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PARISH COUNCIL

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The December Parish Council meeting (Tuesday 10th December, 7pm, Victoria Institute) will open with a discussion of the proposed housing development to the west of Quernmore Road. A representative of the developers will be there.

War Memorial Garden It is distressing that someone is allowing their dog to defecate on the lawn at the War Memorial and leaving the poo to be picked up by the people who care for the garden. Just stop!

Hedges Thank you to the people who have ensured their hedges and bushes are cut back clear of the pavement or road; well done!

Orchard Planting Thank you to those who have volunteered to help with the planting; anyone else interested please contact Judy on 771154.

Road safety Thank you to everyone who has sent in comments. We hope to have our local Lancashire County Councillor come to our January meeting to discuss the proposals. (14th January, 7pm, Lune Valley Methodist Hub). Do come along and contribute.

Public toilet at the Victoria Institute The Parish Council has been asked whether residents and visitors would support longer opening times for the public toilet outside the Victoria Institute. If you have a view on this, please let the Parish Clerk know by the end of December. (At present it is open for 12 hours when the Library/IT room is staffed, or when the Old Post Office is open).

Christmas tree lights The Parish Council is providing a tree at the War Memorial again this year. The lights will be switched on at 4.30pm on Friday 6th December. A short service at the tree, followed by hot drinks and refreshments in the Victoria Institute. A lovely way to start the Christmas season.

YOUR COMMUNITY CENTRE NEEDS YOU

The Victoria Institute is run as a charity and therefore without the help of the volunteer trustees the centre simply wouldn't be able to operate. If you could commit to attending a meeting once a month and have an interest in taking care of this precious community resource, you could be the kind of person to become a part of the team. For information please contact our Community Centre Manager Peter Collins via email at admin@victoria-institute.org.uk or phone 01524 771733

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: Saturday 7th December

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2024

St Peter's Church Quernmore LA2 9EL. Friday 29th November to Sunday 1st December
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 We welcome women of all ages and walks of life to join us for fun, friendship, education and the opportunity to contribute to the local area. Last month we had a fun Macrame workshop making Christmas decorations. The next meeting is Thursday 5th November at 7:30pm at the Victoria Institute. This is our Christmas meeting and will be a great meeting to come to if you've never been before because there will be lots of time to chat and get to know each other whilst having fun. Come and try us out! We will be having a Secret Santa and bringing nibbles. Please also bring your hats for the homeless this month so we can donate them in time for Christmas to Tactical Street Angels. This project has been ongoing and even non-members have made hats for this local charity for which we are very grateful. Some of our wonderful ladies have even made more than 10! For more information, check out our Facebook page.

BURNS NIGHT SATURDAY 18th JANUARY 2025
 2025 is fast approaching – have you got your ticket yet for the best night in January? At the time of writing we have sold two thirds of our tickets and we don't want you to miss out! Contact tricia@marybankfarm.uk to ensure you are on the list. £30 per head for a classic haggis supper, with vegan and gluten free options available followed by (brief!) traditional Burns Night speeches and, most importantly, a lively evening of dancing accompanied and Called by Caton Folk Band. A tot of whisky to toast the haggis is included and all other drinks are Bring Your Own. There will be a raffle and a Whisky Roll competition. All profits will be used to pay for the children's travel on our visit to France in April 2025. Also, our excellent chefs prepare the food in return for a donation to St John's Hospice.

CATON AND BROOKHOUSE FRIENDSHIP CLUB
 Many thanks to The Station Hotel for the buffet lunch enjoyed by a number of our members at the beginning of October. The food was lovely and it was great to catch up with friends old and new. Our mystery tour later in the month introduced most of us for the first time to Ormskirk Market, a busy and traditional market which was enjoyed by all. We later headed for Southport, always a favourite visit. In December we are visiting Chatsworth House with its Xmas decorations and later that month we will have our traditional Xmas lunch. The Friendship Club AGM will be held at The Station Hotel on January 16th, and we will be having a hot pot lunch on February 20th before trips begin again in March. We hope everyone has an enjoyable Xmas.

PAINTING GROUP
 The painting group will meet for the last time this year on Thursday 12th December 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.

TWINNING TRIP TO SOCX - 3RD TO 6TH APRIL 2025
 Our friends in Socx are already planning our weekend visit next year. Leaving here early on Thursday and returning on Sunday, we travel door-to-door by coach and ferry to be hosted and entertained by the villagers of Socx. Please do let me know if you want to join us - the cost per adult will be a maximum of £150, but the price will be reduced if we have more adults. The more the merrier and the cheaper! As in previous years children under 16 will be subsidised as much as we possibly can, we have been able to offer free places for all before and hope to do so again. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The date has been chosen to enable the children to attend school in France for a day – a truly educational trip. A deposit of £25 per adult secures your place – to be paid by 14th February. I can assure you that you will be delighted that you came, Twinning is a wonderful experience, so many long term friendships have been made – both within the village and internationally. tricia@marybankfarm.uk for more information and to secure your seat.

