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ISSUE FOR APRIL 2022

PARISH COUNCIL

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COUNCILLORS - There are places for twelve councillors on our Parish Council but at present we have only nine councillors. These places may be filled by co-option - no need to wait for the next local council elections. If you would like to consider getting involved in the Parish Council please come along to a meeting as an observer, or talk to an existing councillor or the Parish Clerk.

NEXT MEETING - The next meeting of the Parish Council is on *Tuesday 12th April at 7pm* in the Victoria Institute. Topics on the agenda are expected to include the Play Park Action Group's report on outdoor leisure facilities in the village and provision for younger residents. Also footpaths and environmental improvements.

CATON GALA IS BACK! - 21st MAY 2022

Caton Gala 2022 will be held at Elm Grove, the field located at the junction of the A683 with Low Road, on the 21st May 2022. The gates will open at 11:30 AM. The theme will be "The Circus".

As previously advised, the parade will be a walking, "umbrella themed", parade that will take place on the Gala field at 12:30. "Let's not let it rain on our parade". We are inviting all local schools and organisations to embrace this idea by parading with their decorated umbrellas to provide a bold, entertaining and exciting opening to Caton Gala 2022. The theme for the decorated umbrellas can either be "The Circus" or "publicising your business / group / organization". Prizes will be awarded to best decorated umbrellas, look out for further details in due course. There is, of course, the option to join the parade in fancy dress and also to enter the Circus themed fancy dress competition.

We are asking for you to join us with your umbrellas in the parade and let's make Caton Gala 2022 be one that we always remember.

If there are any businesses or organisations that would like a stall or be involved in the gala parade, would they kindly contact the committee.

We are always pleased to welcome new members to the organising committee. If you can assist in any way, please contact Wendy Strickland (07855 590004) who can, as can all committee members, also be contacted by e-mail at "catongala@catongala.co.uk" or via our Facebook page.

The next meeting will be held at 8:00 PM on Wednesday the 11th of April 2022 at the Station Hotel in Caton. All are welcome.

BOOTS THE CHEMIST

Boots in Caton is now closing for lunch. New hours are 9-1 and 2-6 Monday to Friday and 9 to 12.30 on Saturday..

CATON YOUTH CLUB TRUST

As a result of the sale of the old youth Club centre on Copy Lane a number of years ago, the trust now invests the proceeds every year and uses the interest earned so that each year we can help in Youth projects around the community. In the last few years (apart from the last two years) we have been able to help by providing thousands of pounds per year to help with these individual opportunities so that young ones can achieve their dreams to do some really amazing things both in the UK and abroad.

The Caton Youth Club trustees will again have money available in July to help young people whether individuals or groups with the leisure time activities. This is on offer to young ones living in the Caton with Littledale parish and those interested should ask for details and obtain an application form from:

Stephen Talbot -01524 812274. talbotshome@gmail.com

Or Andy Smith 41 Fell View Caton. andrew@catonsmiths.plus.com

The application forms will be available from the 1st June 2022

Closing date for applications is 30th June and decisions will be made early in July 2022.

CHURCHES TOGETHER

Friday 15th April - there will be a walk of Christian witness through the village to remember the first Good Friday, starting at the Catholic Church at 9:45am and walking up through the village calling at the other churches along the way and finally meeting at Caton St Paul's.

Easter Sunday 17th April - For the early risers, sunrise communion service at the wind turbines at 6am. Come and reflect on the first resurrection day. Everyone is welcome to join us as we celebrate the greatest day in history.

PLATINUM JUBILEE LUNCH

Platinum Jubilee Lunch, Saturday 4th June. A reminder that there will be no charge for the lunch, which is particularly for older residents and those who would otherwise be alone for the Jubilee celebrations. It should be possible to arrange transport for those who need it. If you would like to come, please give your name to Peter Collins at the Victoria Institute by 25th April. Phone number 771733.

If there are more residents who wish to attend than places (70), seats will be allocated by ballot.

