

## Parish News - November 2018

### HELLO AGAIN

**In this edition of the Newsletter we can report that the Parish is growing – we will welcome the whole of Catherine-de-Barnes into the Parish in April 2019. We can also announce that we have two new Parish Councillors on the team! Read on for more details.**

There is important information about Remembrance Day, Hampton's hedgehogs and, with Christmas fast approaching, dates for Santa and his Sleigh visiting the village! We say a fond farewell to two ladies who played important roles in the village – Reverend Anne Hinks and Librarian Karen

Wilson. And, as always there is up to date information about local planning applications, traffic calming and pedestrian safety plans, HS2 and events at our local library.



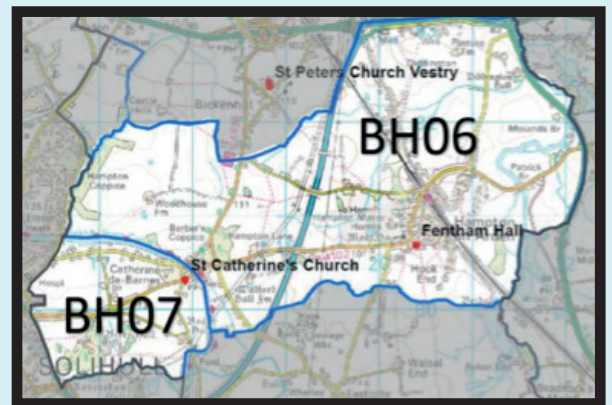
Grand Union Canal in Catherine-de-Barnes

### WELCOME TO CATHERINE-DE-BARNES - THE PARISH BOUNDARY IS GROWING!!

**The results of the final consultation on the Community Governance Review are in and they showed support for the extension of the Parish Council boundary to include the whole of Catherine-de-Barnes!**

As such, the Governance Committee at Solihull MBC met on the 24th September to approve the final proposals. The Committee made a recommendation to full Council to extend our Parish boundary to include the whole of Catherine-de-Barnes (through a Community Governance Reorganisation Order). The Full Council **unanimously approved** this recommendation at a meeting on the 9th October.

**This means that the Parish boundary will extend to include the whole of Catherine-de-Barnes (Ward BH07 on the plan) on the 1st April 2019.** The Parish Council will be working hard to ensure that transition to include the additional area into the Parish goes smoothly. We look forward to welcoming our neighbours into the Parish. Keep your eyes on the website for updates and progress with these exciting changes!



Our new Parish boundary from April 2019

### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – 11TH NOVEMBER 2018: ROAD CLOSURES

Please note that road access through the village will be severely restricted on the morning of the 11th November due to the Remembrance Day Parade and Service at the War Memorial. **The High Street/Meriden Road and around the Village Green will be closed to vehicular traffic between 10.30am and 12 noon.** Access to and from the Sports Club will only be permitted from Catherine-de-Barnes Lane and Shadowbrook Lane between these times. No access will be permitted from High Street.

Please also remember to advise any visitors that access will be restricted during the morning to allow a safe passage for the Parade and its dispersal after the service. **Notices and road signs will be displayed throughout the week previous to Remembrance Sunday.**



### VILLAGE INFORMATION LEAFLET

**H**ave you spotted one of our new Village Information Leaflets around and about in the village?! It has lots of information in it about where to eat, where to visit and where to walk around the village. You'll find them in the station, the Telephone Box Information Point and in various shops and eating establishments. We hope that they will be a helpful source of information to new visitors to the village (and maybe to existing residents too!).

### Hampton-in-Arden Parish Council

## Have You Seen The "Tommy" by the Village War Memorial?

This year's Remembrance Day is very significant as it marks the final year of the First World War centenary. "Tommy" is a near life size silhouette of a First World War soldier and is a symbol of remembrance created by the charity Remembered as part of their project "There But Not There". Built by veterans at Royal British Legion Industries the Parish Council has donated the Tommy statue to stand alongside the memorial with all proceeds going to six benefiting charities associated with veterans both past and present. Tommy will be in place for some time and it is expected that many similar statues

will appear in locations across the country. There is more information about Tommy and the charity on the Parish Council website.

