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Dear Villagers,

I so hope you have all had a lovely summer and that those of you returning to schools and colleges, as students or teachers are refreshed and ready for the new term.

It was our Golden Wedding Anniversary in June. Ken and I had a lovely day with the family; we had an excellent celebratory meal at the Boathouse restaurant overlooking one of the lakes in Sutton Park. I highly recommend this restaurant if you fancy going somewhere a bit different and if you can find it through the woods!! Spot the wild horses!

Thank you to those of you who have sent me good wishes following my recent operation – just radiotherapy etc., to face now, but I am so thankful for the news that the operation was successful.

Do come along and support all the Catney events detailed in this edition – including the meeting below and the Art exhibition on the evening of the 21<sup>st</sup> September at Hampton Church. Thank you.

Chris Cluley, Editor.



## **THE POSSIBLE FUTURE FOR CATHERINE DE BARNES – EXTRAORDINARY RA MEETING**

**An EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of C de B RA Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017 commencing 7.30pm to outline our proposal to seek the inclusion of Catherine de Barnes (ward BH06) into the current Parish of Hampton in Arden (ward BH07). A flier detailing the process and the proposal will be delivered to all residents from early September which will be followed by a Petition to initiate the process for SMBC to undertake a Community Governance (Boundary) Review, which in effect is a consultation of all residents involved, seeking their views and opinions. Based on this a decision will be made as to whether the amalgamation happens or not.**

**Primera Air, a new low cost airline, will start transatlantic flights to New York and Boston from Birmingham Airport in May 2018 and will offer flights to the US at very competitive prices.**

Birmingham Airport Press Release – 10/7/17

<https://www.birminghamairport.co.uk/media-information/news/2017/07/long-haul-primera-air-to-start-from-birmingham-airport/>

## **NIGHT TIME FLYING REVIEW**

We, as a member of the ACC are participating in working sub group to endeavour to work towards a night flying policy that reduces the effect of increased Air Traffic Movements during the night ie from 11.30pm to 6pm in the morning. Currently the airport are able to make 4817 movements (both arrivals and departures) of these only 1065 are actual departures. We have entered into discussions as a result of the Airport Company advising they are unable to keep to the Planning Condition S106 which was applied to their planning approval for the extended runway back in 2009. At the time of printing they have made some proposals that would limit some night time operations but it is the Association view that the proposals do not go far enough. We are working with other local Resident's Association's and Parish Council's to seek a positive outcome for the mitigation.

## **GENERAL AIRPORT NEWS**

The high level of unexpected growth has resulted in severe pressures on infrastructure, particularly the baggage handling equipment and general customer service. The Airport Co. went to some length to explain that the baggage handling operators are the responsibility, and in the pay of the Airlines. To help the situation Airport personnel have been co-opted into helping resolve issues in this area.

## **Butty Breakfast/Brunch**



Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 9.30pm til 12.00.

Come and join us for a sausage or bacon butty and talk over the proposals for the future of the Village. We cater for Vegetarians.

## **VILLAGE SAFETY**

In the interests of local road safety residents are reminded that it is illegal to make a **right** turn out of Bickenhill Lane on to to Hampton Lane and to make a **right** turn from Hampton Lane ( coming from Hampton) into Bickenhill Lane . The appropriate signs are in situ.

Hopefully most of you will have seen the latest information from the Highways Agency detailing their preferred option for the new dual carriageway to the Clock interchange We have not had time to fully digest this scheme but have a couple of initial thoughts :-

- 1) If the exercise is about speeding traffic flow – why is the dual carriageway accessed by roundabouts and ingress and egress off the M42 is not by direct links – we all have our suspicions
- 2) We envisage a problem with significant traffic backup trying to access the Clock roundabout

As there will be a further consultation at the end of the year we would appreciate receiving your thoughts and comments in order that we can make an appropriate response. As part of this scheme we understand that there is a possibility that the Gaelic Football complex could move further down Catherine de Barnes Lane towards the Dogs Home.

