

# CATNEY NEWS



## APRIL 2015

**Dear Villagers,**

Happy Easter!

Your Residents Association would like to thank everyone who has supported us by joining the Association. We are delighted that so many of you have given donations in addition to the annual membership fee. This has ensured that, although we still haven't reached the numbers we used to have on our membership list, we have received the largest amount of funds for more than six years. Thank you so much. If you would still like to join us, it is not too late; a form for completion is at the back of this edition.

*We are having another Bacon Buttie day on the 11th April, between 10.00 am and 12.30 pm. Come along and meet your neighbours, have a laugh and a chat and a delicious bacon buttie and drink.*

**Resident Association members please note that Longfellows Restaurant is offering a 20% discount on their a la carte menu between Mondays and Fridays on production of your R.A. membership card.**

**Why not visit their secluded and pretty garden behind the restaurant, maybe just for a drink on a nice evening?**

**If any readers can offer a discounted service for our members, please let me know.**

Christine Cluley (Editor)

Please let me have any articles or information for May's Catney News  
by 20<sup>th</sup> April. Christine Cluley (Editor)

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Contacts: Secretary of the Residents Association: Frances on 0776  
8502039 or [secretary@catney.co.uk](mailto:secretary@catney.co.uk)

Anything for the Catney News: Contact Chris at [editor@catney.co.uk](mailto:editor@catney.co.uk).  
Spar Shop/Hall Bookings: Gareth on 0121 705 6135

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### Residents Association Membership Fees

These are £10 for a year's membership for a family of four or more adults  
(over 16's), £5 for a couple, £3 for single membership. Children under 16 are  
included automatically free of charge. Fees should be put in an envelope with  
the form at the back of this edition and handed in to the Spar shop.

Thank you

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**Our BEETLE DRIVE and fish  
and chip supper had to be  
cancelled due to lack of  
support – this is a great  
shame, but thank you to all  
who had said they wished to  
come.**

**CATNEY CRICKET CLUB**  
Indoor nets recommence on Monday  
23rd March for 2 weeks and then  
Outdoor nets start @ 5.30 PM at the  
Ground behind the Boat pub,  
We would welcome any Villagers to  
come and join the club,  
Please contact Eddie on 0121 373  
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### **easyfundraising.org.uk**

I would just like to encourage others to sign up to this organisation. I followed the instructions given last month, found it very easy to do, and it has given me no problems at all as yet. I have raised a little money for the Village Hall by buying tickets to a play at the Alexandra Theatre and by ordering quite small items from John Lewis and M and S. We are often shopping in Solihull so I would normally not order on-line from those two shops, but since I knew what I wanted I used their "click and collect" service so I could claim the donation at no extra cost to myself. The M and S purchase was even a 20% reduction. I have made only £3.34 for the Village Hall so far but it has cost me nothing – so please try it yourself. We need dozens of people on board to make this work!

**Frances Cook**

HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN  
NEWS FOR  
CATHERINE DE BARNES  
VILLAGERS

You are welcome to join these  
organisations in our sister village.

**Hampton Bowls Club**

**Contact:** Chairperson Frances Linn - 01675 442124  
Secretary Christine Blanch - 01675 442762

**The Cinema Organ Society**

**Contact:** Gordon Whitehouse - 01564 794778  
[gordonwhitehouse@btinternet.com](mailto:gordonwhitehouse@btinternet.com) [visit website](#)

