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PARISH COUNCIL

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Highways and road safety The Parish Council has sent to Lancashire Highways a paper summarising our ideas and proposals for improving road safety in our parish. Thank you to all who commented on our proposals. We will keep you informed of their responses.

Play Park Thank you to Chris Lennon for replacing the edging on the path by the sandpit. It should be easier now to keep the sand clear of stones and debris. We are hopeful that the rotting timbers can be removed soon.

Community Coronation Orchard Many thanks to the nine volunteers who came along to dig holes and plant 15 trees, a mixture of eating apples, cooking apples, plum and hazelnut. It will be good to see them grow and produce fruit and nuts. We are grateful for the help of Tim Blythe, the Lancashire County Council Countryside Services Manager who has done so much to help organise this event, and other work along the Caton section of the Greenway.

Black Bull Residents have contacted the Parish Council about the unsightly grey metal shutters which were fitted to the Black Bull when it ceased trading. We have contacted Thwaites who have insisted these are appropriate to secure the building until it comes back into use. Not a good look in a conservation area!

Next meeting Tuesday 8 April, 7pm, Victoria Institute. Advance notice that the Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 13 May at Lune Valley Methodist Hub. The topic for the meeting has not been decided yet - if there are local issues you think should be raised please let the clerk know.

CATON GALA

The countdown to Gala Day continues! The committee have been working very hard to make sure it's a great day with plenty to entertain the whole family. We were incredibly grateful to see two new faces at our most recent meeting in response to our call for help. We hope to welcome them back and a few more at future meetings so we can continue putting on the Gala for many more years to come.

We are also delighted and very grateful to have J. Proctor Joinery as our main sponsor for 2025. This year's Gala is on May 17th 2025 at Elm Grove field and we can't wait to see you all on the day. This year's theme is "Down on the Farm" so get those thinking caps on for your fancy dress! Speaking of caps, we want to see you best decorated farmers flat caps for the walking parade around the gala field.

At our most recent meeting, the committee had the very difficult task of judging the picture competition and entries for the Queen and her attendants. The committee would like to thank everyone who entered and congratulations to our winners: age 4-5 - Astrid Beauchamp (Caton Primary) age 6-7 - Finley Mellor (Caton Primary) age 8-9 - Olive Eccleston (Caton St. Paul's Primary) age 10-11 - Leyla Bateson (Caton St. Paul's Primary) Overall winner - Olive Eccleston The overall winner will appear on the front cover of this year's programme. Gala Queen - Olive Eccleston (Caton St. Paul's Primary) Attendants - Charlotte Caldecott (Caton St. Paul's Primary) and Ellie Bateson (Caton St. Paul's Primary) Page boys - Joshie Frankland (Caton Primary) and Lloyd Sargent-Small (Caton Primary).

If anyone has anything they wish to donate as a prize for our Tombola, donations can be left at either 56 Hornby Road or the Caton branch of Bay Vets.

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday 1st April at 8pm** at the Station Hotel. As always, all are welcome. We also welcome any offers for help on the big day. If you think you could help us out, please get in touch and email us on catongala@catongala.co.uk

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LIVING THE LUNE! An ecological talk by Louisa Blundell from the Lune Rivers Trust. This talk forms part of our national campaign for clean rivers. Come and hear more about the Lune and the work being done to protect it. Thursday April 3rd, 7:30pm in the Victoria Institute. We are an all-age group and visitors are always welcome (£3 including refreshments). Also this month, our Book Club meets to discuss Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell. Check out our Facebook page to find out more information or our website <https://lancashire.thewi.org.uk/find-wi/caton/home>.
 Coming on May 1st, 7:30pm, Victoria Institute: **KITTY BROWN FASHION SHOW.** £5 including refreshments (free for members). Our own members take to the catwalk to display stunning outfits for all occasions from this local boutique. Get some style tips! Clothes and accessories will be available to buy on the night. Tickets in advance from Dawn 07854215520 or Rebecca 07806521974 Tickets At Door Subject To Availability.

