

# CATNEY NEWS

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## **NEWS FROM YOUR RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

### **Village Tidy Up Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

Due to the current coronavirus situation it has been decided to postpone this event until later in the year.

### **From the Committee of the Residents Association**

We ask all residents to follow the information and guidelines provided by the Government throughout these difficult times. Where you know of particularly elderly and vulnerable residents please ensure they have what they need and make verbal/telephone contact with them to try and avoid the extra risk of the feeling of loneliness during any period of isolation.

If any resident is in need of assistance/help at any time please leave a message on 07768 502039 advising the degree of urgency and we will see what we can do to help.

Stay safe!

### **Village Hall**

The Village Hall is closed for all activities until further notice. Bookings for later in the year are still in place but will be reviewed on a regular basis.

### **Planning**

#### **2019/01215 Care Village**

As most of you will know the Care Village appeal was dismissed in February and we were waiting to hear whether the appellant would take any further action. We now understand that this is now highly unlikely and the potential development is now dead. The site, as you all know, is likely to feature in the next Solihull Local Plan for potential development of 80 houses. The Plan should be issued for consultation later in the year.

#### **2019/01702 Change of use to burial ground- Woodhouse Farm**

The application has been withdrawn but is likely to re appear in some shape or form later in the year.

#### **2019/03108 Change of use to HGV transport yard – Woodhouse Farm**

This is still outstanding with no decision confirmed as yet

## **CATNEY CRAFT GROUP AND BOOK SWAP**

It is with regret that due to the current situation with the COVID 19 virus the **Craft Group** and **Book Swap** will be suspended until further notice. We appreciate your patience and understanding with this decision. In the meantime please stay safe.

Lesley Cuthbert

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## **FUTURE SERVICES AT ST. MARY AND ST. BARTHOLOMEW CHURCH, HAMPTON IN ARDEN**

We are really sorry, but all church services have been cancelled for the immediate future because of COVID 19. Hampton, Bickenhill and Barston churches along with all other churches are closed until further notice.

However you can keep in contact with the church by checking the Hampton website.

Please take a look at the church website

[www.hamptoninardenchurch.org.uk](http://www.hamptoninardenchurch.org.uk) where you will find up to date COVID 19 information from the Diocese, prayers you can say, and links to online church services.

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## **CATNEY'S BESPOKE DOG AND PET CARE SERVICES**

**The friendly dog & pet lover services**

**Individual Dog Walking: £10 for 1 hour**

**Group Dog Walking: £8 for 1 hour**

**Visits: £8 for 30 minute**

**Feeding Family Pets (Inc. Rabbits, Hamsters,  
Guinea Pigs, Cats etc.): £8 for one daily visit or  
£10 for 2 daily visits**

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"Keep your faith in all beautiful things; in the sun when it is hidden, in the Spring when it is gone."

- Roy R. Gilson

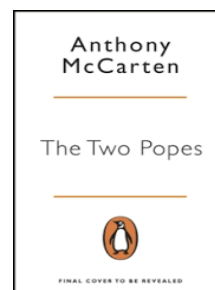


# BOOK REVIEW

## THE TWO POPES

An exploration by Anthony McCarten

A Book Review by John Alderson



I was drawn to this book by reading about the film, which I have not seen, but as a Non-Catholic I was interested in the discussion surrounding the “retirement” of Pope Benedict XVI in 2012 and the election of a “second” Pope, Francis. Two representatives of St Peter on the earth at the same time.....How does that work? I believe the film depicts the two Popes discussing the issues together, but the book doesn't do that. Mr. McCarten explores the election of the last three Popes with particular reference to the relationship between Benedict and Francis before and after each was elected in 2005 and 2013. Neither of these two men really wanted to be Pope; in fact they asked their peers not to elect them. McCarten then explores the background of each of them in a comparative form to show how their differences, particularly on religious theory, develop. These are clearly two very different people; Benedict, a staunch conservative, traditionalist and opposed to change or modernisation of the Church and more than content with the ostentatious trappings which historically have always gone with the office. Francis, on the other hand, a Jesuit, the first to be made Pope, is very much a man of the people, shunning the trappings of office and advocating more liberal thinking for the Church. I found this an extremely interesting book with lots of personal information about each man. It's not for me to come to any conclusions of course, but two Popes at the same time? I leave that with anyone who chooses to read the book.

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### A bit of humour for depressing times

“A cement mixer has collided with a prison van. Motorists are asked to look out for 16 hardened criminals.”

**Ronnie Corbett**, from *The Two Ronnies: The Complete Collection*

“I needed a password eight characters long so I picked Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.”

