480813 or email [cuthbertlm@me.com](mailto:cuthbertlm@me.com). The hall will be open to receive cakes from 10.00 a.m on the day, if you are unable to deliver please let me know and I will arrange for collection. Thank you. Lesley Cuthbert.



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### Catney Christmas Craft Fair November 29<sup>th</sup>

11.00a.m. to 3.00p.m.

#### **Catherine de Barnes Village Hall**

Last reminder for this year, hope to see a good turn out on the day and tell all your friends and family to come along.

We have had an excellent response to my calls for exhibitors and as well as some of our regulars, we have some new stalls. So, it's not the same old stuff year after year, so come along for some surprises. Plenty of quality handmade sewn, knitted and crocheted items, Christmas gifts and decorations, stocking fillers, toys, novelties, candles, pottery, fused and stained glass, children's doll accessories, wooden ornaments and decorations, wooden gifts and signs, floristry, crocheted jewellery, pictures and homemade jam and preserves.

With a raffle for a Catney Craft Club hamper made up of items made or donated by craft club members and another chocolate hamper donated by a resident.

Remember to bring **lots of cash** with you as most of the stalls and the tea and cakes table can only deal with real money! I know that in the past few years the use of cash has dramatically decreased, but for events like this it is essential.

As in previous years we rely on donations of home-made cakes for the tea stall. Will those of you who can help, please contact Lesley Cuthbert on [cuthbertlm@me.com](mailto:cuthbertlm@me.com) or 07776 480813.

Hope to see lots of you on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November.

Liz Boxall

### Catney Christmas Social - Saturday 6th December

Get ready to kick off the festive season with the Catney Christmas Social!



#### **• Children's Activities - 3:30 PM**

Bring the little ones along for an hour of free festive fun! Children can cozy up with a Christmas film, sip on hot chocolate topped with marshmallows and enjoy a variety of festive games. It is a perfect way for children to experience a sprinkle of Christmas magic in a warm and welcoming environment.

#### **• Christmas Lights & Evening Festivities - 4:30 PM**

Join us for the Christmas Lights Switch on, followed by Christmas songs to get everyone in the holiday spirit and seasonal drinks and nibbles to enjoy. Come along and celebrate the season with your neighbours 🎅

## Planning News

### Grey Belt - Planning Applications

We are seeing an increasing number of planning applications across the Parish. There are 2 main reasons for this 1) as a result of the Borough having no local planning in place to address the established housing need and not having a 5 year land supply to address that need, and 2) recent changes in the planning regulations, introduced the concept of 'Grey Belt' in greenbelt. This takes away the need to demonstrate very special circumstances needed to support inappropriate development in the greenbelt.

The result of this is that most of the greenbelt in the Borough can be classed as Grey Belt. These two factors clear the ground for developers to apply for sites which previously might have been off limits

#### PL 2025/00164/PPFL 26 Henwood Lane

We have been made aware that the applicant has appealed to the Planning Inspector for determination on the basis that SMBC have not done so within a reasonable timeframe

#### PL2024/00037/PPOL up to 50 homes off Lugtrout Lane

Following the approval of outline planning permission the site has now been put up for sale with potential developers requested to make offers by mid-November

#### PL2025/01715/DIS Oak Farm 2.5 storey homes canal side

Many thanks to all those residents that supports the Associations' decision to object to the revised design for homes facing the canal on the site. Although the applicant has been a little more creative in the design of the properties, we still consider the material used- red brick and tiles, and the height create an unacceptable visual impact at what is currently an open green aspect.

#### New Neighbourhood Plan

By the time members read this, the Parish Council will have lodged the draft new Plan with the Council. The next steps will be for them to evaluate it and organise a public consultation on it and this will give the opportunity to statutory stakeholders and local residents to comment on the plan.



## Social Activities

### QUIZ NIGHT

Thanks to all who joined us for the quiz night on the 18<sup>th</sup> October. It was probably the best yet gauging from the post reaction we have received We hope to be able to hold another in the New Year.

Thanks to all those who helped organise and set up the event and especially to those who attended and those who helped clear up too- you doubt know how much that is appreciated. Thanks also go to those who supplied the various and numerous raffle prizes on the night. One table was lucky enough to scoop up 6 prizes even after the tickets had been thoroughly mixed after each winner - spooky!

The event raised £257 for the Association who will put it towards a PA system for the village hall which is being installed November.

### Dates for the Diary

**Remembrance Sunday 9th November** - please assemble from 10.40 am. The service will be followed by complimentary refreshments.

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

**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 19<sup>th</sup> November 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.

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



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### 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

### 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)