

# CATNEY NEWS



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Dear Villagers,

This issue covers July and August, but the Catney News will be back in September. So please let me have articles and news for that edition by the 20th August. In the meantime, if you can think about new items and let me have your ideas and contributions, I would be delighted to receive them. Any urgent news that comes through in the meantime, will be advertised on the website and emailed out to those who have provided an email address.

Please come along to our Butty breakfast, this is an event to help get all members of the Residents Association together to chat and meet your neighbours. Not a member? Come along anyway and join while you are there.

We have a special offer for Lloyds Restaurant in Knowle during July and August. Just cut out the coupon on the back page.

We on the Residents Association Committee wish you a lovely relaxing summer, a good rest with happy memories to treasure.

Chris Cluley Editor.

**JULY/AUGUST**

**2018**

**"Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time."  
- John Lubbock**

If you were born in  
July...

If you were born in July, you dislike nonsensical and unnecessary things. Financial security is important to you and you will shine through your inner ability to amass riches and possessions. You have a gift with children and you have a natural zest to teach them. You're usually very good at avoiding depression and staying positive.



# CATNEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS

## **Police meeting (re-arranged)**

We are pleased to announce that Chief Superintendent Bas Javid has agreed to come to a meeting at Catherine de Barnes Village Hall on Monday, July 16th, at 7:30 pm.

Please put the date in your diaries and take this opportunity to raise your security and crime concerns with Mr. Javid.

## **Village Hall Update**

We have now received the cheque for £2500 from The Airport Community Trust Fund and we will have ordered 72 new chairs with storage trolley by the time you read this.. The overall cost is £3200 .The difference will be split between the RA and the Village Hall Trust. We are donating our old chairs to Friends of Solihull Hospital who will use them for outside events and have arranged that we have the use of them should we need them . We expect to take delivery of the new chairs towards the end of July

At the same time we are planning to refurbish the hall floor at a cost of just over £1800 and this work will take 3 days.

Bookings remain strong.

## **Airport Update**

The Airport's Masterplan which details how the Airport Company plans to develop the facility should be published in September/October. The public will be able to comment on the plans. More news as we get it.

The Draft Noise Action Plan, which details the actions the Airport Company are taking in respect of noise, will be published in July/August for consultation This plan mainly covers daytime noise /various mitigation schemes - Night Time Noise Policy was agreed earlier in the year and comes into effect in October.

At the time of writing a permanent CEO had not been appointed but local man Simon Richards (who lives in Knowle) is acting CEO...

## **Motorway Service Areas**

Planning Application 2015/51409 MSA at Catherine de Barnes: Pegasus the applicant wrote to SMBC on the 5<sup>th</sup> June advising that they want a decision on their application to be made within 4 months or they will consider taking legal action for 'non-

determination'. As you know, having taken legal advice, SMBC need to consider this application and the other application 2016/02754 MSA at Jct 4 M42, together . We should expect some announcement later in the summer whether it is that SMBC approves one or the other or whether they have been called in by the Secretary of State who will ultimately make the decision. We are working with our ward councillors and local MP in efforts to stop the MSA coming here. It's in the wrong place bearing in mind it will be sitting next to the new junction that is being proposed by Highways England as a Jct. relief road.

### **Oak Farm Planning application 2018/00781**

No news when this will be going to Committee – more news as we get it. The next planning committee meeting is 11<sup>th</sup> July with the agenda being published 7 days before.

### **351 Lugtrout Lane application 2018/01252**

Thanks to all those who responded to our e mail concerning the above. The RA has submitted our response based on the responses received (the vast majority believing the development to be inappropriate). A copy of our response is available on the website.

### **Parish Boundary (Community Governance Review)**

SMBC are currently working on the final proposals which will be presented to the Governance Committee on 27<sup>th</sup> June. A third and final consultation will be published during July and all residents living in the proposed extended parish will be able to make a response.

**We urge you to do so as this is your last opportunity to make your views known.**

The consultation is likely to finish at the end of August with the final outcome being decided by SMBC during October.

### **Catney Common Update**

Newland Bishop Community Farm is due to spend 3 days on the Common this month cutting the grass and taking the spoilage away. The grass has been left to promote the growth of the wild flowers. Following the bad weather earlier in the year we lost 4 of the new trees but plans are afoot to replace these later in the year. It appears Japanese Knotweed is present on the Common again, identified by Liz Boxall- thanks Liz- and steps are underway via Hampton Parish Council for the plants to be destroyed.

