

Parish News - February 2018

HELLO AGAIN

Spring is just around the corner... the daffodils are nearly ready to bloom and we're sure that everyone is looking forward to some warmer weather! In this edition of the Newsletter we provide updates on crime in the village, our road safety and traffic calming plans and the potential changes to the Parish boundary to include the whole of Catherine-de-Barnes. We also have lots of events for your diary - from the Hampton Society and the Library - to get you out and about. And do you have time to volunteer with the local Scouting team?! *If yes, read on....*



AIRPORT UPDATE

Consultation on the proposed changes to the take-off routes from Runway 33 to the north ended on 16th November 2017. The airport company is now preparing its formal submission to the Civil Aviation Authority which is expected to take several months.

It is envisaged that the Airport Consultative Committee will consider its response to the Night Flying Policy Review at its meeting in February after which the proposals will be submitted to Solihull MBC for a decision.

RECREATION GROUND CAR PARK - NEW BARRIERS

Many will have noticed that height restricting security barriers have now been erected at the entrance to the Recreation Ground car park. Whilst being highly visible and not very pleasing to look at the barriers are considered to be a necessity in helping prevent unauthorised access to the car park (and the green space beyond), a problem which occurred many times in parts of the Borough during last year.

In the near future work will be carried out to the drainage system to prevent flooding of the car park during heavy and prolonged rainfall (which occurred, yet again, in January). When the drainage works have been completed the number of disabled parking bays near to the main entrance will be reduced, an additional disabled bay provided at the far end of the car park near to the scout and guide hut and the parking space white lines will be remarked.

CRIME IN THE PARISH - AN UPDATE

We are pleased to report that there has been a very positive response to the appeal made in the last Newsletter for volunteers to join the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and assist with Community Speed Watch. A number of residents have offered their services and an initial meeting with the Neighbourhood Policing Team and the small number of current Coordinators took place on 5th February. Residents will be contacted by the new volunteers if their road is to be included, to explain how the scheme operates and what they can do to help in the fight against crime.

There is, unfortunately, a further delay in the reintroduction of Speed Watch due to police resources but it is hoped that this will happen shortly.

For more information or to volunteer for Neighbourhood Watch or Speed Watch please contact Julie Barnes, our lovely Clerk (contact details at the bottom of the Newsletter), and

she will put you in touch with the relevant people.

Hampton-in-Arden Police Surgery

Solihull Rural Neighbourhood Police Team will be holding their monthly Surgeries between 11.30am and 12.30pm at Sandwiches @ No.6 (6 High Street, Hampton-in-Arden) on the following dates in the coming year:

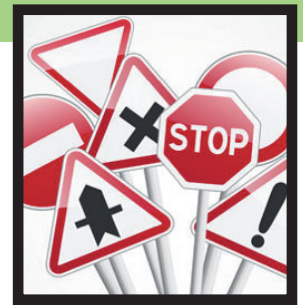
- Wednesday 21st February 2018; ● Wednesday 28th March 2018; ● Wednesday 25th April 2018; ● Wednesday 30th May 2018; ● Wednesday 27th June 2018; ● Tuesday 24th July 2018; ● Tuesday 28th August 2018; ● Tuesday 25th September 2018; and, ● Tuesday 30th October 2018.

Anyone who has concerns about crime or personal safety should feel free to drop in and talk to our local Neighbourhood Policing Team (who will be there providing no emergencies take place).

Hampton-in-Arden Parish Council

ROAD SAFETY AND TRAFFIC CALMING IN THE VILLAGE

We have submitted an updated Road Safety and Traffic Calming Report to Solihull MBC Highways. We met with Ward Councillors and Officers on 1st February 2018 to discuss this Report and agree a way forward. The updated Report is available for view on the Parish website with Meriden Road identified as the priority area. We are hopeful that funding for this priority area will be found either locally or through the HS2 Road Safety Fund. Solihull MBC will receive approximately £2.5 million as their share of this fund for works within the Borough and we actively seek a proportion of this fund for Hampton. We will keep you updated on progress but if you have any comments in the meantime, please contact the Parish Council or Councillor Ken Blanch.



HS2 – AN UPDATE

Except for the environmental and geological surveys currently being carried out not a lot is happening with HS2 in Hampton-in-Arden at the moment. Some residents may have received letters from HS2 demanding access to their property for these surveys. Whilst this round of letters are better in tone than the last round, they could still be felt as

intimidating. The Parish Council will once again be putting in a complaint to HS2 about these letters, but if you are unsure as to your rights please contact the Parish Council and someone will contact you to provide advice and support.