PAINTING GROUP
 The painting group will meet on Thursday 10th & 24th April, from 1.30 - 3.30pm at Lune Valley Methodist Hub. We are a friendly group and everyone is welcome whatever level of skill. If you do not have any equipment, please let me know and I can maybe help with this. We ask for a donation of £2.50 to cover costs. Tea & coffee is available. For further information contact Ruth 01524 770605.

COFFEE AND CHAT-(FUNDRAISER FOR CANCERCARE)
 Thursday 24th April 10am to 11.30am at Caton Baptist Church. Come and enjoy refreshments and a chat while raising money for a great cause. We have changed to the 4th Thursday of the month to avoid clashing with the Friendship Group trips.

CATON AND BROOKHOUSE FRIENDSHIP CLUB
 A reminder for members that we are meeting for coffee on April 3rd at 11am at the Station Hotel, these get-togethers are a popular time to catch up with old friends and to meet new ones. Later in the month, on the 17th, we are visiting the Affinity shopping outlet in Fleetwood and then moving on to Lytham. We will meet up again for coffee on May 1st and our May outing is a visit to Gretna where we will visit The Devil's Porridge Museum before heading to the Gretna shopping outlet. For further information about the club please contact Ally Whitfield on 01524 770827 or 07738 912923

FIRST SATURDAY LITTER PICK
 A group of residents get together on the first Saturday of every month to pick up litter and tidy the villages. The meeting place is outside the Victoria Institute at 10am, weather permitting. You decide how much time and whereabouts in the village needs some attention. Half an hour or an hour can – and does – make such a difference. If you have seen an area which would benefit from a tidy up, or have any queries, please contact Judy Powell on 771154. Rubbish bags, bag holders, and litter pickers are provided, and it is a good idea to bring your own gloves. Hi-viz vests (various sizes) also available on request. Next session: Sat 5th April.

GROW CATON
 After what feels like the early sowings in March, we now get really busy with sowing seeds for those more tender plants like beans, courgette and squashes that can be planted out when all risk of night frost has gone. There is evidence of plenty of seeds being swapped via the box outside the institute, do have a look if you haven't picked up any yet. There have been veggies, herbs and some pollinator flower seeds too. Some of us have lost tomato and cucumber seedlings with the recent sharp night frosts and are really looking forward to spares being offered. This can be done by contacting us or just pop them on the white shelves at 75 Brookhouse Road, for others to pick up from there. The shelves can be used for any surplus seedlings that you don't want to throw away and will be gratefully received by others. I recently read an article which mentioned the community compost bins in Brookhouse. I hope that this is working out well for those of you who are using these. I am looking forward to seeing how the compost turns out, compared to that from my dalek bins. To find out more about Grow Caton, email growcaton@outlook.com or phone Brigitte 770771 or Anne 771470, we will also be delighted to have you join us on our WhatsApp group.

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The Library will be closed on Monday 14th April.

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GET IN TOUCH For all enquiries contact Peter Collins the Community Centre Manager 01524 771733 Office Hours as library above. Email: admin@victoria-institute.org.uk.

Website: www.victoria-institute.org.uk www.facebook.com/victoria.institute.caton/

ST PAUL'S CHURCH COFFEE MORNING

The next Coffee Morning will be at the Parish Hall on the 2nd of April at 10.30 in support of the NW Air Ambulance. The NW Air Ambulance is funded by voluntary contributions and will greatly appreciate the money we are able to raise to support this worthy cause. As usual there will be a raffle and a quiz. There will also be a cake stall as well as other stalls selling a range of produce. It will give people the opportunity to meet friends and neighbours for a chat. You are most welcome to join us for coffee, tea or cold drink and biscuits. The March Coffee morning raised £133.01 for Univida. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this event, the proceeds from which help to support the street children of Brazil.

