



SEPTEMBER 2014

To all village young people and their teachers who will be starting a new School, College, University, entering into the world of work for the first time or just facing a new term – we wish you lots of good luck and success!!

Dear Catney Residents,

We need more scarecrows! Dress up your scarecrow ready for a big event and display it in your front garden from the 13th September (if you have a long front garden, please display it as near the road as possible) It will be judged in the week leading up to Catney Day and first, second and third prizes awarded on Catney Day afternoon. Judge will be a real farmer. You must lodge your scarecrow entry with Frances Cook on 0776 8502039/secretary@catney.co.uk so that we know you have a scarecrow to be judged. Male and female scarecrows welcome!



Saturday 20th September at the Village Hall.

In the afternoon 1.30 pm to 4.30 pm Free Entrance, there will be a Village BBQ, stalls and Get Together. BBQ, Live Music by local group "Pageant", Games, Stalls, Bar, Face Painting, Raffle and Refreshments. Prize giving for Scarecrow Competition.

In the evening commencing at 7.30 pm, there will be a Village Pig Roast and Barn Dance, Bar and Raffle. Tickets £12.50 per head – Available from Dave on 705 8037

Come along and enjoy this Village event!!

If you would like a sales table at the afternoon event, please contact Dave on 705 8037 as soon as possible please.

HELP PLEASE for CATNEY DAY!

Have you got a raffle prize you could donate for the raffle on Catney Day? Please call Dave on 705 8037 with details.

We need your help in preparing for Catney Day – can you spare a couple of hours? Please come along to the rear of the Village Hall on Sunday 7th September at 10 am to sort out the stalls – the more the merrier!

ALSO: On the evening of Friday 19th September and morning of Saturday 20th September we will need your help again for a couple of hours to set everything up at the rear of the Village Hall – your assistance will be very much appreciated – so please come along. Let Dave (telephone)number above know you are coming please!



THE WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

Pete Peters invites you to the world's biggest coffee morning at the Boat Inn, Catherine-de-Barnes on Friday 26th September from 10 am to 12 noon. Coffee and biscuits are free – donations to Macmillan Cancer Support are very welcome. Please help us to help others.

VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

Hopefully you will have noticed that the front of the Hall is in the process of being repainted. Dangerous brickwork has been removed and the chimney has been recapped. The brickwork in this area will be sealed to help prevent dampness transferring to the interior brickwork. In addition repairs have been made to the rear door framework, and arrangements are in hand to secure and clean out the guttering. We have made a start in preparing the interior to be refreshed and due to the sink in the toilet being damaged we have replaced it. Thanks to the efforts of Dave Parsons we have managed to negotiate a more competitive electric contract which will help in reducing running costs.. We have plans to replace timers and thermostats shortly which should also help .

We are investigating the practicality of increasing the number of interior toilet facilities and hope to provide more information shortly.

Village Hall Update: (continued)

We have finally managed to resolve the issues relating to the opening of a bank account and are now in a position to accept the pledged donations or set up direct debit donations that many of you pledged at earlier events and we will be including the appropriate forms in the October edition of the News.



CATNEY CRICKET CLUB

The season continues with a mixture of Sun & Storms and the Club is continuing to battle against relegation with great wins followed by terrible defeats and on Saturday 23rd we entertain the League leaders Shipston on Stour so wont be much joy there I think, However we still battle on and with only 2 weeks to go with league Cricket we will see where we end up,

We held a Charity day at the end of July which went very well and I understand over a £1000 was raised for ' Help for Heroes' unfortunately the night before a commemorative Bench in honour of George & Floss Bray was stolen which is very upsetting and if anyone hears about a bench for sale please let us know,

Eddie Hewitt

CATHERINE DE BARNES PAST AND PRESENT

As a result of the generous donation by Pete and Betty Peters- 200 copies of this interesting book (put together by locals) are available to be purchased at a cost of £4.95 . You can arrange to purchase a copy by calling Dave Cuthbert on 705 8037 or Dave Parsons on 07778 295227. They will also be on sale on Catney Day from the Residents Association table . All proceeds of sales of the book will go the Village Hall Fund .

Get to know the history of the Village and the surrounding area.

Come and have a look at the Residents Association stall on Catney Day and see what we have been doing for the village over the last year and please support our efforts by joining us!



We are seeking the help of a Professional Fundraiser in helping us raise funds for the Hall. If you know of anyone who can help in this are we would be pleased to hear from you

FOR SALE

Pine bedroom dressing table - £25

Pine blanket box - £10

Telephone: Mrs Clancy on 0121 704 4346

SALLY CLARK 27.4.64 – 30.5.14

Members of Sally's Tai Chi Classes have purchased a rhododendron bush in her memory together with a brass plaque "From her friends" On the morning of Thursday 28th August, at the time the class at Catherine de Barnes would have been held, they got together for the formal planting in the garden of the Village Hall. We hope that the plant will bloom well throughout the years in memory of Sally,



who had lived in the village for most of her life and attended Catney school.

HAMPTON PARISH CHURCH INVITES YOU TO IT'S ANNUAL PET BLESSING SERVICE

Bring your pet along to be blessed at this short but happy service at 11 am on the 7th September and give thanks for all the love and companionship your pet gives to you. All pets welcome as long as they are on a leash/in a cage/bowl or carrier whichever is appropriate, and under your control. Even your pet pony or horse is welcome and will be blessed in the car park if you let the church know you would like this to happen – ring the Parish Church Administrator on 07969 102187 to let her know.

The Residents Association is currently acting on your behalf in respect of the re-application for a Muslim Cemetery in Catherine de Barnes Lane, recently received by Solihull MBC.

If you would like to have a look at the re-application SMBC have received - the number is 2014/1160

Your views are welcome

FIT AND FUN

Come and join our gentle exercise class on a Thursday morning followed by coffee. Designed to improve mobility and flexibility the class is suitable for those who want to keep active. New term begins on Thursday 11th September and we meet in the Fentham Hall, Hampton-in-Arden at 10 am. Come along any week or contact Jane on 01675 443197 for further details.