PARISH BOUNDARY REVIEW (AKA COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW) – AN UPDATE

Following the end of the consultation on the Terms of Reference, Solihull MBC received 80 responses and 90% supported the proposal. In the event that the Review is ultimately successful in achieving the Parish Council boundary extension, the whole of Catherine-de-Barnes will become part of an enlarged Hampton-in-Arden Parish.

Solihull MBC and the Parish Council are keen for the outcome of this Review to encompass the broadly held views of the residents of the affected areas. If you have a clear interest in this review or are impacted by its outcome as a resident, **Solihull MBC would like to hear your views and invite submissions and comments in response to the questions posed by the deadline of 15th April 2018.**

Solihull MBC have now prepared draft proposals which were presented to and approved by the Governance Committee on the 18th January 2018. A new consultation was launched on 31st January. This new consultation takes the form of three questions/proposals. **These three questions are shown on the last page of the Newsletter. You can fill in this form and email or post it back to Solihull MBC.**

Residents can view the full report following the last consultation at <http://eservices.solihull.gov.uk/mgInternet/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=126> (browse meeting agendas and click on 18th January date). The background to this review, and copies of previous communications can be viewed on our website www.catney.co.uk

1ST HAMPTON IN ARDEN SCOUTING

Scouting in Hampton continues to go from strength to strength. Last term on top of the usual activities, the Beavers went Bouldering, whilst the Cubs had a trip to the Space Centre and both packs were incredibly proud to parade for in front of the village for Remembrance Sunday. We were also incredibly proud to see five of our Cubs achieve the Silver Scout Award, which was awarded to them by the Mayor of Solihull.

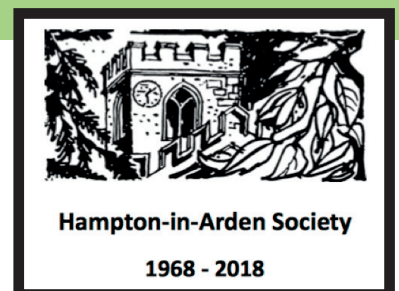
We are still looking for adults to join our team, from occasional helpers to section assistants to section Leaders. If you feel you are able to help and would like to join in the fun, please email vickyw79@gmail.com.



THE HAMPTON SOCIETY

You should now have received your Hampton Society Membership Pack and hopefully you've paid your voluntary donations, so we thought we'd like to remind you of the upcoming events we're putting on.

- If you've been worried by the recent crime in Hampton you won't want to miss the talk by Solihull Police Commander Chief Superintendent Javid on **Wednesday 7th March**, from 7.30pm in Fentham Hall.
- On **Wednesday 2nd May**, again from 7.30pm but in the Arden Room, come along to hear the History Group's scandal filled talk on the 50 years of this very Society, not one to be missed.
- The ever popular Village Walk will take place this year on **Monday 7th May**, starting at 4pm in the Church Hall Car Park, lead once again by the very knowledgeable Alan Morden.



These events are all free of charge to anyone who would like to attend, so come along and join us!

LIBRARY EVENTS

For those of you who are not aware the library holds all sorts of events to bring people in the village together. Everyone is welcome to attend – why not come along and try one:

- **Knit and Natter** – Held on a Friday afternoon (1.30pm to 3pm) every fortnight: February 9th / 23rd, March 9th / 23rd, April 6th / 20th, May 4th / 18th and June 1st.
- **Story Time For Children** – Held on a Tuesday afternoon (1.45pm to 2.15pm) every fortnight: February 6th / 20th, March 6th / 20th, April 3rd / 17th, May 1st / 15th / 29th. Our Easter craft table will be out for children wanting to drop in between the 20th March and 6th April.
- **Stories and Painting** – Held on a Friday afternoon (1.45pm to 2.15pm) every fortnight: February 2nd /

16th, March 2nd / 16th, April 13th / 27th and May 11th / 25th.

- **Readers Group** – Held on a Tuesday (10.30am to 1.30pm) once a month: 13th February (the books of Hunter Davies), 13th March (The Wonder by Emma Donoghue), 10th April (the Essex Serpent by Sarah Perry), 8th May (the novels of Maggie O’Farrell), 18th June (the Hogarth Shakespeare - the stories reworked into novels by top authors).
- **Watercolour Group** – Every Tuesday morning between 10am and 12pm. Please ring for details 01675 442629.
- **Family History** – If you would like to look further into your family history or if you have come to a full stop and need help getting past the block, we have help for you at the library - please ring us on 01675 442629 and we can arrange a free session for you.