Buses Knowing where the buses are is really useful! There may be apps that do the job, but one way is to use an online live bus map, which is updated constantly as the bus moves along its route. One is bustimes.org. Once on their website, search for (say) Caton. See timetable. Select Map. Buses will appear as tiny dots moving along the road. Worth testing at home before you use it out in the cold. Any apps to recommend?

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135th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Friday 29th November at 2:00pm in the Victoria Room, everyone welcome.

LIBRARY CHRISTMAS CLOSURE DATES The Library will close at 12 noon on Thursday 19th December and re-open at 10:00am on Monday 6th January 2025

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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/

Echoes of the Lune Valley: A Photographic Journey By David Kenyon A Photographic History of the People and Places in and around a Lancashire Valley.

This new book by local historian David Kenyon contains fourteen chapters on the history of the Lune Valley. These include fascinating stories such as Claughton Hall being moved stone by stone to a new location by C M Slinger and Sons of High Bentham. Other topics include the discovery of an unexploded bomb during the Second World War and articles about local industry and farming. The book also features contributions from Michael Winstanley, who reflects on the restoration of St. James the Less church in Tatham by the Foster family; Susan Bull, who explores the rich history of Hornby Castle; and Colin Miller, who shares his recollections of farming and schooling in the 1940s. Complimenting the text are over one hundred quality photographs that really bring to life the people and places described. Echoes of the Lune Valley will be available in time for Christmas and can be purchased from Caton Village Institute. The book is priced at £15 and is sold in aid of St John's Hospice, Lancaster.

GROW CATON

The active growing season has finished, perennial plants have been cut back and mulch applied to the soil. We have harvested bean seeds, both for sowing in spring and for eating this winter. My new activity for these darker days is rescuing supermarket food from going to waste, through an organisation called Olio. This works entirely via the Olio App, where every night volunteers share food that has reached the 'Use By' or the 'Best By' date with their local community. I have a regular slot on Friday nights, which means that from 9pm onwards I will list on the App the food available for collection in Caton. Anyone can then request this for free via the App. The food will be mostly chilled, fruit & veg, and bakery items. The Olio App is very easy to use and navigate and has clear instructions all along the way with helpful messages to guide you. Do have a look at it and should you have any questions then do get in touch with Brigitte. Our Grow Caton group does keep on chatting via WhatsApp about harvests, fermenting, baking, composting and all things vegetable, to join us on WhatsApp please email growcaton@outlook.com, for questions contact Brigitte 770771 or Anne 771470.

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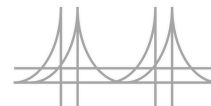
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It has been wonderful to see our new Pre-school and Reception children settle in so well this term. Our reception children are moving quickly through their phonics sounds and have already sung in Church as part of a full harvest service. They have taken advantage of the good weather to spend time in our outdoor area. We are still showing prospective parents round before the January application deadline; please contact Mr Gittins for more information.

In Pre-school, the children have taken part in a range of activities, particularly enjoying learning about harvest, and hammering pins into a pumpkin! We have spaces in our Pre-school: ring 01524 770241 to book a tour.

Y2 and Y6 children enjoyed a visit from the fire service, helping them to think carefully about how to stay safe on our roads. This followed on from a 2-day immersive cycling experience for our Y5 children where they learned how to cycle safely on the local roads. Our commitment to keeping our children safe extends beyond the school boundaries.

Our Y6 children have all taken part in playleader training and are now setting up daily activities for the younger children to take part in at lunchtime. This is great for their leadership skills and confidence, as well as giving the KS1 children some exciting games to play.

Y4 took part in their outdoor-ed days, scrambling up a dry river bed, crawling under a waterfall and visiting Yordas' cave near Ingleton to sit on the throne and wade through Yordas' shower. This progressive outdoor education curriculum culminated in an immersive caving experience in Long Churn for our Y6 children which was enjoyed by children and staff!

Christmas in a Church school is unique and we have lots of fun activities planned to celebrate this special time of year.

Our PTA have planned a new event and you are welcome to come and join us; we are holding a treasure hunt around the village on Thursday 5 December, which will start and finish in the school hall with mulled wine and special hot chocolate. It's £2 per person and you can sign up at school. Our PTA raffle is on 13 December and will take place live on Facebook - please join us for what is always a fun event.

Finally, we are excited to announce that Bishop Jill will be officially opening our Prayer Square on Thursday 5 December. This is a calm space in school for children of all faiths, or none, to use if they need a quiet, thoughtful or spiritual moment.