GATHER NORTH LANCS FOOD HUB

Collect your fresh, local and seasonal food from Lune Valley Methodist Hub. If you're passionate about local food and supporting small producers, Gather, the new online food hub, is delivering to Lune Valley Methodist Hub in Brookhouse every Friday afternoon, where you can collect your order. The online shop opens weekly from 2pm on Fridays until 10am on Tuesdays offering a range of delicious local produce from organic fruit and veg, to pasture-fed cuts of beef, raw milk from a cow with calf dairy, traditional sourdough bread, traditional cheese, honey, relishes, jams and other store cupboard favourites. All the suppliers on the hub are fully signed up to the Good Food Manifesto, which means they produce and grow 'low-mileage' food in a way that is good for people, place and planet. To shop and find out more, visit gatherhub.uk

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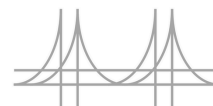
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CATON ST PAUL'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

There has been lots going on in school over the last few weeks. We continue to provide exciting educational and enrichment activities to our children, enabling them to flourish as part of our lovely community. Sporting-wise, our football team have been busy qualifying for the Europa league phase of the Lancaster and Heysham competition - they currently sit 3rd after one round of fixtures. Our fantastic dance team have completed the 'threepeat' and qualified to perform at the Blackpool Winter Gardens for the third year in a row. This is a phenomenal achievement and a great experience for them all. Our netball team played well in the Lune Valley tournament and our Y3/4 athletics team finished 3rd overall out of all schools in the Lancaster and Morecambe tournament. We are very proud of the fact that all of our 26 Y6 children have already represented school this year in some sporting capacity. Our Y4 rugby team played brilliantly against Y6 teams from other schools and managed to win a game, despite the age difference. We also took our Y4 girls to Lancaster and Morecambe college for a Disney sport day, which was a lovely way to enthuse them about sport.

Our PTA continue to work hard and organised a Valentine's disco attended by around 150 children - this was a lovely evening. The quiz at The Station Hotel raised around £400 for our minibus fundraiser and we thank them for hosting this. We have raised about £7000 towards the minibus so far; this bus will be available for use for not-for-profit organisations around the village so will benefit our whole community. Thank you to Brookhouse Community Church, Caton Baptist Church, Queen's Square Surgery and Matt McGuire Plumbing and Heating for their incredibly kind donations.

Our Y6 children enjoyed their cultural experience of watching the National Youth Orchestra at Blackpool Tower. This was an amazing experience for them all and something we hope they will remember for a long time. We have also signed up for our Y6 children to visit the Houses of Parliament and are currently planning this trip to London.

At the other end of the age range, our Pre-school now has a canopy over the outdoor area, meaning they can get outside whatever the weather. We have a few spaces on selected days for summer term in pre-school, and are also now taking bookings for September. We have also replenished the bark on our KS1 play area, meaning the children can use this at playtimes and lunchtimes as an exciting extra to the playground. Coming up: singing festival, Y5 history tour of Morecambe, Reception Lune river adventure, Y1 Silverdale scramble, Y2 Warton Crag explore, Y3 canoeing, Y5 Coniston residential, Y6 Edinburgh residential.

CATON AND BROOKHOUSE GARDENING CLUB

Many thanks to Ralph Cruickshank for coming along and filling in when our planned speaker called off due to being indisposed. We all enjoyed seeing the Pandas being pandered to. Our year is coming to an end and this is signalled by our next event, the AGM, on Thursday April 10th at 7pm in the Church hall as usual. Do come along and bring your suggestions for the future direction of the club - we always need new blood and new ideas. It is a free, members only, social evening with wine, nibbles, tea and coffee and there is no chance of you being co-opted onto the committee against your will! Memberships for 25/26 will be due at this time. Then on 3rd May it is our annual plant sale and coffee morning beginning at 1am in St Pauls Church hall. Do please put this date in your diaries as it is a little earlier than usual and on the bank holiday weekend. And as usual, we will be selling donated plants so, if you would like to donate any plants, please be preparing them now, have them labelled and be prepared to collect any unsold plants at the end. Thank you - this section of the sale is always popular and we are very grateful to all who donate. More information next month. The mowing season is upon us. So.... happy mowing everyone.

ANIMAL CARE CROSS BAY WALK WITH THE KING'S GUIDE-OVER-SANDS

Animal Care is putting their best paw forward on Saturday June 21st as they cross the outstanding scenery of Morecambe Bay on what promises to be another sell-out fun and awe-inspiring walk across the sands. Expertly shown the route by the King's Guide-over-Sands, participants will be able to experience this well-known, must-do event in the company of friendly and supportive animal lovers. All proceeds to Animal Care. Dogs welcome! Easy booking available through TryBooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EMEN>

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CATON PRIMARY SCHOOL

The public consultation regarding the establishment of our own Pre School from September ends on 25th March. The school plans to offer high quality provision for 3 and 4 year olds and bookings will be accepted after this date. Contact the school office on 01524 770104 for further information.