PLANNING NEWS

- **Motorway Services (MSA):** We understand no decision on this proposal will be made until March 2018 at the earliest. However, many of you will have signed Caroline Spelman’s petition which asks the Secretary of State to reject the application on traffic safety grounds.
- **Affordable Homes:** A development of nine affordable homes in Marsh Lane, managed by the Fentham Trust for those with a local connection, has been approved by Solihull MBC. An application by a private developer for 13 affordable homes on land adjacent 40 Old Station Road is at time of press still awaiting determination by Solihull MBC. Both sites are on Green Belt land and require determination as ‘rural exception sites’.
- **Hampton Manor:** Solihull MBC has approved a new facilities wing and ten bedrooms at Hampton Manor. The extension at the rear of the building is sympathetically designed. We have received reassurance that all works and lorries will access via Shadowbrook Lane and will not use High Street/ Meriden Road.
- **M42 Junction 6 Relief Road:** Many of you will know that this new dual carriageway will cross land from the M42 beneath Solihull Road to the Clock junction. Highways England have held a number of village consultations on detail yet to be determined. The Parish Council has expressed particular concern about the design of both the north and south junctions. We will keep you updated of any new information about this scheme.

BROWN RECYCLING BINS – IS YOURS SPLIT?

We are aware that many brown bins in the village have split. Solihull MBC have informed us that there was a manufacturing fault with the original bins and this has resulting in many of the bins splitting down the sides. As such Solihull MBC will replace them free of charge.

Please call 0121 704 8000 to report the problem and Solihull MBC will arrange for delivery of a replacement bin and collect your damaged one.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **20th February (5pm to 7pm):** HS2 Drop In Session –Fentham Hall. Please feel free to come along and ask the HS2 team any questions you have about the current progress with HS2.
- **14th March (7.30pm):** Parish Council Meeting – George Fentham Meeting Room. All welcome to attend.
- **10th April (7.30pm):** Parish Council Annual Meeting – George Fentham Meeting Room. All welcome to attend.

THANK YOU FOR READING AND WE WILL SPEAK TO YOU AGAIN IN MAY

As always, thank you to all the contributors to the newsletter and the volunteers who deliver it to each household in the Parish.

Don't forget to check out our website for up to date information between Newsletters (www.hamptoninarden.org.uk)

PARISH BOUNDARY REVIEW- SOLIHULL MBC CONSULTATION ON DRAFT PROPOSALS

Summary of the questions on which Solihull Council now welcome comment - **(you can cut this page out after responding to the questions and send/e-mail to the address shown below):-**

The deadline for responses is 15 April 2018.

Proposal 1: The Council proposes to extend the Hampton in Arden Parish Council boundary to incorporate polling district BH07, creating two wards within the Parish and fixing the ward boundary along Friday Lane and Catherine de Barnes Lane.

Do you agree with Proposal 1? **Yes / No**

Additional comments:

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Proposal 2: The Council proposes to retain the current name of Hampton in Arden Parish Council and to name the two wards Catherine de Barnes Ward and Hampton in Arden Ward.

Do you agree with Proposal 2? **Yes / No**

Additional comments:

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Proposal 3: The Council proposes to increase the number of parish councillors from 9 to 12 to represent a Hampton in Arden Ward and a Catherine de Barnes Ward with the following ratio:

- Hampton in Arden Ward: Electorate 1,478 with **8** Parish Councillors
- Catherine de Barnes Ward: Electorate 724 with **4** Parish Councillors

Do you agree with Proposal 3? **Yes / No**

Additional comments:

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How to Respond

Comments/responses should be submitted to the Democratic Services Section of the Solihull MBC's Resources Directorate. They can be submitted either by letter or e-mail, or by using the **online reply form** on the Solihull MBC website (www.solihull.gov.uk/cgr/hamptoninarden). All views submitted will be taken into consideration. ***You can send your comments to:***

- Matthew Rossi, Electoral Services Manager, Solihull MBC, Council House, Manor Square, Solihull B91 9QS
- Email them to: matthew.rossi@solihull.gov.uk
- Telephone: 0121 704 8303

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