## **Motorway Service Area planning application 2015/51409**

We understand a Highways Agency decision is not now expected until the end of the year. The final decision as to whether it will be sited here or at Junction 4 is likely to be made by the Secretary of State but the cynical amongst us can't help but feel that there is some linkage with the scheme above although this is repeatedly denied by the Highways Agency. Watch this space.

## **Parish Boundary Change**

Your Residents Association Committee recently asked Hampton in Arden Parish Council to consider the possibility of increasing the Parish boundary to incorporate the whole of Catherine-de-Barnes (rather than just the area east of the Union Canal which is currently included in Hampton Parish). The current boundary is considered arbitrary and unhelpful in determining issues affecting both villages. This was considered at a P.C. meeting and it was unanimously agreed to investigate further. Solihull MBC have asked us to gather a petition as a representative sample of electors who support the proposal in both Hampton in Arden Parish and in Catherine de Barnes. On submission, Solihull MBC would instigate a governance review which would involve a consultation of all residents in both areas to establish the level of support for the initiative.

"In order that the proposal can be fully understood a flier outlining the proposal will be delivered to all residents over the next week or so and there will be a Extraordinary Meeting of the RA on September 19th from 7.30pm to give Residents an opportunity of discussing the proposal further."



# CATNEY CHAT AND CRAFT CLUB

Have you recently retired? Are you looking to make new friends? New to the area? Interested in learning a new craft? Or just simply looking to enjoy the chat and company of others for a couple of hours each week? If any of the above apply why not come along to the Catney Chat and Craft Club at the Village Hall from 2.00 p.m till 4.00 p.m every Wednesday. It only costs 50p per week for a slice of homemade cake and a cup of tea/coffee. Bring along anything you are working on or something you would like to learn how to do ( there's bound to be someone who can show/help you or we can look into it), or just simply come along and enjoy the 'chat'.

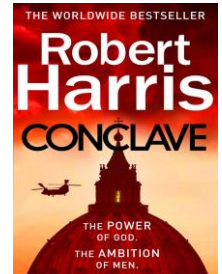
If anyone would like to know more please call me on 07776 480813.

Lesley Cuthbert

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## CONCLAVE

a novel by Robert Harris



A Book Review by John Alderson

The Pope is dead! – What happens next?

I have always enjoyed Robert Harris's books and this one, although very different, has the ability to hold you until the surprising and unexpected ending. Not being a Roman Catholic, I know nothing of the procedure for electing a new Pope apart from the white or black smoke signifying success or failure of an election with which we are all familiar.

The first thing that fascinated me were the number of people, all with incredible titles, that are required to open doors, prepare documents, put up ,tables and light fires, the list is endless.

But the real fascination of course is in the Conclave itself, or more accurately, the machinations and corruption outside the voting as 118 (+1) Cardinals either try for the top job, stop someone else getting it, or pray that it's not offered to them. Corporate Business meets The House of Lords comes to mind.

This book is superbly written, is difficult to put down and has a fascinating ending which asks more questions than it gives answers.

John N Alderson

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## Catney Common Update.

We have had two Sunday morning work parties, clearing and maintaining the paths and removing some of the invasive species which are trying to take over.

**Japanese Knotweed.** This was expertly treated earlier in the year with great success but new plants pop up and vigilance is needed. Everyone should keep a look out for Knotweed in the garden and get it removed. It is a potential disaster and very anti-social, the roots can lift concrete! We have also removed some small laurels (they would soon become big laurels), Himalayan Balsam and Bamboo. Ornamental Sedge is taking over on the right hand side of the boardwalk and a start has been made in digging these up.

**Flowers and Butterflies.** 48 species of flowers and grasses have been recorded this year which is encouraging. The Common will be mowed again in late August to clear the way for new growth in the spring. We have yet to do a proper butterfly survey but Meadow Brown, Small Tortoiseshell, Small skippers Small Heath and Large White have been seen and one orange Comma, a rarity these days. More flowers equals more butterflies, watch this space!

**Muscle Power Needed Please.** Are you trying to get fit or keep fit?? Help is needed to clear the sedge and tackle the undergrowth. Our group is willing but needs assistance.