**Nick Helm**, at the Edinburgh Fringe 2011

“About a month before he died, my grandfather covered his back full of lard. After that he went downhill very quickly.”

**Milton Jones**, during a live stand-up show

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# STAY SAFE EVERYONE AND BE AWARE

## *Message Sent By*

Jayne Turner (Police Staff, Partnerships Engagement Officer, Solihull)

The news channels, social media and conversations are dominated by Coronavirus so we are using this WMNow message to provide some crime prevention tips specific to the outbreak of this virus.

Times like these can bring out the best and worst in people. While some will be looking out for vulnerable relatives and friends we also know a small minority will be looking to profit from worry and concerns.

Action Fraud has received multiple reports about fraud linked to Coronavirus. We are therefore asking you to share some crime prevention advice with loved ones to ensure they aren't tricked by fraudsters taking advantage of people's worries.

In recent weeks they've seen reports about coronavirus-themed phishing emails attempting to trick people into opening malicious attachments or revealing sensitive personal and financial information.

One tactic used by fraudsters is to contact potential victims over email claiming to be able to provide a list of coronavirus infected people in their area. In order to access this information, the victim needs to click on a link, which leads to a malicious website, or is asked to make a payment in Bitcoin.

People have also made purchases and paid money from online sellers that have never arrived.

The number of these reports are expected to rise as the virus continues to spread across the world.

Please share the below crime prevention advice with friends and family members so fraudsters cannot profit during this time.

Don't click on links or attachments in suspicious emails

Do not respond to unsolicited messages asking for personal/financial information

Install latest software and updates on devices

If you are looking at making purchases on sites you don't know or trust then make sure you do research of the company first before making the purchase, ask family and friends for advice

If you do decide to make payment use a credit card as the majority of credit card providers insure purchases made online

Keep in contact with your loved ones, especially if elderly or more vulnerable and make sure they are safe and comfortable We are also aware of hate crime cases of a racially aggravated nature involving abuse connected to Coronavirus. We are also aware that there may be incidents that are not being reported to us.

We take all reports of hate crime seriously and, in order to respond to this, we need to know about it. If you feel you have been targeted please contact us via Live Chat

at [west-midlands.police.uk](http://west-midlands.police.uk) between 8am and midnight, call 101 anytime and in an emergency remember to use 999.

Finally we know that with an ever changing picture of the spread of Coronavirus you have concerns or questions and will be looking for the latest information. We recommend that you visit the <http://NHS> website or <http://Gov.uk> for the latest detailed advice and guidance on the response to Coronavirus.

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Frances saw this on the internet somewhere and thought it was great advice. For many of us there are also numerous unfinished sewing and craft projects to complete!

*As an active 70+ year old, having to spend 3 months in Self Isolation, could be devastating. However, I believe this is a unique opportunity to develop and sort out my priorities. If outdoor exercise is curtailed it's important to keep fit. I do simple things like deep breathing exercises and stretching as a good start point. Then I do 6 minute running on the spot each hour to increase my heart rate. I also stand up when the adverts are on the TV, and read standing up too. I've reduced my food intake by 50% and increased plant-based foods and cut down on meat. I have increased fluids and stopped drinking alcohol! No need to panic buy! It is important to keep up appearances, so no lounging around in pyjamas all day, I have a routine. I'm hand writing my memoirs, so my heirs will have something personal of mine to keep. Photographs are being sorted and information about them written on the back. I'm keeping in contact with all the people I know, not through social media, but by phone and letter. I'm sorting out all the "rubbish" I have accumulated, so that my heirs have less to do if unfortunately, I don't make it through. I have written a will! I've developed a plan to survive, and will keep a diary of what I am doing day to day. Embrace this new regime and use the time positively, and don't forget to wash your hands! See you in June!*

"The sun was warm but the wind was chill.

You know how it is with an April day.

When the sun is out and the wind is still,  
You're one month on in the middle of May.

But if you so much as dare to speak,  
a cloud come over the sunlit arch,  
And wind comes off a frozen peak,

And you're two months back in the middle of March."

