

## Parish News - February 2019

### HELLO AGAIN

**From April 2019 the whole of Catherine-de-Barnes will be part of the Parish. This is the first edition of the Newsletter that is being distributed to our new and improved, larger Parish area – a historic moment! Therefore would like to welcome all our new readers!!**

In this edition of the Newsletter we bring you updates on traffic calming and pedestrian safety, the airport, HS2 and planning as well as important information about Parish Councillor Elections (if you fancy joining the team, now is your chance!). We also bring you news from our local Scout and Guides groups,

upcoming events at our local Library and a 'Save the Date' for the Hampton-in-Arden Festival!

Lastly, there is important information on Streetwatch – which is now up and running! **Read on....**

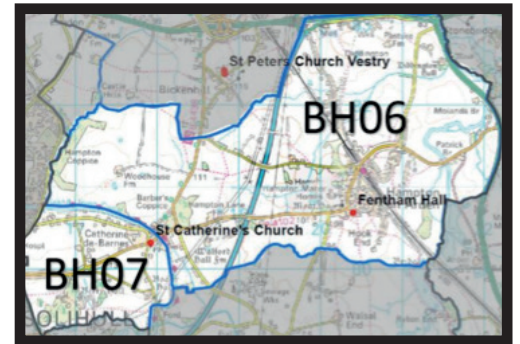


The Village Hall, Catherine-de-Barnes

### WELCOME TO CATHERINE-DE-BARNES – JOINING THE PARISH IN APRIL 2019

**Following a lengthy consultation period with the residents of Hampton-in-Arden and Catherine-de-Barnes, Solihull MBC have now resolved that from April 2019 the area known as Ward BH07 (the unparished area of Catherine-de-Barnes) will form part of the Parish of Hampton-in-Arden. The revised Parish area will be divided into two wards: the Hampton Ward (which will have eight Parish Councillors) and the Catherine-de-Barnes Ward (which will have four Councillors). One of the first jobs the Parish Council will take on will be updating the Hampton-in-Arden Neighbourhood Plan to include the newly parished area into the Plan.**

The Parish Council is looking forward to working with the residents of Catherine-de-Barnes and working to give the community and environment the focus and attention required both now and in the future.



Our new Parish boundary from April 2019

**Catherine-de-Barnes – Fact File:** The name Catherine-de-Barnes derives from Ketelberne, a 12th century Lord of the Manor. Since the 19th century the village has colloquially been known as Catney Barnes (and is often abbreviated to Catney). Within Catherine-de-Barnes there is the Boat Inn, Catherine-de-Barnes Cricket Club (which has been in existence since 1949), the Grand Union Canal (which can be accessed via the narrow passageway between the pub and the adjacent bungalows) and Catherine-de-Barnes Village Hall. There is an active Residents' Association who run village events and have, to date, monitored local planning applications and promoted and protected village life. The Parish Council looks forward to working closely with the Residents Association once the whole of Catherine-de-Barnes becomes part of the Parish in April.

### UPDATE ON HS2

- We are hoping to hear about the location of the Bickenhill Waste Recycling Centre at the next HS2 Implementation Advisory Group in March 2019. We will inform you via the website and Facebook as soon as we know the decision.
- From the end of February, the road from Stonebridge to Coleshill/the Birmingham Business Park will have single lane closures, day and night for up to two years.
- From the end of January 2019, HS2 will begin digging over 400 trenches, on HS2 owned land, around the A452, A45 and M42. This work will continue until summer. The works will be undertaken by LM (Laing O'Rourke and Murphy & Sons Joint Venture) on behalf of HS2. Their working hours will be Monday to Friday, 8am to 5pm, with an hour set-up either side. The works will not disrupt highways, traffic movement or building access in the area. The works schedule is subject to change depending on site conditions, however HS2 keep us informed of any adjustments. For full details, please see the HS2 Archaeological Work Leaflet: <http://hamptoninarden.org.uk/hs2-notice-of-archaeological-works-near-the-a452-a45-and-m42/>
- You can find all the HS2 related highway and planning updated here <http://www.solihull.gov.uk/Portals/0/HS2/HS2-Highways-Notice-Tracker-Sheet.pdf> and <http://www.solihull.gov.uk/Portals/0/HS2/HS2-Planning-Notice-Tracker-Sheet.pdf>