Our Key Stage 2 netball team performed brilliantly in the Lune Valley Netball stingers competition in March, coming home with bronze medals. Art, dodgeball and morning running clubs are proving to be very popular, with children of all ages enjoying taking part.

We celebrated World Book Day in style with everyone dressing up as a book character. Parents and children read together and thanks to the generosity of parents, we were able to organise a big book swap where every child was able to choose and take home a new book.

Early in March, Year 3 and 4 visited Quarry Bank Mill in Cheshire to consolidate their learning about the textile industry and to see the mill that the industrialist Samuel Gregg built before he had an interest in Low Mill in Caton. They visited the Apprentice House and the mill and learnt what it would have been like to live and work there as a child.

Year 5 and 6's trip ventured further afield to London for a residential visit. On Day 1, the children visited the Science Museum, the National Gallery, Buckingham Palace and Trafalgar Square and they enjoyed the sights and sounds of Covent Garden. On the second day, they were treated to a fascinating and informative visit to the Houses of Parliament where they met our MP, Lizzi Collinge before moving into theatreland to watch the musical Wicked. It was a thoroughly enjoyable and action-packed two days. The children were brilliant ambassadors for our school and made us very proud!

Our site supervisor, Andy Kilby, is moving on to pastures new at the end of this academic year and so we are looking for a new site supervisor from September. Further information can be found on our website or by contacting the school office.

Our sports hall and field are available for hire. The hall has a fully-equipped kitchen, stage, pleasant meeting room and toilets. For further details, contact the school office (01524 770104).

CATON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

Prize draw result... Mar '25 - Fiona Hodgson - £100 To enter, please visit www.donorbox.org/caton-sports-association Just a reminder that we're delighted that we have been chosen to benefit from the Co-op Local Community Fund. We're hopeful Co-op customers will visit the Co-op website or download the Co-op app and choose us as their Local Community Fund cause. Your support will help us continue enhancing our facilities, benefiting both current users and future visitors.

Feedback - As previously mentioned, we are a club dedicated to continuous improvement, we value your feedback and ideas on how we can keep getting better. If you are able to help, please copy, or type, this link <https://freesuggestionbox.com/pub/zxfvkh> into Google to submit your comments anonymously. We won't know who submitted the feedback unless you include your name in the comment box, and your comments will not be visible to the public.

Volunteers - We're always seeking additional help around the club on matchdays, and would love to welcome more volunteers. If you can assist, please reach out to us online or visit us in person on Saturday afternoons.

FOOD FUTURES

Is walking your kitchen scraps down the road really climate action? A group of local residents invite you to join them in composting your kitchen scraps together at Lune Valley Methodist Church car park. Composting with neighbours is a fun and climate friendly way to replace peat based products to feed the soil and grow healthy plants.

Community composting is great if you are concerned about rats (bins are rat resistant) and have no or few composting skills. It's ideal if you lack space, time, mobility and resources but want to take climate action with the benefit of free compost. Reduce carbon emissions from the transport and processing of your waste, whilst sequestering carbon back into the soil when the compost is returned to the earth. Join your neighbours in this composting initiative by completing this form

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EASTER EVENTS FOR CHURCHES TOGETHER

Good Friday 18th, Walk of Witness through the village, starts 9.45 at Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church, and calling at the other churches on route for a hymn and reading and finishing at Caton St Paul's, as we prayerfully remember Jesus dying on the cross for our sins. Stay on for hot cross buns!

Easter morning sunrise service – Caton Moor Wind Turbines You are most welcome to join us on Easter Sunday 20th as we meet up at the Caton Moor wind turbines at 5.45am for sunrise where we will share communion as we rejoice together on this resurrection morning. For those who would like to walk please meet outside Caton St Paul's school at 5am.

The popular Lent Studies continue on Tuesdays 1st and 8th at Caton Baptist Church at 7.30pm when the speakers will continue to speak on a different topic from the Lent Devotional book entitled 'In Quietness and Trust'. Light refreshments at the close.