LOCAL NEWS OF CATON & BROOKHOUSE

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Baptist Church Artlebeck Bridge

10.30 am:
*Morning Service and
Sunday School*
6.30 pm: *Evening Service*

Brookhouse Methodist Church Brookhouse Road

*Monthly services at 10.30a.m.
and 7p.m.*
See BMC news for this
month's dates

Caton Methodist Brookhouse Road

10.30 am:
*Morning Service and Junior
Church*

Catholic Church Station Yard

*Holy Mass
Saturday Evening 6.00pm
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Mass on eve of Holyday at
6.00pm*

St Paul's C of E Brookhouse

*Sunday Communion
Service 10.00am
All Age Worship, read and led
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Hall, all term time
Sundays except 1st Sunday of
month
1st Wednesday of the month.
Holy Communion 10.00am*

Brookhouse Community Church
*held @ Victoria Institute
10.45 am
Morning Service & Junior
Church*

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Crafty Tots is a fortnightly toddler group held in Caton Baptist Church. Sessions will start at until 10.30am and are open to pre school children from the age of 18 months +. 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 -catoncraftytots@gmail.com The cost will be £2.50 per session. Please note there is now a waiting list. If you are interested and keen to join please contact Laura at the above email address or on 01524 771371, she will be very pleased to chat with you and keep you informed.

The date for April - 29th.

CATON ST PAUL'S SCHOOL

This month, our Christian value is Justice and we have focused on charitable giving, as well as raising others up by challenging injustice locally and globally. Our parents and school community worked hard to make a contribution to the local Ukraine appeal, donating goods, time and money.

We also collected for the Foodbank to help a local charity, as well as the Junior Diabetes Research Foundation (a charity close to the heart of one of our children).

In school, our Y6 children learnt about Nelson Mandela and how he challenged injustice in South Africa.

Our extra-curricular clubs are up-and-running and we have enjoyed sporting success in a variety of different areas. Our Y1/2 children won the multi-skills event at Carnforth High School, our Y5/6 athletes won the indoor athletics at Lancaster and Morecambe College and our Y5/6 korfballers won the korfbal tournament at Trumacar. We are also keen on participation, as well as competitiveness and virtually all of our Y6 children have represented the school at sport this year. We also got involved in the #Letgirlsplay initiative which saw our Y6 children setting up activities for a massive girls football event on the school field.

Our Y6 children have been climbing and abseiling, facing their fears to go backwards down a cliff - wow! Our Y3 children went canoeing and worked super hard to make progress in the face of 25mph winds!

We are slowly getting back to normal in school and are holding Easter bingo for the children where they can win Easter eggs amongst other prizes. We will be holding our Easter service at St Paul's Church with all children participating. Monday 14 March saw the beginning of our Science week, with the theme of growth and sustainability, ending in an exhibition for parents on the Friday.

We are also taking part in the Big Wheel and Pedal from wb 21.3.22 where we will be encouraging our children to walk, scoot or cycle to school to help save the environment. A busy few weeks in school!!

CATON PRIMARY SCHOOL

What a fantastic day we had to celebrate World Book Day! Class 1 started their day by reading 'Would You Eat Candy without Me?' by Draga Jenny Malesevic and then created their own candy bar that they would share with a family member - there was even a chocolate fountain involved! Class 2 and 3 watched one of the World Book Day 'live events', hosted by a range of authors, illustrators and some of the cast of 'Matilda the Musical'. They then imagined turning one of their favourite films/TV programmes into a book and designed the front cover. As if that wasn't enough fun, we managed to squeeze in a costume parade, took some time to read with children from other classes and finished the day by snuggling down with our parents and reading a story.

Science week was a great success. Our families had fun, out and about, spotting and taking photographs of science in everyday life. In school, the children learnt all about careers involving science, from neuroscientists, polar scientists and deep sea ecologists to engineers and veterinary surgeons.