We are also happy to report that the work to repair the recent damage to the Memorial (requiring the replacement of some of the Portland stone) has been satisfactorily completed, well in time for Remembrance Day on 11th November.



## UPDATE ON HS2

- Solihull MBC has finished recording the roads to be submitted to the HS2 Road Safety fund. These have now gone to iRAP (the International Road Assessment Programme) for assessment.
- Designs for the road network and the Bickenhill Waste Recycling Centre are being finalised by Balfour Beatty and hopefully we should know more by mid-December. All new roads will include cycling and walking paths.
- Over winter 2018, we will see Ecological Wildlife Translocation and vegetation clearance around Hampton, ready for construction preparation in 2019.
- Interchange Design Consultations have taken place throughout October and they are requesting feedback by 11th November 2018. If you didn't manage to get to a consultation, you can view the plans here: <https://hs2insolihull.commonplace.is/schemes/proposals/interchange-station-design-engagement/details>

## SANTA IS COMING TO HAMPTON!

The Meriden Rotary Club are pleased to be bringing Santa to visit Hampton-in-Arden again this year. They will be spreading Christmas cheer (and collecting for Rotary charities) on the following evenings:

- **Monday 17th December:** Santa will start his journey through the village from the Lapwing Drive area travelling towards the station and finishing in Engine Mews.
- **Wednesday 19th December:** Santa will start in Fentham Road, travel up towards Marsh Lane, down to the end of Bellemere Road and then finish at the new houses in Solihull Road.

*The Rotary Club have not yet provided timings for Santas visits – please check our website and the Parish Council Facebook page for additional details closer to the time.*



## HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN SOCIETY ASKS - IS HAMPTON A HEDGEHOG HOTSPOT?

Sunday 7th October was a busy day for hedgehog lovers in Hampton. Twenty-one families, and extras who arrived unexpectedly, spent an afternoon trying to answer this question helped by Tara Higgs, a Hedgehog Officer working with Warwickshire Wildlife Trust and Solihull Council. It was a chance to learn more about hedgepigs, hoglets, hibernation and how our village can help this threatened mammal. Shockingly hedgehog numbers have decreased from 30 million in the 1950's to 1 million today. The decline is 30% in urban areas and 50% in rural areas.

These creatures need help and fast. Hedgehogs need shelter, food, water, mates, connectivity, access and

safety. If you want to feed hedgehogs in your garden only put out water and hedgehog food available from pet shops. Meat flavoured dry cat food can be used as a substitute. If you want to help, look for signs of hedgehog activity (e.g. poo, footprints, nests and torchlight surveys at night). Hedgehog footprints look like hands. Please note and record date, time, location and any observations or evidence. This can then be taken to the Bakery (Sandwiches @ No. 6) where Gill and Emma will make sure Tara receives the data.



## A FOND FAREWELL TO ANNE HINKS

The Reverend Anne Hinks, Assistant Priest at Hampton Church, has departed for pastures new. She has taken a part-time post as priest at Willoughby, a rural community in south Warwickshire.

Anne came to Hampton four years ago to work with the then Vicar, the Reverend Duncan Ballard, and acted as Parish priest after he left for a new ministry in Derbyshire, up until the arrival of the

current incumbent, the Reverend Stuart Dimes, last November. After her leaving service in the church in August, she was showered with gifts by parishioners in appreciation of her work.

She told the Newsletter she had thoroughly enjoyed her time in Hampton and was sad to leave such a vibrant community where she had been made so welcome. "It's a place where people still care for each other and that's good," she said.

## MEET YOUR NEW COUNCILLORS

Following the call made in the last Newsletter for two residents to fill vacancies on the Parish Council we are pleased to announce that Peter Green and Mike Hulme have been co-opted to serve as Parish Councillors until the local elections in May next year.