### Hampton-in-Arden Parish Council

## PARISH ELECTIONS

**P**arish Councillors are elected for a four year term which ends with the election of a new Parish Council in May 2019. If you fancy getting more involved in village life and helping towards the maintenance and improvement of our lovely village communities then becoming a Parish Councillor may be for you! If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor please call, or pop in to see, our friendly Parish Clerk (Julie Barnes) to see what is involved. You can stand for a one of eight positions in the Hampton-in-Arden ward or one of four positions in the Catherine-de-Barnes ward.

Nomination papers will be available from Julie in the Parish Office (and will require the signature of two supporters). These must be submitted to Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council between the 27th March to 3rd April 2019.

## PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND TRAFFIC CALMING– AN UPDATE

**W**e were delighted to see so many residents turn up to the meeting held on the 12th December 2018 at Fentham Hall – over 130 people were in attendance. Parish Councillor Ken Blanch presented the proposed Pedestrian Safety and Traffic Calming Plan and provided explanations about the types of traffic calming considered for the village and why certain options had not been taken forward. The question and answer session at the end provided everyone an opportunity to voice their thoughts and concerns and to have their questions answered. Ken Blanch, Mike Blomer (Chair of the Parish Council) and Ward Councillor Bob Sleight were able to address a number of issues raised by members of the audience.

There were a number of suggestions made as to how the plans could be amended/improved including:

- Re-instatement of the centreline road markings along Meriden Road;

- Adding build-outs to the Gateways into the village;
- Providing build-outs on the High Street to replace cushions;
- Providing a pedestrian crossing near the White Lion;
- Limiting the extent of traffic calming to Meriden Road only;
- Providing traffic calming in Fentham Road and Marsh Lane; and,
- Extending the 30mph to the eastside of Patricks Bridge.



We have arranged a meeting with Solihull MBC Highways in February 2019 to discuss the suggestions above, to review the proposals and see if any changes or improvements can be made to both the interim and final plans.

**We will update you on progress in following newsletters and on our website– watch this space!**

## CONSERVATION GROUP – WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP OUT?

**C**onservation Group meetings have occurred regularly over the past year with work including the monitoring of our growing orchid population and wildflower species in general. The frog program has progressed to the point where the population of these amphibians is self-sustaining and this year several thousand tadpoles were transferred to our local ponds.

The Conservation Group will continue to work during 2019 with meetings on the following dates (meeting at the Recreation Ground car park at 9.30am): 7th February, 21st February, 7th March, 21st March, 5th September, 19th September, 3rd October, 17th October, 31st October, 14th November, 28th November and 12th December.

Any new volunteers would be warmly welcomed as man (or woman) power is at a low level and the group only really have just six active members. For more information please contact Dave Grimshaw on 01675 442680.



**The Wildlife Pond by the Spinney**

## PLANNING NEWS

- **Motorway Service Areas (MSAs):** Both the applications for MSAs - in Catherine-de-Barnes (Application 2015/51408) and at Junction 4 of the M42 (Application 2106/02754) - are due to be considered by the Solihull MBC Planning Committee on Wednesday 27th March (in the Civic Suite commencing 6.00pm). The Parish Council has objected to the application for an MSA at Catherine-de-Barnes and we are still in discussion with our Ward Councillors to see what else, if anything, can be done to prevent development at this location. We will inform you of the outcome of the meeting in March via the Parish Council website and Facebook so keep your eyes peeled.
- **Application 2018/03165 – Fentham Cottage:** An application for change of use from residential to a dental surgery on the ground floor at Fentham Cottage. The Parish Council wrote in general support of the application but expressed some concerns relating to potential parking issues.
- **Application 2018/02959:** Land at The Dell, Catherine-de-Barnes: The Parish Council has objected to this application on the grounds that the land was situated in the Green Belt and to the design of the dwelling being out of character and not in keeping with the existing street scene.