**Hampton Community Crafts**

**Contact:** Mrs Bernice Griffiths - 01675 442240

**The Hampton-in-Arden Gardening Club**

**Contact:** Mrs Christine Blanch - 01675 442762

**The Hampton Players**

**Contact:** Maureen George - 01675 442432 [www.thehamptonplayers.co.uk](http://www.thehamptonplayers.co.uk)

**Hampton Society**

**Contact:** Chairperson George Goodall - 01675 442628  
Secretary Debbie Walker - 01675 443297

**Hampton-in-Arden Probus Club**

**Contact:** Geoffrey Dunbar - 01675 442473

**Scouts and Guides**

**Contact:** Rainbows - Mrs Helen Andrews / 01675 443111

**Contact:** Brownies - Mrs Fiona Bubb / 01675 442656

**Contact:** Guides - Mandy Allibone / 07518 610010

**Contact:** Beavers - [hamptonbeavers@btinternet.com](mailto:hamptonbeavers@btinternet.com)

**Contact:** Cubs - [hampton in arden1st cubs@yahoo.com](mailto:hampton_in_arden1st_cubs@yahoo.com)

**Contact:** Scouts - [hamptonscouts@btinternet.com](mailto:hamptonscouts@btinternet.com)

**Hampton Singers**

**Contact:** David Bixby - 01675 442979 [www.hamptonsingers.org.uk](http://www.hamptonsingers.org.uk)

**Hampton-in-Arden Sports Club**

**Contact:** Hockey - Lloyd Brammer / 01676 534023 / [www.hamptonhockey.org.uk](http://www.hamptonhockey.org.uk)

**Contact:** Tennis - Chris Barnes / 01675 443572 / [www.hamptontennis.org.uk](http://www.hamptontennis.org.uk)

**Contact:** Squash - Miles Goodworth / 01675 442747  
/ [www.hamptonsquash.org.uk](http://www.hamptonsquash.org.uk)

**Contact:** Cricket - David Tomkins / 01675 443251  
/ [www.facebook.com/hamptoncricket](http://www.facebook.com/hamptoncricket)

**Womens' Institute**

**Contact:** Janice - 01675 443495

# Church Services in Hampton Church over Easter

## **April 1st (Wednesday in Holy Week)**

7.30 pm: Compline (Night Prayers)

## **April 2nd: Maundy Thursday**

10 am: Holy Communion

11.30 am. Maundy Mass at Birmingham Cathedral

6.30 pm: Passover Meal (a retelling of Passover)

7.30 pm: The Last Supper

8.30 pm: Stripping of altars

9 pm: Prayer vigil

## **Friday April 3rd: Good Friday**

10.30 am: Children's Activities

2 pm: Stations of the Cross

7.30 pm: Tenebrae (Service of Shadows)

## **Sunday April 5th: Easter Day**

6 am. Sunrise Easter Service

8.15 am: Traditional Holy Communion

11 am: Parish Easter Communion

6.30 pm: Evensong (no hymns)

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## **What's on in and around Solihull over during April**

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Easter Egg Hunt

**Elmdon Park, B92 9EY, 11.00am - 3.00pm**

The Easter bunny has hidden clues around the park - crack the password and win a chocolate egg! You may even spot the Easter bunny as he hops around the park. Puppet shows, face painting and other entertainment also available. Entrance cost £2.00 per child - other attractions including face painting can be paid for at Reception. Meet at the Tanhouse Farm Road car park entrance.

**Saturday 4 April**

**Solihull and District Orchid Society 50th Anniversary Spring Show**

**Arden School, Knowle, B93 0PT, 11.00am - 4.00pm**

Join the local Orchid Society at their annual show, featuring stalls, potting demonstrations (receive a free potting kit for attending), trade stands, a tombola and orchids for sale. Refreshments are also available. Entrance costs £2.00 per person. For more information, visit [www.solihullorchidsociety.org](http://www.solihullorchidsociety.org).

## What's on in Solihull (continued)

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### Tuesday 7 April

#### 60 Minute Marvel - Pond Dipping

**The Parkridge Centre, Brueton Park, B91 3HW, 1.00pm - 2.00pm**

Have a dip in our pond and find out more about what lurks beneath! Suitable for children aged 4+ - price £3.50 for non-members and £3.00 for members. All children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Booking recommended - contact the Parkridge Centre on 0121 704 0768.

### Thursday 9 April

#### Scarecrow Making Day

**Knowle Park, B93 9HY, 10.30am - 12.00pm**

Let your imagination run wild by designing your very own scarecrow at this popular family event. There are prizes for the top three scarecrows. Pre-booking is essential - contact 0121 704 8000 for your copy of the equipment list and to book your place. Meet by the car park off Longdon Road

### Saturday 18 April

#### St Alphege Fayre

**High Street and St Alphege Church, B91 0NA, 11.00am - 3.00pm**

Go back in time at The St Alphege Fayre, which marks the feast day of St. Alphege, the former monk who became Archbishop of Canterbury in 1006, and was canonised after being murdered by his Danish captives for refusing to pay his own ransom of £3,000 of silver at the expense of his poor tenants. The event features medieval-themed entertainment, activities, stalls and refreshments, which takes place at St Alphege Church and on the High Street.

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## The Glades

The Finnegan Family are running the Glades Football Centre.

We are very aware of the impact Sunday morning traffic has upon the local residents.

We do have car parking stewards on every Sunday and have moved our match start times to try and reduce the congestion. This has really helped our visitors and members to get their cars parked safely, this is of paramount importance to us.

As you will all be aware there are another two football clubs within the area.

We would welcome any suggestions you may have which will help us to ease the congestion situation in the area.

Also I wonder if any local residents could help us as we are currently looking for local casual staff from age 16-18 yrs male or female for a variety of duties.

Please apply in person or get in touch with myself at the above e-mail address or my husband Mark at

[mark.finnegan@glades](mailto:mark.finnegan@gladesfootballcentre.co.uk) footballcentre.co.uk.

Catherine de Barnes School/Church/Village Hall  
From the archives



Some Catney pupils – do you recognise yourself or one of your friends?