- Robert Frost, *Two Tramps in Mud Time*, 1926

## Momma's Easy No Yeast Dinner Rolls:

**Cook time:** 1 Hr **Prep time:** 20 Min **Serves:** 5

### Ingredients

1 cup flour  
1 tsp baking powder  
1 tsp of salt  
1/2 cup milk  
2 tablespoons mayo



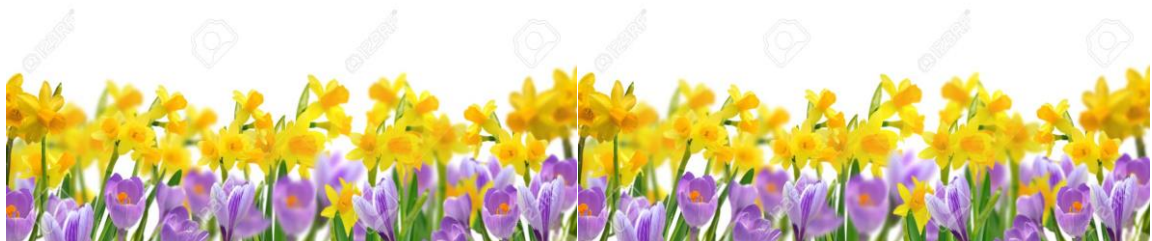
### Directions

1. Combine all ingredients, spoon in to a greased muffin pan, makes approx. (5) rolls.
2. Cook in a preheated 350 degree oven for 15 minutes

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"If your purse no longer bulges  
and you've lost your golden treasure,  
If times you think you're lonely  
and have hungry grown for pleasure,  
Don't sit by your hearth and grumble,  
don't let mind and spirit harden.  
If it's thrills of joy you wish for  
get to work and plant a garden!

If it's drama that you sigh for,  
plant a garden and you'll get it  
You will know the thrill of battle  
fighting foes that will beset it  
If you long for entertainment and  
for pageantry most glowing,  
Plant a garden and this summer spend  
your time with green things growing."  
- Edgar Guest, *Plant a Garden*





# Shakshuka

Shakshuka is an easy-to-make, healthy dish that can fit any meal of the day, though it's popular at breakfast. In this version, we suggest not adding eggs to the red sauce right away, as that red sauce can be saved and used for other dishes.

Time:

**35 minutes**

Yield:

**6 servings**

## Ingredients

- 1 yellow onion (chopped)
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 red bell pepper (chopped)
- ¼ tsp salt
- 1 28 oz. can plum tomatoes
- 3 garlic cloves (chopped)
- ¼ tsp red pepper flakes
- ½ tsp smoked paprika
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- Eggs



## Directions

1. Warm the oil in a large, oven-safe skillet (preferably stainless steel) over medium heat. Also pre-heat oven to 375-degrees Fahrenheit
2. Add onion, bell pepper, and salt. Stir often, until onions are tender, about 5 minutes.
3. Add garlic, spices, and red pepper flakes. Stir until nice and fragrant, about 2 minutes.
4. Pour in plum tomatoes and let the mixture simmer for 5 minutes, breaking apart plum tomatoes with a spoon. Add salt and pepper to taste.
5. Crack 5-6 eggs onto the top of the red sauce.
6. Transfer skillet to the oven and bake for 8 to 12 minutes, checking often. It's done when the egg whites are an opaque white and the yolks have risen a bit but are still soft

A batch of shakshuka red sauce can be used for the traditional dish *and also* be saved for use on pasta. It'll be spicier than your nonna's spaghetti, but after days of being cooped up at home, we bet the extra kick will be appreciated.

# Residents Association AGM 2020 Report

We were delighted to see 47 people at the AGM on February 26<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, Bob Sleigh was unable to attend this year.

Dave Cuthbert gave the annual chairman's report. Planning applications and other development issues, including a proposed Oak Farm Care Village, a burial ground and HGV transport operation at Woodhouse Farm, the M42 Jct 6 improvement scheme, the MSA options and possible housing sites in the Neighbourhood Plan have kept the committee very busy this year researching the facts, asking for your views and representing the village at numerous meetings.

With and through our Parish Councillors we have direct contact with the SMBC Neighbourhood Team SMBC and have continual dialogue re potholes, lighting, road and pavement sweeping etc. We urge all residents to notify the Clerk at Hampton PC of issues requiring attention.

The Association continues to have a seat at the ACC and on the **Airport's** Community Trust Fund which distributes up to £90k per year to community projects. In August last year we participated in a working group to review daytime noise level, currently 90dBa. The Airport Company agreed, after some discussion, to monitor daytime noise levels for 12 months from 86dBa to 90 dBa.

Annette Scott has taken on the role of **Treasurer** and reported that the income from membership subscriptions and donations has been maintained. 172 Households joined last year out of approximately 400 households in the village. We have a healthy balance of £9,065.03 in our account. The Fete fund will be transferred to the RA account funds in the next couple of months. This money will be held for major funding or support for the upkeep and renovation of the village hall.