## NEWS FROM 1ST HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN SCOUTS

**O**ur new Scout section started up in September, so we can now provide Scouting to boys and girls aged 5 ¾ to 14 years old. Scouts learn invaluable life skills whilst having a lot of fun. Along with the camping and backyard cooking, they get the chance to participate in County wide activities such as Operation Chameleon (a massive game of hide and seek played out across the Forest of Dean). We also arrange fun trips such as the upcoming Indoor Skydiving and bouldering.

If this sounds like fun, why not send your child along or volunteer yourself? We are always on the lookout for adult volunteers, no previous experience in Scouting is necessary. Please contact [GSL@1sthamptonscouts.org.uk](mailto:GSL@1sthamptonscouts.org.uk).

## HAMPTON FESTIVAL – SAVE THE DATE

**T**he date of this year's festival will be weekend of 29th June! This is to coincide with the tennis finals also taking place that weekend. *More details to follow!*

## OUR LOCAL LIBRARY - UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Learn My Way – 12th / 26th February, 12th / 26th March, 9th / 23rd April (3.30pm to 4.30pm)**  
Are you looking to learn the basics of how to use a computer and the internet? In our fortnightly sessions, we will help you get into the Learn My Way website that teaches you computer skills at your own pace.
- **Storytime – 5th /19th February, 5th / 19th March, 2nd /16th / 30th April (1.45pm)**  
Join us fortnightly on a Tuesday afternoon for two stories plus a fun craft activity - perfect for under 5s.
- **Stories and Painting - 1st /15th February, 1st / 15th /29th March, 12th /26th April (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.
- **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.
  - February 12th: The works of Sophie Hannah;
  - March 11th: *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shafer and Annie Barrows
  - April 8th: *I Invited Her In* by Adele Parks
- **Coffee Morning – 5th February, 5th March, 2nd April (10am to 12pm)**  
Come along for a warm drink, a snack, and some company. Everybody welcome!

## GOOD NEWS.... STREETWATCH IS NOW UP AND RUNNING!

**W**e are pleased to advise that Streetwatch is now up and running in Hampton-in-Arden with nearly 20 "Streetwatchers" already signed up! Keep an eye out for them patrolling the streets and pavements near you in their high-vis jackets. Evidence shows that this national police initiative is an active deterrent in reducing not only crime but also anti-social behaviour (including littering and dog fouling).

Streetwatch will work closely with our existing Neighbourhood Watch volunteers in order to provide the police with local intelligence. There is also a regional web portal that allows all registered Streetwatchers to log any activity and intelligence

which can then be reviewed and acted on by the police.

Although the numbers already signed up is a great start, the group would encourage as many residents as possible to sign up – particularly if we are to cover the whole village and at different times of the day and night. Any resident who is interested in getting involved should e-mail their contact details to Julie Barnes ([clerk@hamptoninarden.org.uk](mailto:clerk@hamptoninarden.org.uk)) and she will make the necessary arrangements with the police to get you signed up.



## NEWS FROM HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN RAINBOWS, BROWNIES AND GUIDES

**T**he Guiding groups in Hampton-in-Arden continue to provide an active and interesting programme for the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. A summary of what they have been up to is given below:

- **Rainbows:** They have all taken part in the newly launched Girlguiding Programme, gaining a Skills Builder Badge in Communication as well as their Artist Badge. The Rainbows enjoyed trips out in the summer term including walks in the woods, picnics at Baddersley Clinton and swimming with their friends.
- **Brownies:** They have had lots of fun with trips out in the summer, the highlight being the visit to London to see the Trooping of the Colour, when we were lucky enough to win Guiding tickets for the event. The Brownies also explored outside to gain their Wildlife Explorer Badge, they cooked cakes for the Fentham Club Coffee Morning as well as making puppets and performing plays.
- **Guides:** The Guide unit joined the Brownies on their trip to London, taking lots of photos of royalty as their carriages came past us. The Guides have worked hard gaining lots of badges and have been developing new skills as part of the new Guiding Programme. The Guides spend time together in their patrols discussing and developing their ideas.