If you are willing to lend a hand please come along to our next work party on **September 10<sup>th</sup> at 10.30 for an hour.** If you would like to help but can't manage Sunday morning please contact me on 01217095621 or email [hmbird@gmail.com](mailto:hmbird@gmail.com) and we can arrange another time. **PLEASE HELP.** Thank you.

**Heather Bird and Friends of Catney Common**  
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**You can now follow "Catney Village Hall" on Twitter (@catneyA) Our website is : [www.catney.co.uk](http://www.catney.co.uk)**

**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 [cluleychris8@outlook.com](mailto:cluleychris8@outlook.com) Note: new email address**

**Spar Shop/Hall Bookings: Gareth on 0121 705 6135**  
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To Celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Local History Group

**An Exhibition of Art History**

***“The Hampton-in-Arden School”***



*The Packhorse Bridge* by H. Foster Newey, 1890s

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September from 6.00 pm to 10.00 pm in Hampton in Arden Church.

Admission Free. Refreshments provided.

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***PETE PETERS INVITES YOU TO A Macmillan Coffee Morning as Part of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning***

***Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September between 10 am and 12 noon***

***Please note that this year it will be held in Catney Village Hall***

***Coffee and Biscuits are free, but there will be a collection for***

***Macmillan of course.***

***Contributions of cakes will be most welcome and offers of help to wash up!!***



## LOCAL HAPPENINGS

**Local residents at Catherines Close woke on 7<sup>th</sup> July to find no water in their pipes. 6.30am was the first report sent to the water authority who knew nothing!**

**By 7am the leak had been found by a local man and an orderly queue formed with military precision at said leak. Armed with assorted buckets the stalwart group filled them from the flowing burst, thankful that they could now take a "leak" in the privacy of their homes.**

**The burst took three men, two large vans, an assortment of equipment and road signs, several phone calls and mugs of builders tea (milk and 2 sugars!) to fix. By 9pm that night all residents had full tanks in their homes thank goodness - Thanks Guys!**



## YOGA BLISS



**Wednesday 16.30 - 17.30  
and  
17.30 - 18.30pm.  
Catherine-De-Barnes. Village Hall**

**Phone: 07812-728235  
E-mail: margaretmcgarry@yahoo.co.uk**

**Guided by a Chartered Registered  
Physiotherapist who is level 3 certified  
yoga teacher ymca/yoga-professionals  
and MSc sports physiotherapy**

Whenever you feel sad,  
just remember that  
somewhere in  
this world  
there is an  
idiot pulling  
a door that  
says "Push".



# Catney Christmas Craft Fair November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017,



11.00a.m. to 3.30p.m.



## Catherine de Barnes Village Hall

Following our very successful first Christmas Craft Fair last year, we have decided to take a chance and make it an annual event, so put this date in your dairies. The event was hard work, but everyone thought was good fun, and it brought in quite a few visitors, and raised funds for the village hall. Once again, we are looking for local people with talents of all sorts to rent tables to sell their wares. The Catney Craft Group will have a table selling a variety of Christmas decorations, stocking fillers, small gifts and homemade jam. Other tables will include, stained glass, pottery, jewellery, fabrics, knitwear, and cosmetics. We will be looking for village support to supply home baking for the tea stall, which was very important in raising the revenue, it's possible some people just came for a browse, some tea and a chat!

As the space in the village hall is limited please indicate your interest before the end of September as tables will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Tables are £10 for a large one [6foot] or £5 for a small one [3foot]

Those who wish to rent a table please contact Liz Boxall on 0121 705 7531 or email at [liz@boxall.info](mailto:liz@boxall.info)

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### TABLE TOP SALE AT HAMPTON CHURCH HALL

**SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 10.00 UNTIL 2.00PM**

The church is holding a table top sale in the church hall to raise funds to re-decorate our beautiful Grade 1 listed church. We hope many villagers will be able to support this event by coming along to see what is on offer, enjoy light refreshments or lunch, or by hiring a table to sell your unwanted possessions.

Admission is free and tables can be hired at £10 per table by contacting Helen Wood, [grwsagamore@btinternet.com](mailto:grwsagamore@btinternet.com) or by telephone (01675 442976).