Educating children and informing parents about online safety continues to be a high priority and so we were delighted that so many families attended our online safety workshop for parents, run by a Lancashire County Council consultant.

Our value of the month for March was equality and the children gave much thought to many issues involving diversity and human rights. Class 3 gained so much from their trip to the slavery museum in Liverpool to complement their learning in history and the whole school response to the Caton Ukrainian appeal was phenomenal. We are a small school but our families have very big hearts.

We are still seeking a Welfare Assistant to work every day at lunchtime and a School Administration Officer to work in our school office on Fridays. Please contact the school office for further information.

Our large, detached sports hall is available to hire on a regular basis or for one-off events. It has a fully-equipped kitchen, pleasant meeting room and toilets. For further details, contact the school office (01524 770104).

COLLECTION FOR PEOPLE IN AND FLEEING FROM UKRAINE

Please note that this is not intended to take away from any other local collections please, but if anyone is able to donate ring-pull tinned food, cup-a-soups, cereal bars, blankets, nappies, sanitary products, toiletries or good condition warm clothes (especially coats) then we are taking items to a charity called Barnabas Fund who will pass on things through churches in Ukraine and on the borders of Moldova, Romania and Poland. If you can help then please bring items to 41 Fell View, or ring Suzanne on 770106 and I can collect. A van load should hopefully be going on 4th April, although there may be other loads later, so please could any items be given to us by the end of the 3rd April.

Many thanks.

BUS SERVICES

Changes to Bus Services from Monday 4th April: Kirkby Lonsdale Coaches are taking over the bus services between Lancaster and Kirkby Lonsdale. They plan an hourly service through our villages during the day, last bus from Lancaster to Hornby 1850 Monday to Saturday. Additional services for schools. When printed timetables are available, there will be a supply in the Victoria Institute.

PLATINUM JUBILEE STREET PARTY

If you are planning a street party to mark the Platinum Jubilee, remember that you need to apply eight weeks in advance for permission to close your street. The form is on Lancaster City Council's website

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FREE TO ADVERTISE 'FOR SALE' BOARD - Sell items for free on the noticeboard in the Victoria Institute. Collect a form from Peter in the Library/IT Room to advertise your items.

ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT FLOODING? - Floodsax are available for sale from the Victoria Institute. The cost is £30.00 for a pack of five. Please contact Peter for more information.

EMERGENCY CENTRE - The Victoria Institute is our village's Emergency Centre. If there are problems such as flooding, long periods without mains water, or power cuts, the Victoria Institute will be staffed and you'll be able to get practical help and information.

GET IN TOUCH - For all queries, including hiring the Victoria Institute please contact: -

Peter Collins the Community Centre Manager at the Institute on 01524 771733

Office Hours; Monday & Wednesday 10:00am to 12:00 noon and 1:00 to 3:00pm Tuesday & Thursday 10:00am to 12:00 noon

You can email us on: admin@victoria-institute.org.uk

Further information can be found at our website: www.victoria-institute.org.uk

Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/victoria.institute.caton/>

CATON AND BROOKHOUSE GARDENING CLUB

We had another large audience at our latest talk. We are soon going to have to take bookings! We were all enthralled by Gail Armstrong and her knowledge of the world of bats. And of course the stars of the show were the bats she brought along. We hope they suffered no trauma as they were gazed at in admiration by the crowd.

Our next meeting is the AGM, to be held at 7pm on 14th April in St Paul's Church Hall. Please do not stop reading. We need help. John, our Chairman, is resigning after many years service and it may be that other committee members move on as well as many of us are getting on a bit to put it mildly. If replacements are not found, particularly for Chairperson, it may be that we have to put the Society into suspension. What a shame that would be after 140 years. As a heads up what is required of the Chairperson is to attend our events (about 10 a year in a normal year), introduce and thank any speaker, and chair two committee meetings a year. If you think you can help please ring Graham on 770919 before the 14th or come along to the AGM on the 14th.

