

## Parish News - November 2023

### HELLO AGAIN

**W**elcome to the November edition of your Parish Council Newsletter! With Christmas fast approaching we have details of some festive events to pop in your diaries as well as important information about road closures on Remembrance Sunday.

#### A FEW NOTICES:

● **STREET LAMPS:** If residents notice any street lamps that are out/not working and/or are covered by overhanging vegetation please call or email our Parish Clerk, Julie, with the streetlight number (which can be found on the lamp-post) and the street name. We will then ensure the issue is reported

and dealt with by Solihull MBC. Julie can be contacted on 01675 442017 or at [clerk@hamptoninarden.org.uk](mailto:clerk@hamptoninarden.org.uk)

● **DOG FOULING:** Dog fouling bins are provided for your use (along with bags should you have run out of them on your walk or forgotten them at home). The Parish Council have arranged for these bins to be emptied twice weekly. Please make use of them. Thank you.

● **HEDGEROW CUTTING:** Please can we remind residents to trim any hedgerows or vegetation that overhangs onto public rights of way or footpaths (particularly along the High Street where footpaths are particularly narrow). Of course, please ensure that you are able to do this safely!

### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - SERVICE AND ROAD CLOSURE ON 12TH NOVEMBER 2023

**T**his year's Remembrance Day service and procession will be on Sunday 12th November 2023 and as long as the weather is not too wet, with the full service held around the war memorial.

The parade down High Street to the war memorial will assemble by the lychgate outside the church at 10.15 am. The congregation, already gathered, is asked to stand on the Engine Mews side of the Memorial to enable those taking part in the parade to gather on the Shadowbrook Lane side. The service is expected to last around 40 minutes and the Parish Council has arranged for an outdoor public address system so that everyone present can hear and participate in the service.

**Should the weather be extremely wet or windy, the service will move to the church.**

Residents should note that the High Street, Meriden Road and roads around the war memorial will be closed to through traffic from 10 am until 12 noon.

**It should be noted that due to the current closure of Catherine-de-Barnes Lane there will be no access along Shadowbrook Lane (including access to / from the Sports Club and Hampton Manor) between these times.**

**\*\*No access will be permitted down Shadowbrook Lane from the village side between 10am and 12 noon\*\***

Please advise any friends and relatives who may be visiting of these temporary closures and can we please request that everyone respects the solemnity of the occasion and refrains from travelling through the village during these times.

Marshalls will be deployed to control traffic on the day. If any residents would like to help and wear a high viz jacket then please contact Julie our Parish Clerk.

### CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS SWITCH ON EVENT – 1ST DECEMBER

Following the previous success of our Christmas Tree Lights Switch On Event we are holding it again this year!

**On Friday 1st December, Santa and his sleigh will be at the Village Green (next to the war memorial) from 5:30pm, ready for the official lights switch on at 6pm.**

- The Corner Shop are kindly providing free mince pies for everyone!
- The Church choir are singing carols in the lead up.
- Central Fast Response will be supporting the event.

### POLICE SURGERY UPDATE

**A** Police Surgery was recently held on the 1st November at Sandwiches at No.6. PCSO Clare Johnson and Sergeant Paula McDowell were in attendance. As residents will be aware, this is the first surgery in a long time. Without support, then the police will need to use their resources elsewhere so it is important people support this initiative.

**We will let you know of any future Police Surgery dates - please come along if you can!**

*Hampton-in-Arden Parish Council*

## PLANNING NEWS

- **Battery Storage Energy Facility -Henwood Lane, Catherine de Barnes (PL 2023/01954/PPFL):** Members of the Planning Sub Committee met with Councillor Bob Sleigh on 3rd October to discuss the above planning application in the Green Belt and its impact on the local environment. The Catherine-de-Barnes Residents Association (RA) undertook an online survey with members with a result to date over 99% of the responders opposed to the application. The Parish Council in conjunction with the RA will be submitting a response before the end of the month. The response will be available to view on the Planning section of our website.
- **New residential dwellings on land at the rear of 86 Meriden Road (PL2022/01660/PPRM):** Members of the Planning Sub Committee met with representatives of the developer and the promoter of the site to discuss the updated application. Amendments to the layout of the site has resulted in the number of dwellings being reduced to 96 (from a maximum of 110). Following these discussions the PC removed its objection to the original application. Again details are able to be viewed on the Planning section on our website.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW UPDATE

**F**ollowing discussion with Solihull MBC the working group have decided to update the draft Neighbourhood Plan document to include the relevant responses received from the consultation held earlier this year. The group met at the end of October to discuss the amended document and decide on next steps.

You will recall the review process has been delayed as a result of the delayed adoption of the latest Solihull Local Plan which has been held up pending changes that are expected in the National Planning Policy Framework document which are expected towards the end of the year. **We will keep you posted on our progress!**

## HS2 UPDATE

**The recent cancelling of the northern leg will have no effect on the work in our area.**

Furthermore, despite our best efforts we still have no update on Diddington Lane. If this road remains open, as seems likely, traffic calming (including a gateway) will be included as part of the works.