## SANTA'S VISIT TO HAMPTON – A THANK YOU!

**T**he Santa Run in Hampton raised £450 for charity, slightly more than the previous year. The event was organised, as usual, by Meriden Rotary Club and Santa's motorised sleigh, gaily decorated and accompanied by a team of volunteer collectors knocking on doors, toured village roads on two evenings just before Christmas, bringing seasonal cheer to residents.

The proceeds have been donated to Marie Curie and other good causes. Rotarian Geoff Arthur told the Newsletter: *"The club would like to thank the people of Hampton for their generosity in supporting our chosen charities. It is much appreciated."*

## VILLAGE PARKING – A REQUEST

**R**esidents will be aware that a number of village roads have problems with both illegal and inappropriate parking. Road safety issues have very recently been discussed in relation to traffic calming, and parking problems have been a part of those discussions. In particular the following problem areas have been identified:

- **Parking close to traffic islands:** For example, close to the station, where longer vehicles may have to pass the island on the wrong side of the road.
- **Parking on disabled spaces:** These are for blue badge holders only!
- **Parking on 'keep clear' markings:** The signs are there for a

reason! For example the markings at the top of the High Street allow longer vehicles to safely negotiate the sharp bend.

- **Parking close to junctions:** For example, at the top of Marsh Lane. Turning vehicles off the High Street cannot enter Marsh Lane, causing delays.
- **Parking on footways:** This blocks the footways to pedestrians (particularly those with prams or mobility scooters) and can force them into the road to pass the parked vehicle.

We ask that if you are going to park your vehicle on village roads then please think before you park and respect all other road users, not just motorists, but cyclists and pedestrians as well.

## AIRPORT NEWS

- The consultation phase on the Airport Masterplan to 2033 finished at the end of January and we await to hear the outcome of this process. The passenger forecasts increase from currently 13 million per year to between 18 and 24 million by 2033. No new runways are being considered but the Plan does include terminal extensions, apron extensions, new parking and connectivity to the new HS2 interchange station. The Parish Council has responded to the consultation on behalf of residents.
- A terminal in-fill extension project has been approved by Solihull planning. This will infill an existing gap in the terminal structure mostly on the northern air-side in order to offer an improved passenger experience.
- Change proposals to the Runway 33 flight routes (northerly take-off) continue although these have negligible effect in our Parish. Requests for it to be called-in by the Secretary of State have been considered and declined by the Department of Transport and the proposals now await determination by the Civil Aviation Authority."



## GOVERNOR VACANCY

**T**he George Fentham Trust are looking to appoint a new Foundation Governor at George Fentham School from September 2019 - ideally someone with a finance or accountancy background. The role is voluntary, for a term of 4 years and will involve attending approximately 12 Governor's meetings each year, and helping with the

**strategic direction of the School.**

Anyone interested in applying should contact Julie Richardson, Clerk to the Trustees (tel: 01675 443850, e-mail: [clerk@georgefenthamtrust.org.uk](mailto:clerk@georgefenthamtrust.org.uk))



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **7th / 21st February (9.30am):** Conservation Group Meeting – Recreation Ground car park.
- **15th February (11.30am to 12.30pm):** Police Surgery – Sandwiches @ No.6.
- **7th /21st March (9.30am):** Conservation Group Meeting – Recreation Ground car park.
- **13th March (7.30pm):** Parish Council Meeting – George Fentham Meeting Room. All welcome to attend
- **15th March (11.30am to 12.30pm):** Police Surgery – Sandwiches @ No.6.
- **16th April (7.30pm):** Parish Council Annual Meeting – Fentham Hall. Join us for a glass of wine (from 7.30pm) with a presentation on the work we have completed over the last year (beginning at 8pm).
- **18th April (11.30am to 12.30pm):** Police Surgery – Sandwiches @ No.6.

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