The meeting is not all business. There is a social side too so do come along for a chat, to wine and nibbles and the usual top-notch biscuits and tea. If there is time we have a couple of short films lined up as well. See you then.

GROW CATON

I have a passion to see the Caton community grow food this year. This could be any size or shape, whether a single vegetable in a pot, a few plants mixed with your borders, or a dedicated bed or patch

Please get in touch

If you have a corner in your garden that could be used for this and you are willing to let someone have a go.

If you would like to grow veggies yourself and you don't know where to start.

If you are a keen grower and would like to get involved and help reach out with this.

If you have sown more edibles than you can plant and would like to share your seedlings

For initial interest with any of these, please leave your details with Peter Collins in the Victoria Institute (ph: 01524 771733, email: admin@victoria-institute.org.uk) and I will get in touch with you.

I look forward to see where this idea takes us. Brigitte Hughes

CATON WITH LITTLEDALE PLAY PARK ACTION GROUP

Easter Egg Hunt! - for you, your family and friends - on Sat 30th April, 2.30pm.

Start from Victoria Institute, more details to follow. We are delighted to be able - at last- to use covid delayed Co-op funds for our community events. Thank you so much to Lonsdale Explorers for helping organise this event.

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CATON AND BROOKHOUSE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We have welcomed many new members to our club this year. The annual fee is £5.00 to join our friendly club and receive our full programme of trips and events.

The trips cost £10.00 for members and £13.00 for non members.

A reminder for our first trip on the 21st of April is to Fleetwood and Freeport also calling at Barton Grange garden centre for afternoon tea and your bedding out plants on the way home.

Pick up is 9.30am from the Victoria Institute then on to pick up at Brookhouse.

Our next trip on the 19th of May is to the ever popular city of Chester, 9am from Brookhouse then on to pick up at the Victoria Institute. Other pick up points can be arranged.

For further information or for membership please call our secretary Benita on 01524 771943

CATON THEATRE INTEREST GROUP

Are you a theatre lover? Then we are the group for you. We book your transport and tickets with group discounts included. We are back now with a full year of visits booked.

For our first visit this year we have booked seats in the dress circle at the Grand Theatre Blackpool on Saturday 25th of June 2022 for a matinee performance of 'Boogie Nights'. The cost for coach and theatre seat is £27.00, to be paid on or before the 30th April. Pick up is 10am as usual from the Victoria Institute then on to pick up at Brookhouse. Other pick up points can be arranged.

This 70's musical starts with the news that Elvis Presley has died. The story is of Roddy and Debs who are in love. She knows he has a roving eye but through all their tears and laughter can they both find happiness?

Packed with the greatest disco classics you will be dancing in the aisles. Don't forget those 70's outfits.

For further information or to book call Benita on 01524 771943 or Jean on 01524 770980

LEISURE CLUB

Everyone is invited to join our group for talks (see below) on a variety of interesting topics

Included in the cost for non members of £1. 50 is the talk tea/coffee and biscuits, and of course friendship.

We meet at the Victoria Institute Caton for a 10.30 start and usually finish at about 12.15

Do please come along. You will be most welcome

April

4th:- Berand and Jeanette - Egypt. 11th:- Jan Dobson - Bali, Flores and Komodo Island.

18th:- Easter. 25th:- Members Day - An Object with a Little Story.

These are the final talks for now They will continue in Autumn

Due to unforeseen circumstances on some occasions the speaker may change at short notice

Chair Based Exercise continue throughout the year every Monday 09.00-10.00

Dru Yoga with Jean Nelson every Thursday 10-11 Main Hall Victoria Institute only £5 per class. We have a few spaces available Ring Susan for further information 01524 771862. .

Short Mat Bowls Wednesday 10.00-12.00. Until 30th March, when the outdoor bowls re-starts. If you would like further information on any of the above call David 01524 81242342

FIRST SATURDAY LITTER PICK

A group of residents get together on the first Saturday of every month to pick up litter and tidy the village. Meet outside the Victoria Institute at 10.00 am, 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, please contact Peter Collins at the Victoria Institute (771733) and he will pass the message on to us.