We are confident that both Peter and Mike will contribute fully to the work of the Council for the benefit of residents.



Peter Green



Mike Hulme

## PLANNING NEWS

- **M42 Motorway Service Area, Catherine-de-Barnes (2015/51409):** It is understood that the Planning Committee will consider both this application and the alternative scheme for a service area at M42 Junction 4 at the same time and that this is likely take place in January 2019.
- **Land of Corbetts Close (the old cricket field) 2018/00989:** This application by local developer Elegant Homes for 26 homes for market sale, six for shared ownership sale and eleven for social rent was unanimously approved by Solihull MBC Planning Committee on 5th September when the design and layout was praised by both members and the planning officer. Despite its best efforts the Parish Council failed to achieve a Local Lettings Plan and fixed equity sale for the shared ownership homes.
- **Continuing Care Retirement Community at Oak Farm Catherine-de-Barnes (2018/00781):** This application for a substantial Continuing Care Retirement Community was refused by Solihull MBC Planning Committee on the 5th October. Both Catney Residents Association and the Parish Council had strongly objected. The Committee considered that a need had not been demonstrated, that the development was too dense and, in any event, 60% of the site is in the Green Belt.
- **New dwelling on land adjoining 8 Belle Vue Terrace (2018/01510):** Following many objections to this inappropriate development on land in the Conservation Area the application has been withdrawn.

## GOODBYE TO OUR BELOVED LIBRARIAN, KAREN

Hampton's long-serving librarian Karen Wilson bade farewell to the village in September when she left to take a job at another of Solihull MBC's branch libraries, Marston Green.

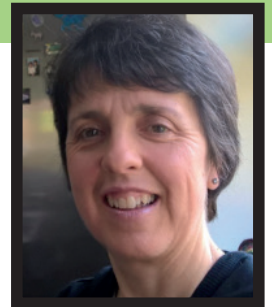
She ran the library in Fentham Road for nearly 20 years and told the Newsletter she had loved doing it. "I thought, though, I needed a change, a new challenge, so I decided to make the move," she said.

Karen said she had witnessed several major changes in working practices during her time at the library, particularly those incorporating new technology such as e-books. Her

greatest pleasure had come from readers she had recommended books to telling her how much they had enjoyed them.

She had also liked working with local volunteers on the various events the library holds to help bring the community together, especially children's activities, and welcoming visiting authors who gave talks.

*We wish Karen well in her future career.*



## OUR LOCAL LIBRARY - UPCOMING EVENTS

**Storytime - 13th/27th November, 11th December, 8th/22nd January, 5th /19th February (1.45pm)**

Join us fortnightly on a Tuesday afternoon for two stories plus a fun craft activity - perfect for under 5s.

**Stories and Painting - 9th / 23rd November, 7th /21st December, 4th /18th January, 1st /15th February (1.45pm)**

Every fortnight we read a story and do some painting to go with it! Suitable for under 5s. Warm water to wash hands is provided, but we recommend wearing clothes that can get messy.

**Knit & Natter - 2nd/16th/30th November, 14th/28th December, 11th/25th January, 8th/ 22nd February (1.30pm to 3pm)**

Bring along any knitting or other crafts you're working on, and have a chat and a hot drink.

**Christmas Crafts - Tuesday 11th December to Friday 21st December**

Drop in any time for some fun Christmas and winter-themed children's crafts on our craft table.

**Readers Group - Held monthly on a Tuesday (10.30am to 11.30am)**

Everyone is welcome. A collection of books for next month is kept at the library.

- November 13th: The Summer Before the War by Helen Simonson
- December 11th: The Mystery of Edwin Drood by Charles Dickens
- January 8th: Book to be chosen

**Coffee Morning - 6th November, 4th December (Christmas Special Coffee Morning!), 8th January, 5th February (10am to 12pm)**

Come along for a warm drink, a snack, and some company. Everybody welcome!