## **Some Catney Memories from Stephen Roberts**

I lived as a child at number 110 Henwood Lane, Catherine de Barnes or better known as Catney. The house we lived in was the lodge to the hospital. I lived with mother and father, 4 sisters and 3 brothers. We spent 3 years there from 1962 until 1965.

In 1962 I remember my dad and I going into the woods and looking for somewhere to dig a hole. I was only 5 at the time and did not understand what was going on, now I know it was the Cuban missile crisis, and dad thought he was going to have to build some form of shelter.

We were apparently, as a family, the first people in England to be vaccinated against small pox. during our stay only one patient was admitted. My youngest brother was born in the hospital on Boxing Day 1962. Mum was in hospital all alone with one midwife.

It was a very isolated place in those days, and in the winter of 63 we were isolated for two weeks as the lane had 6 foot of snow on it ,but we got by. Very fond memories.

Dad said the house was haunted by a young girl who used to sit on top of stairs, seen her few times he said, after a bit of research, he found out that a girl had in fact died in the house of diphtheria in 1936. Scary stuff.

I have since spoken to present occupiers and they tell me when digging in various locations around the outside they have unearthed different toys, one being a plastic helicopter which I remember burying .

At the far rear of the hospital there was a large land fill where they would regularly tip rubbish from Solihull, and Bordsley Green hospitals, now Heartlands. We always rummaged through this stuff; Lord knows what we played with. Dad threw a 1945 Vauxhall car down that hole - probably still there.

On Sundays dad used to pop into the grounds and shoot rabbit or hare. That was Sunday lunch, if we were lucky. Mum and all brothers and sisters are still alive, sadly dad passed away in 2006 having worked for the health service all his life.

I would also like to tell you about my school days. Along with three sisters and one brother, I went to school in the School next to the Boat Inn. There were only about 20 kids in school , five of them being us. The Headmasters name was Mr Dingly, nice chap. The school heating consisted of a coke boiler in the middle of the room, un-guarded if you went to near it and burnt yourself; well that was that, you knew better the next time! On Fridays we were given Communion of bread and wine. The toilets were out around the back of school in one building shared by all. There was a wall which we would stand on and look into pub car park, and chat to the customers. The landlord of the pub was named Mr Hinckley, his daughter Ray came to the school and we became sweethearts. Then one day they left and I was devastated. In 1978 we met by chance at a night club, had a good chat, but I've never seen her since!

## Memories continued.....

Every Friday before we went home we were told to remember the three Ms - MANNERS MAKETH MAN. Loved that school.

Opposite the school there was a garage with two pumps, Mr Bradley owned that. He had a daughter called Rosemary who kept horses in the field next to our house in Henwood lane, one was called Candy.

Next to the garage was the newsagents called Blackhursts. The son of the family Chris came to the school and we were best mates. On my birthday his mum and dad took me to see The Bachelors live. Next to the shop was a scrap yard, all types of stuff in it, like bits for Spitfire aeroplanes.

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Have you got any Catney memories you could share with us?  
Let Chris Cluley know.

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## Local Planning

1. PL/2014/02269/TPO tree felling
2. PL/2015/00067/HIS 3 off 3-bed houses behind Catherines Close
3. PL/2015/00273/INV Revised application for the burial ground  
(PL/2014/01388/CU – ie 2014/1160 has been withdrawn)

Please note, because of a new system, you may need to create a login identity on the planning site – especially if you want to ‘save’ searches. For more details of the applications: <http://www.solihull.gov.uk/Resident/Planning/searchplanningapplications>

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**Contact Pete Peters on 704 9276 for the book “Catherine de Barnes Past and Present” (£5) and Catney Mugs £2.50 are available from Dave Cuthbert 705 8037 All funds raised are in aid of the Village Hall.**







# Catherine-de-Barnes Residents' Association

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

## Membership News

Grateful thanks to everyone who has already paid a subscription to the Residents' Association. We have been heartened by the number of households who have shown us their support by joining this year. If you have paid you should have received a membership card. Please let us know if this has not happened. It is not too late to join – just fill in the slip below and hand it in with your contribution at the Spar shop.

We have also up-dated our email distribution list for the Catney News so some more of you will be getting the full colour electronic version this month. Again please get in touch if this does not suit you, or if you would like us to send a separate digital version to each member of a household.

**Amount enclosed: £**

Name(s).....

Address .....

Post Code.....

Telephone No:..... E mail .....

We would like to have as many e mail addresses as possible on our data-base so we can keep you informed on items of local interest and ask for your opinions when appropriate. We will also send you the digital version of the Catney News (unless you request a paper copy) as this saves on paper, printing costs and delivery time.

We welcome any comments you may have. Please contact us via the website or in writing on the back of this form. Thank you.