

# CATNEY NEWS



Dear Villagers,

We hope your summer is going well and that you have had a chance to enjoy some sunshine.

We will probably have a village get together planned by the time September arrives so please support us by coming along.

If we get more very hot weather, do please ensure any elderly or infirm neighbours are OK and have sufficient cold drinks and please don't leave windows open if you leave the house, because as you know, this is the season of opportunist burglaries.

We will not be producing an August Catney News but I would really appreciate some articles, photos and ideas for the September edition, to enable us to return to eight pages.

Have a great July and August

Chris Cluley, Editor.



Catney Residents  
Association

## JULY 2017

**You can now follow "Catney Village Hall" on Twitter (@catneyA)**

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**Anything for the Catney News: Contact Chris at [cluleychris8@outlook.com](mailto:cluleychris8@outlook.com) **Note: new email address****

**Spar Shop/Hall Bookings: Gareth on 0121 705 6135**

**DUE TO HOLIDAYS AMONGST OUR DELIVERERS THE JULY EDITION MAY BE A LITTLE LATE ARRIVING WITH YOU. PLEASE REMEMBER THERE WILL BE NO AUGUST EDITION OF THE CATNEY NEWS, THE DEADLINE FOR COPY FOR SEPTEMBER IS 20<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST.**

# **NEWS FROM YOUR RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

## **Birmingham Airport - Night Flying Policy**

The Night Flying Policy operated by the airport restricts operations between 11.30pm and 6.00am and is monitored by Solihull MBC. It is a requirement that the Policy is regularly reviewed and the latest review was scheduled for April 2017. However, following concerns expressed at the Airport Consultative Committee (ACC) in February and at the request of the Airport Company, Solihull MBC has agreed to defer the review until the end of September to enable further discussions to take place.

Catney Residents Association, along with most other communities in the proximity of the airport, is represented on the ACC (where it is possible to discuss airport operations and make the views and any concerns of residents known to airport officials). Please do get in touch if you have any matters you would like us to address with the ACC.

## **Overgrown garden hedges and trees**

At this time of year when hedges and trees and other plants are growing swiftly, it is worth checking to see if overhanging branches from your garden are blocking footpaths as this can cause unnecessary obstructions for pedestrians on some of our narrow footpaths.

We respectfully reminds residents that they are responsible for ensuring that any overhanging tree branches and overgrown hedges within their property are kept cut back to ensure safe passage for all pedestrians. Thank you

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## **THE GIRL BEFORE**

**A novel by JP Delany**

### **A Book Review by John Alderson**

When I began this book, I thought I was going to hate it, as it is written as a twofold novel with each chapter – many being very short – going back and forth in time. However, I found this a disturbing but fascinating book, which in order to tell the tale properly, needs to use this format

The story is simply a tale of two women living in the same house at different times. But it ain't that simple!



Edward Monkford is a minimalist architect writ large, and having spent my working life as an architect I was particularly interested in his ultra-controlling minimalist character. Monkford designs a house which he rents out at a very modest rent, but only to tenants who will formally sign up to his “rules” and a vetting process.

There are some 200 rules, of these some are instructions on what to do and what not to do in the house, in which everything is controlled and monitored electronically with many questions also to be answered by the incoming tenant, which began with .....*“please make a list of every possession you consider essential to your life”?*

The chapters alternate between Jane, who is now and Emma who is the one before. You need to concentrate a bit to keep up but you can move along very quickly on what I found to be a very gripping psychological thriller, with an interesting twist at the end.

There is a fair bit of intimate sex, which like me, many people might feel to be unnecessary to the story, but doesn't detract from what I found to be a disturbing but a cracker of a tale. Oh! And thank goodness I never met an architect like Edward Monkford.

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### NEW RESIDENT

Tim & Jane Price of 339 Barston Lane are delighted to announce the birth of Stanley James Price who was born at Warwick Hospital on 2nd June 2017 and weighed in at 6lb 5oz.



Welcome to Stanley from us all xxx

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## ***WHATS ON IN JULY/AUGUST***

### ICON PROJECT IN HAMPTON CHURCH

The artist John de Wit, (a previous vicar at Hampton church) will be visiting George Fentham School from 10 – 12 noon on July 11<sup>th</sup> to update the children on the icon project, and later, between 2.30 pm and 4.30 pm he will be working in the Church Link room, (through the glass doors leading off the main body of the church). Everyone is welcome to come along to the Link room during this time, to see John at work on the icons and to ask any questions you may have about the project.

When completed, the icons of St. Mary and St. Bartholomew will be put onto the wall in the Chancel next to the Heart tomb and will be a precious addition to the church.

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**Billionaire Boy by David Walliams: 7 pm on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> July in Brueton Park, Warwick Road.** Follow Joe as he becomes the richest boy in the world. Recommended age: 7+ Heartbreak Productions - Running time: 2 hours including a 20 minute interval after 50 minutes

Bring a picnic, drinks, cool boxes, friends and neighbours! Raincoats (just in case – not umbrellas please) and something to sit on. Soak up the evening sunshine (we hope!)

The tickets are limited to 450 to ensure everyone can see and hear the performers within the best possible area - the first 336 seats sold are guaranteed a seat in the Theatre in the event of extreme weather. The show takes place lakeside and there are toilets on site but no seating - audiences bring their own.

Tickets in advance: £11 adults, £10 child.

Tickets on gate: £12 adults, £11 child. (please check before as these may not be available)

**For more details** <http://thecoretheatresolihull.co.uk/whats-on/all-shows/billionaire-boy-heartbreak-productions/11832>

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## **Bromsgrove Street Theatre and more**

Street theatre, displays, stalls, children's activities and more..... Featuring:- Bell and Bullock - Cabin Fever; Join Captain Bullock & Bosun Bell for maritime mayhem with magic & mirth! ..... and:- Angie Mack: A hooptastic show for all  
From 11.00 am to 3.00 pm. Free

**Wythall Park, Silver St, Wythall, Worcestershire B47 6LZ**

**Thursday 27 Jul 2017 Contact telephone: 01527 534030**

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## **HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN LIBRARY**

The Summer Reading Challenge starts on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> July this year, and children can read 6 books over the 6 week holiday and get prizes and goodies for doing this. The theme this year is Animal Agents, so do go along to the library from the 14<sup>th</sup> July and register to take part.

The George Fentham Trust has funded the Hampton activities again this year, for which the library are very grateful - they have 3 Summer Activities taking place – 2 for under 5's – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 1.45-2.30, and August 22<sup>nd</sup> 1.45-2.30 and an activity for children aged 4-10 – BB Taylor, local author and Animal Lady is coming to them again to share her stories and lovely animals. Please contact the library for further details on 01675 442629.



### **OPENING TIMES**

Tuesday	10:00 - 12:00.
Tuesday	13:00 - 18:00
Friday	13:00 - 17:00.

The library hold a coffee morning on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in every month between 10-12 too, so please feel welcome to go along!