## IS THIS YOUR CHILD'S MOUNTAIN BIKE?

This expensive looking child's mountain bike has been secured to a street sign by the bus shelter near to Belle Vue Terrace since July. The bike had been adorned with a bear wearing a Hi-Vis jacket and toy policeman's helmet (as the photo shows) but the teddy has now mysteriously disappeared!

Unless the bike is claimed by the **end of November** the Parish Council intend to remove it and, in all probability, donate it to a local charity shop.

**If you have any information about the bike's ownership please contact Julie at the Parish Office.**



## TRAFFIC CALMING AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY – AN UPDATE

**The Parish Council held a successful meeting with two officers from Solihull MBC Highways department in October. They have agreed to submit an application to the HS2 Community and Environment Fund on our behalf and we are now finalising what parts of our Traffic Calming plan to focus on.**

Unfortunately we will be unable to fund the entire plan with this money, so it is important to work out which pieces will work together to start slowing down the traffic and which pieces can be added at a later date.

We hope to have the bid submission finalised by mid-November and will let residents know then what we have planned. Keep checking our website for up to date details.

## AIRPORT NEWS

- The airport Masterplan to 2033 is being finalised by the airport company and the Airport Consultative Committee (ACC) expect to review it in November which will include representatives from your Parish Council. We already know that the plan will not have provision for a second runway and we keenly await further details.
- The new night flying policy is now in effect and places limits on the type of aircraft that can operate and the number of aircraft movements that can occur during night-time hours. One particular benefit is that the limits will eliminate the night-time scheduling of Antonov Cargo aircraft.
- Despite some ups and downs in the airline industry, the airport continues to grow and has a number of development

plans currently under consideration including an infill extension of the main terminal building and a new proposed site access for Car Rental from the A45 (0.5km west of Damson Parkway). The airport is still reviewing surface access, particularly for direct access from the proposed HS2 interchange. The Parish Council will provide our input on any plans that arise as and when they become available.

- In addition to the night flying policy the airport has updated its general noise action plan which sets controls and monitors for aircraft noise.
- In August, the Old Elmdon terminal building and control tower (now on the Cargo side of the airfield) was given Grade II listed status by Historic England.

## HIDDEN LIVES REMEMBERED – EXPLORING THE HISTORIES OF PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES IN SOLIHULL

**Solihull Action through Advocacy is running a Heritage Lottery Funded project, Hidden Lives Remembered, exploring and recording the histories of people with learning disabilities in Solihull. Until thirty years ago, many people with learning disabilities lived in long-stay hospitals and residential homes. They often lived on large wards and were treated as patients. In Solihull there used to be several such institutions, including Middlefield Hospital, Hampton Manor Homes, and Sunny Mount, among others.**

They are currently looking for interviewees. If you or someone you know used to live in or work at Middlefield Hospital, Hampton Manor Homes or somewhere similar, or you have recollections of them as a local resident, they would love to talk to you. There are also opportunities to get involved in the project as a volunteer, researching local archives and interviewing people.

You can get in touch on either 0121 706 4696 or at [claire.jackson@solihulladvocacy.org.uk](mailto:claire.jackson@solihulladvocacy.org.uk)

For more information on the project and to see their progress so far, visit [www.hiddenlivesremembered.com](http://www.hiddenlivesremembered.com)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **14th November (7.30pm):** Parish Council Meeting – George Fentham Meeting Room. All welcome to attend
- **9th January (7.30pm):** Parish Council Meeting – George Fentham Meeting Room. All welcome to attend

**PLEASE NOTE: We are currently awaiting a list of Police Surgery dates from November onwards (usually held midweek at Sandwiches @ No. 6). These will be published on our website, our Facebook page and our village notice boards as soon as become available.**

## THANK YOU FOR READING AND WE WILL SPEAK TO YOU AGAIN IN FEBRUARY

*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](http://www.hamptoninarden.org.uk))*