Bags and litter pickers are provided, and it is a good idea to bring your own gloves. We are running very low on litter pickers, so if you have borrowed one and are not able to use it at the moment, please drop it off at the next session or phone Judy Powell (771154) to make other arrangements.

Next session: Saturday April 2nd.

HORNBY OCCASIONALS PRESENT H.M.S. PINAFORE

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WI

After all the problems of the last 2years, our speaker at our meeting on April 7th should certainly be very welcome. Retired teacher Dennis Moore firmly believes in the title of his talk "Laughter is the Best Medicine".

If you feel that you could do with cheering up and want to see what WI is all about, why not come along and see for yourself. April is now the start of the membership year but you can attend a couple of meetings without paying so why not give it a try? Our meeting will be held in the Victoria Institute and starts at 7.30pm.

Ruth Gibbons, President.

VILLAGE LUNCH CLUB

Greetings to all my friends in the village lunch club. Our next meeting will be at the Ship Inn on Thursday 14th April. Everyone is very welcome.

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HORNBY PENSIONERS

If you have been unable to obtain a copy of our membership card, containing details of all our forthcoming events, please bring along your £10 membership fee to the Institute, on a Tuesday or Wednesday morning, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, when Kath Helme will be happy to supply you with a program.

EVENTS DURING APRIL - *Dominoes Evenings* will be held on alternate Saturdays on the ground floor of The Institute, beginning at 7 p.m. Those evenings being on April 2nd, April 16th and April 30th.

Tuesday April 12th Talk 2.30 p.m. Our speaker, Dave Cording, will be giving slide show, accompanied by music. He will be sharing with us his experiences at the Three Counties Show, together with a look inside two Scottish Castles, a Scottish Hill Climb and a visit to a Dutch Garden. A wide and varied program to satisfy all our tastes and interests.

We hope to see everyone there and to enjoy a cup of tea together, following on from Dave's entertaining and informative observations.

THE LUNE VALLEY SWIMMING POOL - FUNDRAISER PARTY NIGHT - 2nd APRIL

To meet ever rising energy costs we are undertaking an energy savings review and have launched a campaign fund to support income and capital improvements. To help raise funds for the Lune Valley Swimming Pool Energy Fund please join us at Arkholme Village Hall on Saturday April 2nd for a Splish Splash party night.

A night of nostalgia with vintage live rock & roll pop music by The Jetsons. This dynamic 4-piece rock and roll band, specialising in the music of the 1950s and early 1960s. perform songs you can sing with words that you can hear and understand! Their retro-repertoire celebrates the great classic British and American rock pioneers .

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Re-live the golden age of Dreamboats and Petticoats at- Arkholme Village Hall on Saturday April 2nd - All profits to the LVCS Hornby Pool 'Energy' Fund.. Bar opens 7.00. Admission £10.00 Ample free parking

Tickets from Hornby Pool or Arkholme Village Hall 07716 122940 For further enquiries please contact Georgia or Scott on 01524805666 Email - pool manager @lunevalleypool.com.

HORNBY LUNESDALE PROBUS CLUB APRIL NOTICES.

Following a hearty English breakfast and a fully supported AGM the club is pleased to announce that Mike Fisher is appointed Chairman for the forthcoming year. Our first meeting in April will take place on Monday 4th April when Marine Engineer David Arris. will tell us about the building and service of the Liberty Ships, built by the men and women of the USA, which kept us supplied during WW2

Along a similar theme, on Tuesday April 26th. we will be visiting Blackpool Airport to enjoy Spitfires and Fish and Chips! - Hangar 42 is the home of the Spitfire (ground display team) Centre. There will be guided tours of the aircraft ,workshops, themed displays, flight simulator and cockpit visits.

And since its Blackpool we will be organising a fish and chip supper on the way home.