## **SOCIAL EVENTS -- Dates for your diary**

### **Butty Brunch - Village Hall**

Members of the Residents Association are welcome to join us on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July from 10am 'til 12.00 noon for a bacon/sausage butty and a cup of tea/coffee (vegetarian option available)

Look forward to seeing you

### **QUIZ EVENING**

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September 7.30 pm, Quiz Evening with Fish & Chip supper, tickets £8. Put together your own team or we can place you in a team. Contact me for tickets by Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September.

### **CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY**

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October 3.00 pm till 6.00 pm we are planning a Halloween Party for children. Dress up as your favourite Halloween character and there will be a prize for the best costume, Halloween party games and Halloween party tea. Tickets £5. Contact me for tickets by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October, you are welcome to bring friends.

### **CHRISTMAS EVENT**

As reported in the last Catney News, it is our intention to have a Christmas event on 8<sup>th</sup> December. At the moment we haven't decided on the type of event and would be interested to have your thoughts on it, e.g. Christmas party, afternoon tea, Christmas quiz. We look forward to hearing your thoughts. Please contact me with your suggestions. Thank you.

**Please note that all of the above social events will only go ahead if a sufficient number of tickets are sold.**

For future reference we are looking to hold a bowling evening in February, more news about this in the September issue of the Catney News.

**Contact details for any or all of the above social events, telephone Lesley Cuthbert on 0121 705 8037.**



**Catney  
Church  
and Village  
School c.  
1910**

## Sunday 22nd July.

Open Garden from 2pm to 6pm at Station Farm, Old Station Road. Hampton in Arden  
In aid of Cancer Research UK.

Tea, Cakes and Refreshments served all afternoon.  
Alan Morden 07799 730801; [alanmorden@aol.com](mailto:alanmorden@aol.com)

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July is hollyhocks and hammocks, fireworks and vacations, hot and steamy weather, cool and refreshing swims, beach picnics, and vegetables all out of the garden - first sweet corn on the cob dripping with butter, first tomatoes dead ripe and sunwarm, string beans, squash, crisp cucumbers. July can also be hard and shiny, brassy and sharp. Some days are like copper pennies in the sunlight.

**Jean Hersey**

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## ***JULY AND AUGUST EVENTS THROUGH THE AGES***

### **1) 28 July 1540: An eventful day for Henry VIII**

An ageing Henry VIII married young Catherine Howard, while Thomas Cromwell was beheaded on Tower Hill.

After Henry's marriage to Anne of Cleves (which Cromwell had orchestrated) quickly broke down, Cromwell's political rivals at court – most notably the Norfolk family – saw this as an opportunity to bring Cromwell down from power by pushing Catherine Howard forward as an alternative wife.

Cromwell was sentenced to death for treason without facing trial after an act of attainder was passed against him. [An attainder is an act of a legislature declaring a person guilty without a trial.]

Catherine would follow Cromwell to the executioner's block just over a year-and-a-half later on the grounds of treason after conducting an affair with Thomas Culpepper.

### **2) 19 July 1799: French soldier discovers Rosetta Stone**

During a campaign in Egypt, a Napoleonic soldier found a black stone outside Rosetta, a town 35 miles from Alexandria. The stone was a slab, almost two-and-a-half feet wide and nearly four feet long, with different inscriptions on it including Egyptian demotic, Greek and Egyptian hieroglyphics.

Following his invasion of Egypt in 1798, Napoleon had ordered a group of scholars to seize any cultural artefacts and to take them into French possession. The British took ownership of the stone after the French were defeated in 1801.





*The Rosetta Stone (Credit: Universal History Archive/Getty Images)*

### **3) 6 July 1885: A step forward for modern medicine**

Although he was not certain that the vaccine would work, French microbiologist Louis Pasteur successfully gave the first anti-rabies vaccination to nine-year-old Joseph Meister, who had been bitten by an infected dog.

Pasteur, who had first tested the rabies vaccine on dogs, was a pioneer in using vaccines to prevent the spread of infectious diseases.

### **4) 13 July 1923: ‘Lady Astor’s Bill’ succeeds in parliament**

Following MP Lady Nancy Astor’s campaign to raise the legal age of drinking in Britain, a law was passed in the House of Commons to prevent the sale of alcohol to anyone under the age of 18. Nicknamed ‘Lady Astor’s Bill’, it won by 257 votes to 10.