## TRAFFIC CALMING AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

- Traffic calming works close to the car park entrance to the station (in the form of a new informal crossing at the existing pedestrian refuge island on Meriden Road) will be carried out later this year together with other minor work.
- The designs for average speed camera installation are currently underway for Hampton-in-Arden. These cameras should be installed later this financial year. Two zones will be covered, the High Street and Meriden Road.
- Traffic calming measures in Catherine-de-Barnes are awaiting approval from National Highways under their designated fund scheme.

## GOVERNOR VACANCY – GEORGE FENTHAM ENDOWED SCHOOL

**T**he George Fentham Endowed School is an Ofsted outstanding single form entry primary school within the village of Hampton-in-Arden. The George Fentham Trust is looking to appoint a new foundation Governor to serve a 4 year term. As a governor you will be a volunteer who makes a vital contribution to the success of the school.

School governors have three main roles:

**1. Governors ensure clarity of vision, ethos, and strategic direction.**

The governing body helps to set long-term plans for the school, decide where improvements need to be made and how to make them.

**2. Governors hold the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and the effective and efficient performance management of staff.**

The governing body looks at the quality of education being offered and ensures the head is doing everything possible to improve results.

**3. Governors oversee the financial performance of the school and make sure its money is well spent.**

Governors examine budgets and spending proposals to monitor whether the school is getting value for money and ensure the money is spent in the right areas.

Full training is available and governors are encouraged to attend regular training sessions, either in person or online.

We are looking for someone who can attend approximately three full governing body meetings per year as well as at least a further three sub-committee meetings per year. Governors also spend time in school during the day (around two visits per term).

Applicants must be 18 or over to apply and all governors must have Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks.

**If you would like to find out more, please email Claire Hawkes, the Clerk to Governors, at [chawkes@solgrid.org.uk](mailto:chawkes@solgrid.org.uk)**

## NEWS FROM CATHERINE-DE-BARNES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

- **Village Hall Play Area:** The annual safety inspection has been arranged and will be undertaken within the next 8 weeks.
- **Butty Breakfast - Saturday 17th February 2024:** Members of the Catherine-de-Barnes Residents Association are welcome to join us for a complimentary bacon/sausage butty served with tea/coffee. To be held at Catherine-de-Barnes Village Hall until 12 noon. **Non-members are welcome too for a donation of £3 per head (or £5 per couple) which also entitles you to membership of the RA for 2024.**

## CATNEY CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR – A DATE FOR YOU DIARY!

**The Catney Christmas Craft Fair will be held at Catherine-de-Barnes Village Hall (B91 2TJ) on Saturday November 25th between 11am and 3pm.**

There will be local craft including plenty of quality handmade items such as Christmas gifts and decorations, toys, handmade sewn, knitted and crocheted items, hand thrown pottery jugs bowls tea-lights, stained and fused glass, boxed pictures, handmade soaps and cosmetics, dog accessories, hand decorated bags and purses, scented candles and homemade preserves. **Plenty of choice Christmas gifts!**

**The event raises funds for the Village Hall. Please bring cash. Tea/coffee and homemade cakes will also be available.**

## NEWS FROM THE GEORGE FENTHAM TRUST

- Over the last few months, we have awarded over **30 grants** to young adults in the village who are undertaking further education. These grants are intended to cover some of the expenses incurred in pursuing their courses and in return the students do some voluntary work for the Trust.

- The wildflower meadow was planted with annual seeds quite late in the Spring and produced a wonderful display over the last couple of months. **In the next few weeks the flowers will be cut back and cleared away and new seeds will be sown next year.** We are also planning to commence work in December on the Community Orchard which will be near the allotments.

- The Trust was established to support the residents of Hampton-in-Arden village. The Trust may be able to provide financial and/or practical support to any village resident who finds themselves in hardship. Applications for assistance must be made in writing and sent to the Clerk either by post to George Fentham Meeting Room, Marsh Lane, Hampton-in-Arden, Solihull B92 0AH or by email [clerk@georgfenthamtrust.org.uk](mailto:clerk@georgfenthamtrust.org.uk)



## HAMPTON CONSERVATION GROUP – WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET INVOLVED?!

**T**he Hampton Conservation Group works to maintain the Spinney and other designated items/areas. The team of volunteers work on many tasks, for instance, keeping paths clear, management of bird boxes, growing and planting wild-flowers, fence management, to halting the growth of brambles!

**The group very much welcome new volunteers.**

Follow their activity on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/HamptonConservationGroup>



## BASKETBALL COURT – WE NEED YOUR VIEWS!

**T**he Parish Council has been looking into options for older children in the village and is considering the installation of a basketball court at the Recreational Ground.

If this is something that residents would like to see put in place the Parish Council will begin to investigate possible funding options (e.g. grants and/or funding schemes).

