

CATNEY NEWS



OCTOBER 2015

Dear Villagers,

Reserve your place now for the following:



Skittles Evening with Fish and Chip Supper: VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 24th October -- 7.30pm start

Raffle, bar, vegetarians catered for (please let us know when reserving your place)

Tickets available from Dave on 07824 696137 if bought before 16th October £8.50 adults (under 14's £4) after 16th £10 /£5



Chris Cluley (Editor)



Please let me have information for November's Catney News by 20th October. Christine Cluley (Editor)

AIRPORT



Birmingham Airport will be publishing their Master Plan for the next 10 years in April 2016. The CAA will not now be passing judgement on the Airport's Airspace Change Document until late November.

VILLAGE HALL



As you will see the renovation of the Belfry is now complete and the bells are back in working order. The total cost of this project is £3057 whilst significantly impacting our resources, we feel the result is well worthwhile and feel happier that we know the Belfry won't fall down. In addition, painting of the interior of the Hall has been completed and we are now in the process in conjunction with the RA of organising new curtains. More news next month. We have had a very welcome donation of £250 towards the curtains for which we are very grateful.

BUTTIE BREAKFAST

Just a quick note to thank everyone who helped make the 'buttie breakfast' such a success. The treasure Hunt went down very well- and it was great to see more young families than we had seen before - which is vital for the future.

Thank you to everyone who came along and thanks to Keelie for organising the Treasure Hunt.

Hopefully we will hold another "Breakfast" event in the New Year. If you came along and enjoyed it, please tell your friends and neighbours and bring them along next time!

SKYLARK BUS FOR THE YOUTH OF THE AREA

As some of you may remember from previous articles in this newsletter, Hampton invested in a Youth Bus some time ago, as a base for young people to meet, socialise and do their homework in safety. We are delighted that this facility has now been extended to the youth of Catney, on a Wednesday evening. School years 4 - 6 can go along from 6.30 pm until 7.45 pm and School years 7 – 9 from 7.45 pm to 9 pm. £1 per session. It is well equipped and run by a group of approximately 20 volunteers (all DBS checked), who take it in turns to be there and supervise (4 at each event). Skylark is parked up on the car park of the Sports Field in Hampton during both days for these events. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Rev. Duncan on 01675 442339 or just turn up. It is possible that if numbers from Catney warrant it, the bus might be brought here if we can find a site to park it up.



Upstairs

MORE FUTURE EVENTS in CATNEY FOR YOUR DIARY

December 12th Saturday- From 7.30 pm. Christmas Party

**December 13th Sunday – 5 pm:
Carols around the Catney Christmas Tree :**

Bring the children and grandchildren – hot drinks and nibbles provided afterwards in the hall. In the event of rain or snow the Carol Singing will be held in the Village Hall, so please come along whatever the weather!

Village Xmas Tree Appeal

We hope to be able to erect a lighted Village Xmas Tree again this year and our Xmas Tree Appeal Fund will be open in September .

If you feel able to make a donation - these can be left at THE SPAR shop or at 9 Oakfields Way .

Thank you to the new residents at 422 Lugtrout Lane for their kind donation.

**YOU CAN NOW FOLLOW “CATNEY
VILLAGE HALL” ON TWITTER**

**Not sure how to join in with Social Media? Puzzled as to how to open a
FB or Twitter account?**

**Would you be interested in a Twitter/Facebook class if we held one in
the Village Hall?**

Let Frances Cook, our secretary, know as soon as possible

**Contacts: Secretary of the Residents Association: Frances on 0776
8502039 or secretary@catney.co.uk**

**Anything for the Catney News: Contact Chris at CatneyRA@outlook.com
(please note new email address)**

Spar Shop/Hall Bookings: Gareth on 0121 705 6135

Burglaries

There have been a number of burglaries in the area recently. Please make sure all windows and doors are locked when you leave your property. If you hear unexpected noises or see anything suspicious – please call 101 for the local police.

We have also had a car theft reported. Residents on Hampton Lane had their car stolen off the drive. The thieves smashed the double glazed window with a paving slab and reached through to grab the car keys. Lesson being, don't leave keys in plain sight!

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Remembrance Sunday

We will be holding a Remembrance Day service in the Village Hall, which will be converted back to being a church for the occasion.

The service will be at 10.45 am on the 8th November and everyone is very welcome to come along to remember those who have died in the World Wars and in conflicts throughout the world and in particular those from this village, who are listed on our memorial font and water jug.

It is a lovely little service and really nice to experience the hall as a church once again. Do join us and bring your poppy as we put take them up to the front as an act of remembrance during the service.



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McMillan Coffee Morning

Pete Peters would like to thank everyone who attended/contributed towards another successful McMillan Coffee Morning on Friday 25th September.

So far, it has raised £353 and this is still increasing, which is wonderful.

Thank you once more Pete.

