

Parish News - Winter 2014

HELLO AGAIN

This edition covers four main areas of concern – HS2, water mains renewal, our village future (Neighbourhood Plan) and the expansion of Birmingham Airport.

There is also much to consider and to get involved with as Village Life moves into the welcome Spring and Summer, including the Hampton Festival and all that the Sports Club has to offer.

Meanwhile, make your first read the 'STOP PRESS' item on the Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire – thank you!



NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - STOP PRESS

A sincere thank you to all those residents and businesses who have returned their completed questionnaires; we have, so far, received some 300 replies and the task of analysis is now beginning.

We have received many interesting, helpful and exciting responses which will give this important Plan a particular credibility, but

- we want more replies, please – there is still a little time left so if you have not yet returned your questionnaire may we ask you to do so quickly.

If you have mislaid your forms they can be downloaded from the Parish Council Website at www.hamptoninarden.org.uk or are available from the Parish Office, Marsh Lane.

Finally, if you would like some help in completing these forms please do contact our Parish Clerk, Mrs. Julie Richardson, at the Parish Council Office on **01675 442017**.

WE DO VALUE YOUR VIEWS AND OPINIONS AND NOW IS THE TIME TO HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE WAY IN WHICH FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN AND AROUND OUR BEAUTIFUL VILLAGE. - THANK YOU!

BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT – Airspace Change Proposal - departures

We are informed that the Airport Company will, from April 2014, be implementing a trial of two alternative Standard Instrument Departure Procedures (SIDs) as part of this Airspace Change Proposal.

In consultation with the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) the importance of this issue to the local community has been recognised by the Airport who will be carrying out a trial of Option

5 and Option 6 in a live environment for **seven months** from April 2014; these trials will help all concerned to understand the **actual impact** rather than theoretical modeling.

This step will provide the CAA with supplementary information to help it to come to a balanced decision (to be made by them in the **Spring of 2015**)

HIGH SPEED RAIL 2 – Environmental Statement (ES)

Your Parish Council has made a detailed response to the latest Environmental Statement (see our website for full detail - www.hamptoninarden.org.uk -) to summarise:

- the B4102 Meriden Road to remain in its current position with no new road construction behind Diddington lane, but there are still real concerns
- five year haulage routes of Meriden Road and Diddington Lane
- ugly concrete box structure of the proposed Patricks Farm bridge
- Blythe and Shadowbrook viaduct replacements with solid embankments

- large soil heaps to be located behind Diddington Lane
- work camps on the flood plain (currently under water)
- Old Station Road and Lapwing Drive – still no mention of the effect on noise and visual impact
- ecology impact: no mitigation offered; eg: on endangered species breeding in the area such as the Barn Owl (with a potential loss of 52 pairs)

We shall be vigorously fighting these proposals including engaging in the petitioning process through Parliament, if necessary. Again, please see our website for full detail – www.hamptoninarden.org.uk

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PROPOSED 4000 PLOT MUSLIM CEMETERY – Catherine-de-Barnes Lane

Both your Parish Council and Catherine-de-Barnes Residents Association have opposed this planning application on the following grounds:

- increased traffic volume
- parking
- the intensive layout
- lack of landscaping
- effect on adjacent residences

This is an inappropriate use of Green Belt arable land when there is more than adequate provision elsewhere in the Borough.

WATER MAINS NETWORK RENEWAL - (Morgan Sindall)

Following a recent meeting between Parish Councillors and two managers from Morgan Sindall, (12 February, 2014) the current position is:

- that the new estimated date for completion of all of this work has now been extended to **September 2014!**
- Morgan Sindall now have a new provisional work programme in place within which they have **promised** to detail when, where and for how long this renewal work is to take place (ie in which village road/area)

- Morgan Sindall have also promised to shortly issue a letter to each village household detailing this programme, as well as
- promising to hold a public meeting towards the end of March, 2014

**MORGAN
SINDALL**

Your Parish Council is extremely concerned with this news including confirmation that only **two engineers** are to be continuously employed on this substantive project; we are also in dialogue with Morgan Sindall in this respect.

VILLAGE DIARY - a reminder to event organizers, club secretaries etc.

On our Parish Council website (www.hamptoninarden.org.uk) is a diary where you can advertise all your forthcoming events free of charge.

All you need to do is to e.mail your event information to our Parish Clerk (Mrs. Julie Richardson) on clerk@hamptoninarden.org.uk

We do hope you will make use of this free and useful service – it will help with your event promotion and help to avoid those unfortunate date clashes!

HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN SPORTS CLUB - (Tennis)

The Tennis Club is a friendly place where tennis is played all year round on four top class floodlit courts and a mini court.

There are opportunities for both competitive and social tennis with provision for players of all ability standards and ages – the club also has a **coaching team** providing an extensive range of group and individual lessons.

For more information do please visit:
their website www.hamptontennis.org.uk
or email secretary@hamptontennis.org.uk

NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR

Your Parish Council is delighted to welcome Cat Sellars as our co-opted councillor – Cat and her husband have lived in the village for four years and her aim is to play an active role in the village in which her young son will be growing up.



Cat is a Senior Ecologist and much of her work has been in supporting planning applications and her environmental impact assessment skills will be invaluable to our Planning Team – we wish Cat a long and successful association with the work of the Parish Council.

HAMPTON FESTIVAL 2014 - a reminder

Do try to keep the weekend of **Saturday 31 May and Sunday 1 June free to attend this year's Hampton Festival being held at the Sports Club, Shadowbrook Lane.**

- Saturday day : Village Fete (stalls, refreshments, fun for the children)
- evening : A concert for all ages
- Sunday day : the Rev. Duncan Ballard will conduct the Church Service from the sports field which will be followed by the usual BIG LUNCH

There will more detailed information given out to you nearer the date – meanwhile, in the build up to this super village event another **scarecrow competition** will take place based on this year's theme of **BOOK CHARACTERS** – think now on who you would like to bring to life in your garden from: Harry Potter, the Hobbit, Charles Dickens, Robin Hood, Treasure Island

What do you think?

Let us all look forward to a fun and, hopefully, sun filled weekend!

BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT – Flight Path Protection Team

West Midlands Police employ a small team of officers at Birmingham Airport whose aim is to help protect the security of all of the Airport's flight paths.

They have advised us that, whilst Birmingham Airport is not particularly vulnerable to terrorist attacks, the national aviation threat assessment is categorized as 'severe'.

With the gradual expansion of Birmingham Airport and the increase in air traffic movements, this team is asking all those who

live and work in the vicinity of these flight paths to use their 'eyes and ears' to assist them in helping to keep all flight paths safe.

We shall be working with this team and will keep you updated on their ongoing operations; meanwhile, do contact them if you detect any suspicious activity which you feel may affect flight path security: **email: fppt@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk or phone: West Midlands Police (24 hrs) 0345 113 5000 (quoting MANPADS)**

SPEAK TO YOU IN THE SPRING

Grateful thanks to all Parish Councillors for their contributions and to those very special volunteers who assist us in enabling the prompt delivery of this newsletter to you all.