This is an afternoon and early evening social event with local coaching. Timings and final prices are still work in progress, estimated at around £20-£30 per head. It all depends on numbers . Hornby Probus Club cordially invite friends, relatives and guests to join us on this social event.

Hornby Probus Club meet at 10.30 am in the Hornby Village Institute on the first and third Monday of each month.

For further details or any information please contact - Roger Carter. Hon.Secretary; Hornby Probus Club 015242 22283

HORNBY INSTITUTE

The Grand Craft Fair held on the 5th of March was a great success. It was lovely to see so many visitors returning to the The Institute after the pandemic. We haven't got the final figure raised but it should be in the region of £700 - £800.00. Our raffle of silver jewellery, which has been donated by Anna France of Annakin Silver, Manchester got off to a good start but there are tickets still available should you wish to purchase one. They can be bought from the Institute, 015242 22227, the village shop or at the Art and Craft exhibition.

'The Lune Valley Art and Craft Exhibition ' Saturday and Sunday 9th & 10th April: 11.00 am - 4.00pm

This will be a wonderful display of Arts and Crafts from the Lune Valley and the surrounding area. We have ceramicists, jewellery makers, textiles, paintings, hand crafted furniture and much more. Bring your cheque book or credit card as there will be much to see, fall in love with and of course purchase. Refreshments in the Institute and light lunches in Hornby Tea rooms

The Gardens at Hornby Castle will be open as will Coach House Antiques and our local shops.

21st April - Hornby Flower Club We meet in the Institute at 7.30pm on the third Thursday of each month. We are very privileged to have, not one but two NAFAS demonstrators in March and April. On the 17th March is Joan Bentley whose Her theme is 'Inspiring designs on a budget ' and on the 21st April Anne Morgan with an up to the minute 'surprise' theme.

Sunday 24th April: The Long Nights. For the first time in Hornby we are pleased to host a concert by the well respected group 'The Long Nights' They are a Lancaster based band known across the circuit for their old -time folk, bluegrass and Americana. Banjo, guitar, fiddle and double base. Close harmonies and stories of romance , witches, religion and MURDER.

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CATHOLIC EASTER SERVICES IN THE LUNE VALLEY

Maundy Thursday: 14th April - 7pm at St Joseph's Kirkby Lonsdale
Good Friday: 15th April - 3pm at St Joseph's Kirkby Lonsdale
Easter Saturday: 16th April - 8.30pm at St Joseph's Kirkby Lonsdale
Easter Sunday: 17th April - 7.30am St Mary's Hornby
9am St Joseph's Kirkby Lonsdale
11am Our Lady's Caton

Please join us for all or any of our services. You will be most welcome.

ST PAUL'S CHURCH COFFEE MORNING

The next Coffee Morning will be at the Parish Hall on the 6th of April 2022 at 10.30. The April Coffee Morning is 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 £86.20 for Univida. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this event, the proceeds from which helps to support the street children of Brazil.

BROOKHOUSE COMMUNITY CHURCH

We meet in the Victoria Institute every Sunday morning at 10.45am. Junior Church is available each week for the children. The service is always followed by refreshments and a very warm welcome.

Easter at Brookhouse Community Church
Walk of Witness on Good Friday at 9.45am, (Churches together in Caton and Brookhouse) starting at the Catholic Church.
Easter Sunday Morning - Sunrise Communion Service at 6.00am in the car park at the Windmills on Caton Moor (Churches together in Caton and Brookhouse)
Easter Sunday Coffee and Cakes Service- 10.45am at Victoria Institute.
Coffee and Cakes:- at the Victoria Institute is on the second Wednesday of every month. Wednesday 13th April is this month from 10am-11.30am.

Meet to Eat :- Meet to Eat this month will only take place on Friday 1st April, the next dates will be Friday 6th May and 20th May.