ST PAUL'S CHURCH BROOKHOUSE

Holy Week and Easter at St Paul's Church. ALL WELCOME!

Palm Sunday, 13th April, meet at St Paul's Church Hall at 10am to process into Church together!

Easter Sunday 10am Joyful celebration with an Easter fire, lighting of the Easter candle, a family friendly service and an Easter Egg Hunt in the churchyard afterwards.

New Electoral Roll, St Paul's Parish Every six years, a new electoral roll is published for every Church of England parish. A new Electoral Roll is being prepared this year. If you regularly attend St Paul's Church, or live in the parish, you may apply to be on the Electoral Roll. Please contact the Vicar, Rev Helen Scamman at vicar@stpaulscaton.org.uk if you would like an application. If you would like to enquire about a baptism, wedding, funeral or burial of ashes, or simply to chat or enquire about anything, please contact Helen by email or phone 01524770300, with your name and number if leaving a message.

CATON BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Alan Wadsworth - Tel 01524 771371 Church Website - catonbaptist.org More details on our website and Facebook page.

We continue to meet for worship on Sundays at 10.30am and 6.30pm. Sunday School during the morning service. We also have crèche facilities available during the morning service. Please also remember if you would like to know more about becoming a Christian and finding new hope in Jesus, or if you have any concerns and worries and would like prayer or a chat you can contact Alan on the above number

Youth service on Sunday 13th at 6:30pm. Speaker to be arranged but with the usual doughnuts and hot chocolate at the close. All very welcomed.

Ladies Meeting - We are a friendly group of ladies who meet once a fortnight on a Wednesday afternoon at 2pm. Our speakers always bring a devotional message and we all enjoy a cup of tea, coffee and a biscuit afterwards. All ladies from the village and further afield are welcome to join us and transport can be arranged if you need a lift. For any other enquiries or help with any matter phone Judith on 01524 770872. We look forward to seeing you. The dates for this month are : 2nd Rev Helen Scammon, 16th Bentham Praise, 30th Abi Andrew (NISCU)

Crafty Tots is a fortnightly toddler group held in Caton Baptist Church. Sessions will start at 9:30am until 10:30am and are open to preschool children from the age of 18months+. Come and join us for crafts, stories and singing, with a brew for the mums (and dads). For more information or to book your child's place please email Laura at catoncraftytots@gmail.com The cost will be £2.50 per session. There is now a waiting list but Laura would love to hear from you so don't hesitate to get in touch.

Prayer breakfast on **Good Friday** 18th meeting in the Sunday school room at 8am for food and prayer as we remember how Jesus suffered in our place and are thankful.

Easter Saturday 19th a family walk leaving the church at 10am. Please bring a packed lunch and suitable footwear and clothing. You are most welcome to join us.

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Normal Parish Weekend Mass times for this area: Saturday Vigil: 18:00 - Our Lady Immaculate, Caton 18:30 - Cathedral, Lancaster Sunday: 09:00 - St Mary's, Hornby 09:00 - St Thomas More, Lancaster 10:30 - Cathedral, Lancaster 18:30 - Cathedral, Lancaster

CATON METHODIST CHAPEL HAVE MOVED!

From 2025 all our services and activities will be at the Lune Valley Methodist Hub
Weekly Sunday Service 10:30am
Book and Jigsaw Exchange - new time Saturday 19th April 11am Browse our great selection of books and jigsaws, have a coffee and donate to charity.
Saturday Soup - Change of date 3rd Saturday of the month. 19th April 12:30pm. £3.00 per person homemade soup and lots of Cake. Everyone Welcome
Crafts @ Caton Thurs 24th April 10-12pm Bring your knitting or crochet and chat over a coffee.
Bible Study Wednesdays 7pm Resumes after Easter Wednesday 23rd April Usually, 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month.
Churches Together Easter Crafts Wednesday 9th April 10-12pm To book a place, giving names and ages of the children, to one of the following: -info@lunevalleymethodisthub.com Phone Shirley on 015242 21220 Speak to your church leader