### **5) 24 July 1943: British ‘foil’ the Germans**

Following the German bombing raids on the British home front during the Second World War, the British and American Air Forces retaliated by bombing Hamburg.

Out of 791 British aircrafts that took part in Operation Gomorrah, only 12 were lost as the Air Force began to drop strips of aluminum foil out of the planes, which blocked the German radars and allowed the majority of the bombers to continue with their planned route.

### **6) 5 July 1946: The bikini is showcased for the first time**

Showgirl Micheline Bernardini modelled the first bikini, designed by Frenchman Louis Réard, at the Piscine Molitor in Paris. The new item of swimwear was named the ‘bikini’ after the atomic test off of the Bikini Atoll by the US earlier that week. The US was in a

race against the Soviet Union to produce nuclear weapons. In order to test their bombs, the US government cleared the Bikini Atoll islands in the Pacific.

Two-pieces had been worn prior to 1946 by women in the UK and US, but nothing made out of such a small amount of material: Réard used just 30 inches of fabric to make the bikini – much to the shock of many members of the media present at the unveiling.

### **7) 20 July 1969: The first moon walk**

After Apollo 11's launch on 16 July, watched by an estimated television audience of 530 million, even more tuned in as astronaut Neil Armstrong took the first ever step on the moon.

As he put down his foot on the moon's surface, television viewers heard Armstrong announce: "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind". However, Armstrong is reported to have said that he has been misquoted, and that he in fact said: "That's one small step for *a* man...".

## **WHAT HAPPENED IN AUGUST**

### **1 August 1774: Joseph Priestley discovers oxygen**

While employed as the tutor of the children of William Petty, 2<sup>nd</sup> Earl of Shelburne, British minister and chemist Joseph Priestley discovered the gas oxygen.

After experimenting with different 'airs', Priestley conducted an experiment that would make his scientific work famous. By using what was referred to as a 'burning lens', he placed a lump of mercuric oxide in a glass container and focused some sunlight onto the compound. A colourless gas was emitted and a candle began to burn. To begin with, Priestley called this 'dephlogisticated air', before further tests confirmed the discovery of oxygen.

### **20 August 1911: The first telegram is sent around the world in just 16.5 minutes**

The first telegram was sent from the *New York Times* office in order to discover how long it would take for a message to cross the world by telegraph cable. The message, which travelled more than 28,000 miles, simply read "This message sent around the world".

After being transferred by 16 operators across the globe, including those in San Francisco, Saigon and the Azores, the reply to the message was received by the *New York Times* office just 16.5 minutes after being sent. This made the telegram the fastest message to be sent by a commercial cablegram since the Commercial Cable Company first launched the Pacific cable in 1900.

## **27 August 1955: *The Guinness Book of World Records* is published**

The first edition of *The Guinness Book of Records* was published on 27 August 1955, and printed 50,000 copies in its first year. By Christmas 1955 the book had become a bestseller in the United Kingdom.

Sir Hugh Beaver, the managing director of the Guinness Brewery, first came up with the idea of the book of records in the early 1950s following an argument at a shooting party about the fastest game bird in Europe.

Twins Norris and Ross McWhirter were invited by Beaver to research and write the book, which took 13-and-a-half straight weeks to write. The first edition of the records was drafted and then published in 1955.

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**"The linden, in the fervours of July,  
Hums with a louder concert. When the wind  
Sweeps the broad forest in its summer prime,  
As when some master-hand exulting sweeps  
The keys of some great organ, ye give forth  
The music of the woodland depths, a hymn  
Of gladness and of thanks."**