## Pilates with Jennie

New Classes at Catherine de Barnes Village Hall

Half Price Taster Session with No Obligation



### What is Pilates?

Pilates is a physical fitness system that was developed by Joseph Pilates. Unlike some forms of exercise, Pilates does not over-develop some parts of the body and neglect others. Pilates classes build strength, flexibility and lean muscle tone with an emphasis on lengthening the body and aligning the spine, rather than on bulking and shortening of the muscles.

### Who Can Do Pilates?

From first time exercisers to professional athletes/sports enthusiasts. Pilates is popular not only in the field of fitness, but also in rehabilitation. Pilates is often recommended by medical specialists to help patients recover more quickly from an injury or operation and is especially recommended for those with back and joint problems.

### The Benefits of Pilates

- Improves posture
- Develops a strong and efficient core
- Improves overall muscle balance and creates long and lean muscle tone
- Increases flexibility including the spine
- Improves stability and motion of the joints
- Helps to relieve stress and tension
- Builds a better balance and co-ordination
- Helps maintain and can improve bone density

#### **Contact Jennie for more information:**

Tel: 07860 139680

E-Mail: [contact@pilateswithjennie.co.uk](mailto:contact@pilateswithjennie.co.uk)

Web: [www.pilateswithjennie.co.uk](http://www.pilateswithjennie.co.uk)



# Coffee Morning with Tea, Biscuits and Cake in aid of Mind and Solihull Cameron Grant Memorial Trust

16<sup>th</sup> September 2017 from 10 -1pm

Bentley Heath Community Centre, Widney Road, Bentley Heath

There will Face Painting, Balloon Modelling and a raffle with some really great prizes.

A beautician will also be in attendance offering mini treatments such as Indian Head Massage, hand and feet massage and a file and polish.

Join us for a Charitable Coffee Morning where you can donate to MIND and The Cameron Grant Memorial Trust.

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**There will be an Organ Recital** by Stephen Perrins at Temple Balsall Church on Friday 8th September, at 6pm as part of the Heritage Weekend Celebrations

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**SUMMER SHOULD GET  
A SPEEDING TICKET.**

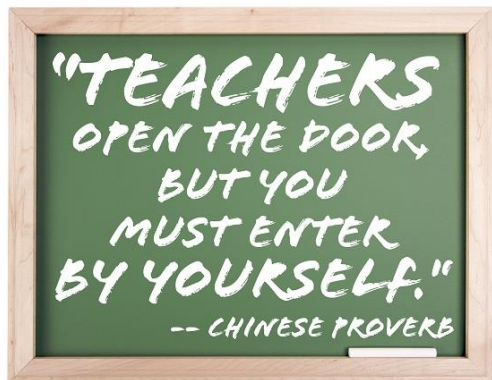
## Friends of Damson Parks Dog Show and Fun Day

Damson Lane Park, B92 9JS, 10.30am – 3.00pm

**2 Sep 2017**

Join the Friends of Damson Parks group at this popular fundraising event, where proceeds go towards improving the park. Featuring the much-loved Dogwatch dog show, children's rides, entertainment and stalls galore, the event is fun for all the family, including their four-legged friends! Meet by the car park

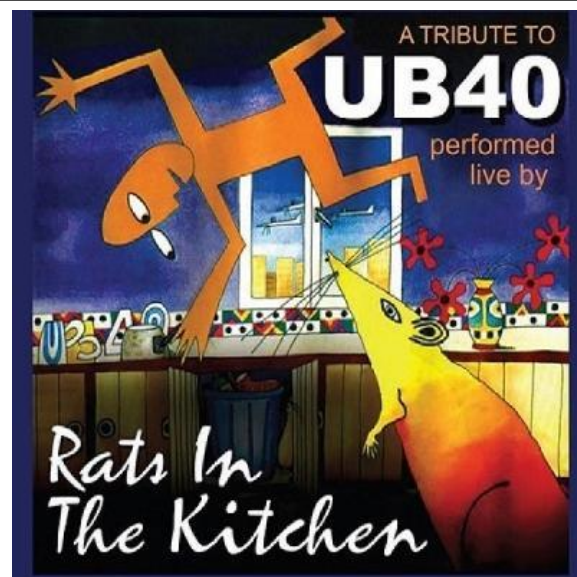
**Do let me have some articles for the Catney News by the 20<sup>th</sup> September.** Photos (don't forget those that receive the Catney News by email get it in colour), recommendations, events and anything of interest to villagers in Catherine de Barnes. Special birthdays, anniversaries, births, weddings, we will give them a mention, just let me know!! Send me your articles by email (see front page) or leave the information at the Spar shop addressed to me. Chris Cluley