**We want to know your thoughts! Would a basketball provision at the Sports Ground be welcomed by you?! We want to engage with our residents to see whether this is something the Parish Council should invest more time in - we welcome your views!**

Please do get in touch with our Clerk with your feedback ([clerk@hamptoninarden.org.uk](mailto:clerk@hamptoninarden.org.uk))

## SKANSKA OPEN MORNING

**W**e would like residents to be aware that on the first Wednesday of every month at 11am, SKANSKA holds an open morning for residents to raise any queries or concerns to do with the M42 Junction 6 / Solihull Road / Junction 5a works. This event is held at Sandwiches @ No. 6.

Please do attend if you have any thing you wish to raise with SKANSKA.

## HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN SOCIETY AGM AND TALK FROM GAIL AND BOB SLEIGH - THURSDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2023

The Society will be holding its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 9th November at 7.30pm at Fentham Hall.

**Our chair Vicky Woodall will be standing down this year, and we are currently looking for a new chair.** If you are interested in protecting the features and character of the village, in representing the residents' views to statutory bodies and relevant organisations then please do come along to find out more about what we do.

The AGM will be followed by a talk from Gail and Bob Sleigh. This will be a great opportunity for the village to learn about her responsibilities and how they have and will impact the village. We will also learn about Bob's ongoing responsibilities and will be a opportunity for the village to put any questions or concerns to them.

Wine and soft drinks will be available for purchase. Any questions please contact [chair@hamptoninardensociety.org](mailto:chair@hamptoninardensociety.org)

## HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN LIBRARY

**Don't forget to come and visit the Library. We are open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays between 2pm - 5pm. As part of offering a warm welcome to everybody who comes through our door, Hampton Library are providing both warm and cold drinks to library customers. There is no charge for this, but donations are welcome if you wish.**

For the latest updates on what is going on at the Library please see:

[www.solihull.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.solihull.gov.uk/libraries) and [www.facebook.com/hamptoninardenlibrary](https://www.facebook.com/hamptoninardenlibrary)

## CLUBS SECTION - WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH!

- **The Hampton Probus Club** - Contact [peter.j.green@live.co.uk](mailto:peter.j.green@live.co.uk)
- **The Local History Group** - Contact [info@hamptoninardenhistory.org](mailto:info@hamptoninardenhistory.org)
- **Scale Model Club** - Contact Alexander Clayson - [a-clayson@hotmail.com](mailto:a-clayson@hotmail.com)
- **Hampton-in-Arden Gardening Club** - Contact David Bixby - [davidbixby59@gmail.com](mailto:davidbixby59@gmail.com)
- **The Hampton Beekeeping Group** - Contact Sarah Rickard - [sarahmrickard@icloud.com](mailto:sarahmrickard@icloud.com)
- **Hampton Badminton Club** - Contact Mary Daymond - [randmdaymond@hotmail.com](mailto:randmdaymond@hotmail.com)
- **The Conservation Group** - Contact Alan Seal - [alanseal@hotmail.com](mailto:alanseal@hotmail.com)
- **The Hampton Health & Fitness Club** - Contact Gareth Thomas - [gareth@thehampton.co.uk](mailto:gareth@thehampton.co.uk)
- **Hampton Rainbows, Brownies, and Guides** - Contact Fiona Bubb - [fiona@bubb.net](mailto:fiona@bubb.net)
- **Catney Craft Club** - Contact Lesley Cuthbert - [cuthbertlm@me.com](mailto:cuthbertlm@me.com)
- **The Hampton Singers** - Contact [www.hamptonsingers.org](http://www.hamptonsingers.org)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **6th November:** Catherine-de-Barnes Residents Association (RA) Committee Meeting
- **8th November:** Parish Council Meeting
- **18th November:** Hampton Wombles Litter Pick (meet at 11am in White Lion car park)
- **4th December:** Catherine-de-Barnes RA Committee Meeting
- **9th December:** Hampton Wombles Litter Pick (meet at 11am in White Lion car park)
- **3rd January:** Parish Council Meeting
- **8th January:** Catherine-de-Barnes RA Committee Meeting
- **13th January:** Hampton Wombles Litter Pick (meet at 11am in White Lion car park)
- **Parish Council Meetings:** Take place at 7.30pm. The public are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- **Residents Association Committee Meetings:** Any changes to the date will be notified on social media /and our website. Meetings take place at 7.30pm. Any resident wishing to raise an issue with the Committee can do so, at least 48 hours before the meeting, by contacting [secretary@catney.co.uk](mailto:secretary@catney.co.uk). Any items of importance discussed at the meetings or decisions made, are communicated to members via Catney News, which is distributed to members only.

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

**Don't forget to check out our website([www.hamptoninarden.org.uk](http://www.hamptoninarden.org.uk)) and Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/pg/HamptonInArdenParishCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/pg/HamptonInArdenParishCouncil)) for up to date information between Newsletters.**