Lesley Cuthbert reported on **Social Activities**. We held two Butty Breakfasts and a Quiz evening, all of which were well attended. In November we had a coffee morning and Solihull Council's Community Officer, Liz Hopkins, was in attendance to exchange ideas with us. In December we held a cheese and wine event to say thank you to the Residents who tirelessly work voluntarily on a regular basis. We also supported the Carol Singing, the Christmas Eve Crib service and the Remembrance Service when the Hall reverts back to a Church. The Craft Group which meets on Wednesday afternoons is still going strong and raised a healthy £700 at the Christmas Craft Fayre for the Village Hall Trustees.

Gareth Thomas, a trustee, reported on the **Village Hall**. We now have a toilet suitable for disabled users and new double-glazed windows in the kitchen. Lettings and donations bring in enough to cover the running costs but funds need to be raised for major improvements. The Trustees are working with the diocese (who still own the Hall) to make it possible for

HPC to contribute money to the Hall. Plans are being developed to provide the hall with its own driveway and parking at the rear.

Heather Bird, speaking for the Friends of **Catney Common** group, said their aim is to keep the common as a small area of wild, uncultivated land for the community. To maintain trees, shrubs and wildflowers, without letting the brambles, nettles and docks take over completely. Despite relentless rain she reported a positive year.

Chris Elston told us that **Cat's Eyes** (the WhatsApp group) has 131 members and 12 volunteers are trained to carry out Street Watch patrols. The police are pro-active now in feeding back information to residents.

Glenn Hayes looks after our **social media** platforms. The Catherine de Barnes Facebook page now has 350 members and is a useful method for sharing information within the village.

Since Christmas 2 new members have join the **Committee** - Debbie Moseley from Lugtrout Lane and John Phillips from Hampton Lane. Both bring a lot of experience and we welcome them for putting their heads above the parapet.

**Thanks.** Dave thanked Chris Cluley for preparing and publishing the Catney News for us through what must have been a difficult time for her and the family following the sad loss of her husband Ken, our former Treasurer. We greatly appreciate the efforts of all those involved with the distribution of the Catney News and the Parish News. Thanks also to Ken Cluley for all his support maintaining our financial records even during his illness. Ken passed away last September from pancreatic cancer. To commemorate his commitment to the RA the committee has decided we will purchase a David Austin Rose to be planted in the rose bed outside of the village hall door. We are grateful to Debbie Mosley who provided delicious refreshments for the AGM and to Mannie at the NISA shop for generously donating wine for the evening.

The complete minutes from the meeting can be read by following the link on our website [www.catney.co.uk](http://www.catney.co.uk)

## **Membership Report**

As of March 20<sup>th</sup> we have 149 members. Many thanks to all who have joined and made generous donations. If you have joined you should have received a card, so please let me know if you haven't had one. We urge members to allow us to have access to your e mail addresses in order that we can communicate with you at very short notice and it also allows us to obtain views on different subjects eg. planning applications, quickly.

It is not too late to join. Drop me an email if you want to do it all online, or simply leave an envelope at the NISA with your details and subscription. We are most grateful to Mannie at the NISA shop for collecting the forms for us.

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You can always tell it's April  
By the sound of falling rain  
That mystic, mournful music  
As it trickles down the drain.

We're told we should be thankful  
For the kiss of April showers  
As it washes all the grass clean  
And prepares the soil for flowers.

There's another side to April  
Which doesn't bode us good,  
When that mini, manic maelstrom  
Turns the lawn to liquid mud."

- Thomas Vaughan Jones, *O' To Be in April*

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### ***Thoughts from a self-isolated Editor.***

Please stay safe and well everyone. It is really difficult to self isolate particularly when the sun shines and we feel we need to go out, make the most of it and socialise. But we are a very large team in a world-wide organisation called Earth where the purpose of our roles is to ensure it is this virus that dies and not more human beings. So follow the NHS guidelines, listen and understand them. In a couple of year's time, we need to be able to look back and know we played our part in eradicating this virus, not be the reason it is still with us or has killed half of the people we used to know and love.

An enormous thank you to everyone who is still out there working, the NHS staff, nurses and doctors, emergency services, delivery drivers, and our postmen and women. Thank you too, to the lovely people who are helping the elderly and vulnerable with shopping etc.

We should make the most of this enforced home time particularly if you are not working from home. We now have the opportunity to rest our bodies and minds, to enjoy our children, to think of others, clear clutter, to read books and tidy the garden. It might be a bit lonely and a bit frustrating but it will pass eventually. Relax, breathe deeply, love and protect your family, be vigilant.

We will win this fight. CC

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