*The* more that  
YOU **READ**, the  
more things you  
will **know**.

*The* more that  
YOU **LEARN**,  
the more places  
you'll **go**."

— Dr. Seuss



**UB40 Tribute Band**

**Land Rover Social Club on 2<sup>nd</sup>  
September 2017**

**7.30 pm to 12.30 am (last entry  
11.30 am)**

**Minimum age 18**

## **Dorridge Day**

**Dorridge Park, B93 8LJ, 12.00pm - 4.00pm**

**10 Sep 2017**

Family fun day with fairground attractions, stalls and shows, organised by Knowle and Dorridge Round Table. Please check their website for more details nearer the event. Entrance fee £2 per person (adult or child) or £6 per family. For more information, email Jonathan Halliday at [kanddrt@gmail.com](mailto:kanddrt@gmail.com), (visit <http://www.kandd.org.uk> or contact the organisers via **Twitter** or **Facebook**)

## **Fun in the Park**

**Tudor Grange Park, B91 3LU, 11.00am - 5.00pm**

**17 Sep 2017 - 17 Sep 2017** **Export event**

The annual charity fundraising event returns. Organised by the Soroptimists and featuring entertainment including a dog show, classic car show, cycling events and an arena with shows and performances from talented local dancers and musicians, this event is fun for all the family! Local artisans and charities will also have stalls at the event.

Entrance cost is £3.00 per adult, £1.00 per child under 16 or £6.00 for a family ticket. For more information, visit [www.funinthepark-solihull.co.uk](http://www.funinthepark-solihull.co.uk) or email [info@funinthepark.co.uk](mailto:info@funinthepark.co.uk).



## The BIG Taste Food and Beer Festival

Solihull Town Centre, Times TBC

29 Sep 2017 - 1 Oct 2017

For three days during autumn, Solihull town centre will showcase the ultimate food and drink festival. Highlights include appearances from much-loved celebrity chefs the Hairy Bikers and CBeebies 'I Can Cook' star Katy Ashworth, and the innovative BIG Ale trail, complete with designer mini pint glasses offering visitors the chance to sample the finest swigs from local breweries.

With 65 food stalls and bars; a live demo kitchen; cocktail masterclasses; Kids' Bake-off, Mr Bubble, donkey rides and dance workshops, this event is not to be missed! For more information visit [www.solihullbid.co.uk](http://www.solihullbid.co.uk).

**Ever thought of canoeing as a hobby?** We have a Canoe club on our doorstep- Solihull Canoe Club - The Boathouse, Grand Union Canal Towpath, Hampton Lane, Catherine de Barnes. Have a look at their website: <http://canoe-solihull.co.uk/> The club meets every Saturday with a performance group in the morning and a recreational group in the afternoon. If you are a novice or regular canoeist and would like to come along we would be delighted to see you. If you need any further information see the details on our website or, if that does not meet your needs, please phone or email us.

Remember when people  
had Diaries & got  
mad when



someone  
read them?

Now they  
put everything  
online and get  
mad when people don't.

**The Women's Institute – The  
Way to Optimum Health with  
Aloe Vera (Terry Villars)**

**September 13 @  
19:30 - 21:30**

The Arden Room at Fentham  
Hall

*Marsh Lane, Hampton in  
Arden*

*Why not go along – you would  
be very welcome!*

**Not sure what to get someone as a gift? Did you know that  
Longfellows Restaurant have gift vouchers –sounds like a good  
idea to me!**

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