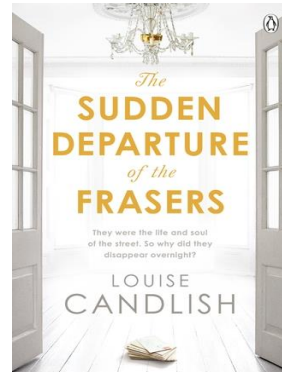
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BOOK REVIEW

THE SUDDEN DEPARTURE OF THE FRASERS

A novel by Louise Candlish

A Book Review by John Alderson



Louise Candlish is the author of eight or nine novels, *The Sudden Departure of the Frasers* being her latest.

This is a very gripping thriller which I very much enjoyed and it is worth reproducing a quotation from the book which intriguingly sets the scene for the story. *My name is Amber Fraser. I've just moved in at number 40, Lime Park Road. You'll come to think of me as a loving wife, a thoughtful neighbour and a trusted friend. This is a lie.*

The story is about Christy and Joe Davenport moving into number 40 as a dream come true. It has been offered to them at a ridiculously low price for such a property in a very desirable area, but is dependent upon an immediate sale.

Strangely, when they move in to the property which has been very expensively renovated by the Frasers who lived in it for less than a year, the neighbours won't speak to them and with Joe working very long hours, Christy is left alone to try to solve the mystery of the Frasers.

What follows, told separately by Amber and Christy is a tale of manipulation, brought about by love and obsession which will keep you guessing until the final page – and possibly beyond. It is a subtle, clever, perceptive story with really well drawn characters which reminds one of a Hitchcock production.

I thoroughly recommend it.

October 17/18

Hampton Society

10am - 5pm Fentham Hall, Arts and Crafts Photography Exhibition.

Entry £1 under 16's free Fentham Hall Refreshments, Cakes, Light

lunches available

A date for your diaries

Hampton Players present:

“Just the Ticket”

A comedy by Peter Quiller

19th -21st November at 7.30pm

This play is a poignant but amusing journey through Susan’s hilarious life as she decides to celebrate her birthday by repeating a journey to Australia she made with a group of friends when she was 20.

Romance slowly but awkwardly blossoms and causes Susan to reflect on life, friendship and loneliness and the trials and joys of growing older.

Tickets will be available soon from the usual outlets in Hampton; more details next month!

More Village Hall:

In case anyone is wondering, the ornamental metal vane from the top of the bell tower cannot be replaced as there is no way of fixing it to the tower. We still have it and will try and fix it elsewhere on the building. CC

Solihull events in October:

Friday 2nd October: Farmer’s Market

High Street, Solihull, B91 0NA, 9.00am - 5.00pm

Support our local farmers by visiting this popular market, which offers a tempting range of local produce sourced from within a 30 mile radius of Solihull, on the first Friday of every month

Since 2011 the Mobile Library for Solihull has been provided through working in partnership with Warwickshire County Council. They have decided to review the service that is provided to find out if the service meets the service needs of their customers. As part of this review, they are carrying out a survey to see if their customers are happy with the service being provided and the convenience of the stops that the Mobile Library visits.

The survey is currently running and will continue until the 23rd October. The survey will be available on the Mobile Library van on the following dates and areas:

Monday 5th October for Romeo Route A. Knowle, Dorridge, Bentley Heath, Monkspath and the Star and Garter. Also Titania Route A – Solihull and Shirley

Thursday 8th October: Hamlet Route D – Hobs Moat area

Thursday 15th October: Hamlet Route J – Solihull North of the Borough and Villages

Thursday 22nd October: Romeo Route O – Solihull Central all day.

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Catney Cricket Club

Sadly, there was another break in around the 15th September making 3 this year. If you saw anything suspicious in the area of the club house, which is to the rear of the Boat Inn, around this time, do contact Eddie Hewitt, at the Club on eddiehewitt@sky.com The cricket season has finished now, but anyone wishing to know more about the club and perhaps go along when nets begin again, Eddie would love to hear from you.

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More events in Solihull in October:

Thursday, 15th October: Union Theatre presents: One Man, Two Guvnors
7.30pm, Christ Church, 741 Warwick Road, Solihull, B91 3DG

This internationally acclaimed smash-hit is a glorious celebration of British comedy. A unique, laugh-out-loud mix of satire, songs, slapstick and glittering one-liners - now brought to you by the award winning local theatre group Union Theatre Solihull.

Tickets are available online www.uniontheatresolihull.co.uk or call 07949 508 478 (£12 adults / £10 concessions).

Wednesday 28th October

Wicked Workshop and Terror Trail Elmdon Park, B92 9EY, 11.00am - 1.00pm

Follow our spooky terror trail around the park if you are brave enough, then take part in a creepy craft activity and wear your most frightening Halloween costume for a chance to win our fancy dress competition - there are prizes for the most horrifyingly dressed boy and girl! £1.00 per child for the terror trail and crafts. Meet by the car park on Tanhouse Farm Road.