Tiddlywinks Toddler Group:- will be held each Thursday during April except Thursday 14th April when we will be having a break for Easter. Otherwise we will meet as usual at St. Paul's Church Hall 10am-11.30am. £2 per family. Jim-the-helper will be out in the fields lambing sheep during April but we are sure we will find a worthy 'stand in'.

Happy Easter from Jim and Elaine.
Please look out for our new group starting in May.
We are inviting those who live with Dementia to come along with their carers to enjoy a good 'sing-song', followed by a delicious light lunch. All happening at the Victoria Institute. More details to follow in next month's Link.
As a church we would like to wish you all Many Blessings this Easter.

MISSION ALBANIA

There will be a coffee morning (with a cake and gifts stall) on Saturday 23 April from 10 till 12 to raise funds for work with poor families in Albania. This will be at Brookhouse Methodist Church.

CHURCH'S TOGETHER LENT STUDIES

The dates for the Lent Studies is 5th April.
Held at Caton Baptist Church at 7:30pm when the minister from the four churches in the village will each lead a study, followed by tea or coffee and biscuits.
Please come along and join with us.

PAINTING GROUP

The painting group will meet again on Thursday 14th & 28th April from 1.30- 3.30pm at Brookhouse Methodist Church. We ask for a donation of £2 to cover costs. All are welcome whatever level of skill. For more information contact Ruth 770605.

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April services at St Paul's

Sun 3rd @ 10am - All-Age Service

Sun 10th @ 10am - Palm Sunday Holy Communion with Sunday Club

Weds 13th @ 10am - Traditional Holy Communion

Thurs 14th @ 7:30pm - Maundy Thursday Holy Communion

Fri 15th - Good Friday Walk of Witness

Sun 17th @ 10am - Easter Sunday Family Communion

Sun 24th @ 10am - Holy Communion with Sunday Club

A weekly online service on Weds mornings at 9:30am is also being held, please contact Paul for login details.

Monthly prayer meeting - Sat 23rd @ 10am in the church hall - all welcome to come and pray for our church and community, with refreshments afterwards.

CATON BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Alan Wandsworth - Tel 01524 771371

Church Website - catonbaptist.org

We continue to meet for worship on a Sunday at 10.30am and 6.30pm. Sunday School during the morning service. We also have crèche facilities available during the morning service.

Easter Sunday morning come and join us for a service of celebration and praise led by our pastor Alan Wandsworth. This is held at the usual time 10.30am. If you have never joined us before, you would be really welcome to share with us over this wonderful weekend of celebration.

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

Ladies Fellowship:-

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 enjoy a cup of tea, coffee and biscuits afterwards. All ladies from the village and further a field are welcome to join us and transport can be arranged if you need a lift. The dates and speakers for April are -

6th - Martha Woodward, 20th - Clapham Ladies.

We look forward to seeing you.

GOOD FRIDAY - CATON BAPTIST CHURCH

At Caton Baptist Church on Good Friday. A time to reflect and pray at our prayer breakfast from 8 - 9:30am. All welcome to come along and share with us.

EASTER SATURDAY - CATON BAPTIST CHURCH

Caton Baptist Church are having their usual Easter Saturday walk meeting in the chapel car park at 10am. Please bring a packed lunch and good strong footwear. We will probably drive to a local starting point, but there will be spare seats available so everyone is welcome to join us.

CATON METHODIST CHAPEL

What's on at Caton Methodist Chapel - Weekly Sunday Service 10:30am

Lune Valley Methodist Service - Sunday 17th April 10:30am

Easter Sunday Service - We will be at Brookhouse Methodist Church. Everyone welcome.

Saturday Soup - Saturday 9th April at 12:30pm.

Enjoy a bowl of soup and homemade cakes with friends £3.00 per person

Crafts @ Caton - Thursday 28th April between 10-12am. Come along for a coffee and chat

Bible Study Live and via Zoom - Thursday 7th, Wednesday 13th and Wed 27th April at 7:30pm at Brookhouse Methodist Church. A zoom link will be available from Rev Emma for anyone who would like to attend virtually.