**- William Cullen Bryant, *Among the Trees***

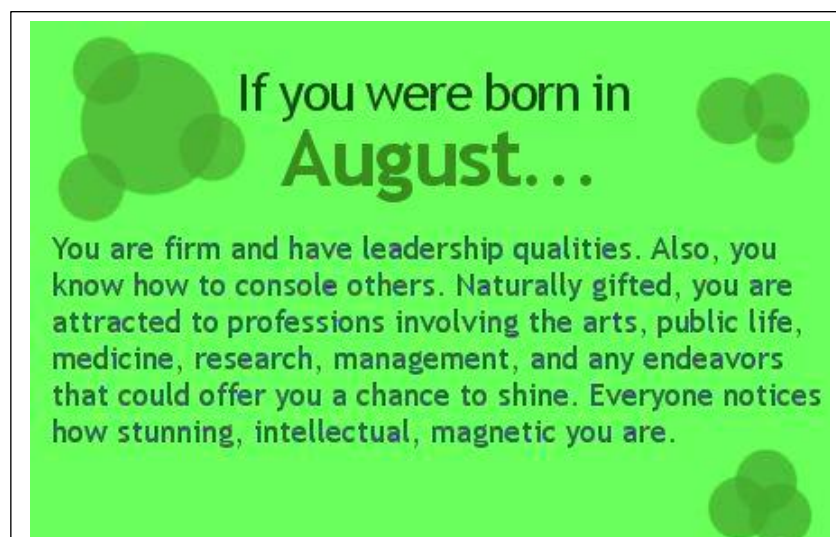
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### Hampton History Group

Wednesday July 11th From 3pm to 8pm at Fentham Hall Meeting Room, Hampton in Arden.

Come and explore the village archives, maps, photographs, documents including some about Catherine de Barnes.

Everyone welcome to pop in and see what is available and perhaps learn a bit more about the local area.





# What to do in your garden in July

- Cut lavender for drying, choosing newly opened flowers for the best fragrance, then hang up in a cool, dark place
- Give dahlias a liquid feed, keep them well watered and tie the shoots of tall varieties to sturdy stakes as they grow
- Hoe and hand-weed borders often, so weeds don't have time to set seed
- Water and feed sweet peas regularly, pick the flowers every few days, and remove seed pods to prolong flowering
- Plant autumn bulbs, including nerines, colchicums and sternbergia, in pots and borders
- Feed, water and deadhead summer bedding regularly, in pots, borders and hanging baskets
- Cut back early summer perennials, such as hardy geraniums and delphiniums, after flowering for a second flush
- Take softwood cuttings from shrubs such as pyracantha, cotinus, hydrangeas and spiraea
- Feed and deadhead roses to keep them flowering strongly
- Keep watch for pests such as lily beetles, snails, aphids and vine weevils, and remove before they do too much harm
- Pick off flowers on coleus plants to maintain their colourful leaves
- Sow biennials, such as foxgloves, honesty, forget-me-nots and wallflowers, for blooms next year
- Cut back geraniums and other summer perennials.



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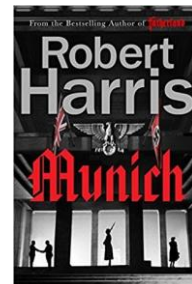
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# MUNICH

a Novel by Richard Harris



## A book Review by John Alderson

I'm a great fan of author, broadcaster and historian Robert Harris: you may recall, I reviewed his Conclave earlier in the year. The Munich Agreement was signed in September 1938 which was also when I started School and the subject has always had a sort of fascination for me.

Robert Harris has taken the basic facts about the period running up to September 1938, using the correct names of the protagonists but introduced two fictional ex university colleagues, one on each side, to consider how events may have developed.

A German diplomat, Paul Hartmann and one of Chamberlain's Private Secretaries, Hugh Leggat, are the two old colleagues, who haven't met or corresponded for many years and find themselves on the respective diplomatic negotiating teams, with possession of secret detailed information showing Hitler's true intentions which they feel they should use to try to prevent the signing taking place.

Obviously, this is not a thriller in the accepted sense as everyone knows the outcome, but as an insight into the nineteen thirties in Britain and Germany and the process of diplomatic negotiation with a tyrant, which Harris couples with an unusually sympathetic look at Chamberlain himself, this makes for a very interesting novel.

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## **Birmingham Dogs Home Open Day Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2018**

Come and join us for our second Open Day at our Birmingham Centre in Catherine-de-Barnes and celebrate everything dog related. Last year saw over 2,000 people attend this event which helped raise over £7,600 for all the stray dogs in our care. A phenomenal amount of support for our first ever open day at our Birmingham Centre.

Things you can expect are – Fun Dog show, Shopping Stalls, Tombola, Raffle, Refreshments, BBQ, Sweet Treat Stall, Bric-a-Brac, Fundraising Trailer with lots of goodies for you and your dog, FREE children's play area and much much more.

This event is kindly sponsored by our partnership vets St. Georges Vets in Wolverhampton who we work together to help make this a fantastic event for you all.

Please keep an eye on our Website and Social Media pages for further updates on this event

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