BROOKHOUSE COMMUNITY CHURCH

We meet to worship together Sunday mornings at the Victoria Institute. Services start at 10.45. Everyone is welcome; we would love to see new faces young and old as we come together. Refreshments and a chat always available after the service. Junior church and creche facilities every week so parents can enjoy the service while the children have fun!
Tiddleywinks is a toddler group which runs Thursdays from 10am until 11.30am at St Pauls' church hall, Brookhouse. Please bring your little ones along for a play and a chance for you to get to know other moms, dads and grandparents in the local area. We would love to see some new faces! Refreshments available. Everyone welcome!
If you have children between the ages of 6 and 11, why not bring them along to **Youth Club** on Thursday evenings from 6 - 7pm. Free to attend! Kids can have fun playing some of their favourite games while they run off some of their energy! Held at Caton Primary School, Sports Hall, Broadacre. (Term time only).
Messy Church is back! We had a fabulous time at the last Messy Church running up to Christmas and are looking forward to seeing families back for our Easter event! Come along and get messy! Crafts, Games, Face Painting, Food for the kids and Refreshments and cakes for the parents! FREE EVENT! Saturday the 19th of April from 4pm till 6pm - Caton Primary School, Sports Hall, Broadacre.
Meet to Eat - Friday the 11th of April at the Victoria Institute @ 12.30. Cost is £6 per person. Lovely meal to be had as you chat and get together with others from the village.
Easter Sunday - Sunday 20th April @ the Victoria Institute 10.45. Christ is Risen!! Come and join us as we celebrate! All welcome!
Teaching and Discussion Evening - Sunday 6th April at 7pm @ the Victoria Institute. Come join us as we look at 'Bible Study Skills - Correctly Handling the Word of God'.
For further info or updates of other events held during the week, please visit brookhousecommunitychurch.co.uk, email us on brookhousecommunitychurch@gmail.com or contact us via facebook Brookhouse Community Church.

CATON LEISURE CLUB

At the time of going to press there is uncertainty as to who will be speaking on 7th and 14th April. What is certain though is that the talks will be entertaining and informative. So come along and join us. We meet at Victoria Institute at 10.00 for 10.30. Only £3 each time including tea/coffee and biscuit. A friendly welcome too!
Apart from our annual trip on 28th April our meetings discontinue until September.
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The Olive Branch is Lancaster's food bank, but we are so much more than a food bank. Our mission is to support those in Lancaster suffering distress caused by addiction, broken family relationships, poverty and homelessness, and to enable individuals and families to resolve and alleviate their difficulties. We do this by providing a multitude of resources be they physical, spiritual or emotional. To give this some context in 2024 (up to end of November) we were visited by guests 3,685 times, we gave out somewhere in the region of 125,000 food items, we have listened while people share their (often harrowing) situations, prayed with many guests, helped some guests get help from the police or social services, provided tents and sleeping bags to those living on the streets, provided uniform for primary school children and have accessed funds for guests to provide a whole range of items/support including clothes and taxi to attend a job interview, a laptop for a 6th form student, shoes for someone who had none and a portable heater for someone who had no working central heating. And this is just a snapshot of what we try to provide 5 days a week. Tickets for the walk are available to buy at <https://the-olivebranch.org.uk/latest-news/cross-bay-walk-2025> and cost £20 per person (£2 for dogs). Walkers should be able to comfortably walk 9 miles. Our walk will start at 9.30am (registration no later than 9.15am) from Arnside Prom and should take approximately 4 hours, ending up at Grange over Sands. Michael Wilson, the King's Guide, will be in charge and take us all over the sands for what will be a magical day. We do hope you can join us for what we hope will be a fabulous day, but also one that will also raise vital funds for The Olive Branch.

HORNBY PENSIONERS

April 12th Whist and Dominoes. April 26th Dominoes. Hornby Institute. For information contact Eileen Barton on 07780461517

April 8th There will be a talk by Karin Stennett, who is a fundraiser for St John's Hospice. Many of our members will have had experience at some time or another, with the wonderful work taken on by the Hospice, in order to make the end of life of friends and family as comfortable, as is humanly possible. We look forward to hearing from Karin about her experiences of the work involved and of the huge fundraising efforts needed to make this organisation a success.



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