Chapel Anniversary - Saturday 30th April at 7pm. With Bentham Praise singing. Supper at the close

Continuing on Sunday 1st May at 10:30am with Rev Keith Borwick

If you would like to contact Rev Emma Holroyd emma.holroyd@methodist.org

BROOKHOUSE METHODIST CHURCH

Easter Sunday Service:- Sunday 17th April 10:30am. Taken by Rev Emma Holroyd with Shirley Eaton. Refreshments at the close

Children's Craft Morning:- Wednesday 13th April between 10am - 12pm. Lots of different craft activities for both girls and boys. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Everyone welcome

If you would like more details, contact 07966 924261

Book and Jigsaw Exchange:- Saturday 16th April between 10am and 12pm. Bring a book/jigsaw you no longer want swap it and donate to charity. We have over 100 Books and jigsaws to choose from, all ages are welcome. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served. This will continue on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Everyone welcome

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CATON UPDATE - Good progress is being made with planning and permissions to complete the last area of Caton, down Ball Lane. All other areas of Caton are ready for residents to connect to the B4RN Hyper fast broadband service. Government vouchers are still available to help cover the cost of this. Just go to the "GETB4RN" on the B4RN website and fill in the form.

BROOKHOUSE UPDATE - Our drop-in sessions on Tuesday evenings at the Black Bull have now finished. If you are thinking about getting B4RN in Brookhouse and need advice, then email b4rn4bn@gmail.com. You can still get B4RN and government funding is available to help B4RN get the service to you. To get started with B4RN complete a service request at b4rn.org.uk/getb4rn

HELP FOR UKRAINE

Thank you to ALL who have supported the local initiative to help the people of Ukraine. We have been working flat out with local and London-based volunteers, as well as our contacts in PL and UA, to ensure all donations got safely to where they were most needed. Thanks to your support, we were able to send FOUR van loads of essential items to the PL/UA border, with medical supplies going straight to a hospital in Lviv - all within a single week! Our particular thanks go to:

- Caton Community Primary School, for spreading the word about the appeal in the local community and providing initial storage
 - Caton St. Paul's CE Primary School, Hornby St. Margaret's CE Primary School, Wray with Botton Endowed Primary School, Yealand CE Primary School, Quernmore CE Primary School, Grosvenor Park Primary School in Lancaster and Waterloo Academy in Blackpool, for joining and extending the reach of this appeal
 - Children from the above schools, for making the most amazing cards for the youngest refugees
 - Caton Baptist Church, for welcoming us on the 4th and 5th March and providing the space to sort and pack all donations
 - Caton Methodist Church, for additional fundraising
 - St. Thomas' Church in Lancaster, for sharing this appeal in their newsletter
 - Station Garage, for donating a tank of fuel and acting as our despatch centre
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 - Castle Industrial Supplies, for donating several pallets of cardboard boxes
 - The Melbourne Pub, for coordinating donations in Lancaster
 - Our friends, for collecting donations at your own homes
 - Pye Hire, for renting out vans at a preferential rate
 - Lucas Properties of Hull, for adding our medical supplies to their convoy
 - Private and business donors (monetary and otherwise), for being so generous
 - Volunteers, for dedicating your time to sort, pack and transport some boxes to Warton, and for helping us load the vans on Mon evening and Tue morning
- The appeal continues, but as the warehouses in PL and UA are full, we can no longer accept all types of donations. From now on, the appeal will focus on medical supplies. To track our progress or see the current list of items we're collecting, please join our group on Facebook: facebook.com/groups/catonandfriendsforukraine.
- Businesses or private individuals can help in a variety of ways, e.g. by: contacting Anna to buy specific items through the bulk buy account ordering products to Station Garage (Lancaster Road, LA2 9QJ) making a donation (online and offline) joining the Facebook group and spreading the word
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- To contact Anna directly, please post on our Facebook page or call: 07305773004 (Anna), 07418089089 (Maciek).

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