CATON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

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Photos – We proudly showcase historic photos of Caton United FC teams in our facilities, with the earliest dating back to 1911. Unfortunately, we are missing photos from some seasons. Could you help us complete our collection? Please get in touch via social media if you can or join us each Saturday afternoon at the field behind the Station Hotel pub whilst watching a match.

Players – If your son is 16 years old, and looking to join an open age team, they are more than welcome to come and train with us at Caton United. We train each Wednesday at Dallam High School on the 3G pitch. The time is 18:20-19:20. All coaches are qualified and have DBS certificates.

Volunteers – We're always seeking additional help around the club 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.

MOBILE LIBRARY

Visits are every three weeks. Caton Station Hotel Car Park. Thurs 12th Dec 2pm. Brookhouse Methodist Hub Car Park Friday 13th Dec 9:30. To check times the following website is regularly updated. <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives/libraries/mobile-library/>

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CATON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Pupils are very much enjoying the topics they are learning about this term. Class 4's topic of peace and conflict was brought to life when they visited the Museum of Lancashire for an immersive WW2 experience. They got to see what it was like to be code crackers, spies, aerial surveillance analysts and D-Day strategists. In French, they have been learning to tell the time using the 24 hour clock and to describe their daily routine in French. They have shared presentations with their penpals in Socx and are very excited to see what comes back and to compare their daily lives with those of children in France! Class 3's local history topic, 'Where did all the mills go?' is a fascinating insight into Caton in the past - look out for the children on their historical walk around the village. Class 2 are learning about transport through time including the first flight and space travel. Continuing with the theme of travel, Reception Class has been busy enjoying cycling awareness sessions. They have learnt about the importance of wearing helmets and how to cross the road safely. We also had a visit from the Fire Brigade to teach the children about fire and road safety.

Sports teams have taken part in KS2 rugby and KS1 athletics competitions with KS1 children achieving some great individual successes. The children have been busy in the local community. The school's Eco Committee is up and running and children can be seen every week litter picking around Fell View playpark. On 11th November, our Key Stage 2 children attended the cenotaph in Caton village to take part in an act of remembrance and to lay a wreath. The PTA Bingo night was a great success; it was very well attended and raised funds for our Forest School project. The next event in the social calendar is the Christmas Fair which will take place on Thursday, 12th December from 5pm-7pm. As usual, we will have a very special visitor, fantastic games made by Years 5 and 6 in Design Technology lessons; stalls; refreshments and lots of fun for all the family. Everyone is very welcome.

Our Key Stage 1 nativity performance of 'Lights, Camel, Action' will take place on 17th December at 1:30pm and 18th December at 6pm. It's going to be thoroughly entertaining and not to be missed. Tickets are available from the school office.

We are very lucky to have an exceptional governing body. There will be a governor vacancy in the new year. If you think you might be interested in getting involved, please contact Mrs Bowskill, the Head Teacher, in the first instance.

On behalf of the whole school community, we wish everyone in the local community a very happy Christmas.

CATON AND BROOKHOUSE GARDENING CLUB

It is true - we are talking about December already! Because that is when our next 'do' is - our members only festive season social evening on Thursday 12th December starting at 7pm in St Pauls Church Hall. There will be wine and festive treats as well as the usual refreshments. A mix of entertainment will be on offer including one of Philip's amazing practical quizzes, games and other quizzes, if time permits. Normal entrance fee of £1 applies and there will be no raffle. If anyone has a game (gentle!) they would like to play during the evening then do let us know. Our festive season meal, £17.00 per head, is scheduled for 12.30 for 1pm in St Pauls Church hall on Saturday 11th January. Last orders for catering purposes are at our next meeting on 12th December please. Or you can ring Rebecca on 07806521974 and place your order directly with her but by the date of our next meeting please A very happy Christmas to you all.

CATON LEISURE CLUB

BAD NEWS No more talks in December GOOD NEWS They start again in January :- 6th Astrology Martin Lunn; 13th Skiing Les Fryer; 20th Watch this Space Ralph Cruickshank; 27th Inn and Out at the Top Neil Hanson We meet at Victoria Institute at 10.00 for 10.30. Only £3 each time including tea/coffee and biscuit. A friendly welcome too!

Get those legs moving for your Christmas parties or just loosen up anyway. Join Norma's Chair exercises. Just the thing for improving mobility. They take place each Monday from 9 until 10 am for the modest charge of £2.

Short Mat Bowls have started again on Wednesdays at the Institute. 10 to 12. Come along for fun and companionship. Why not give it a try? Again you will be welcomed and shown what to do. Please contact David 01524 812342 for further details.

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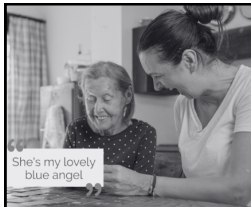
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Thank you so much to all who came for the 'Love your Graveyard' day. All the help was very much appreciated, and we look forward to doing it again!

Please do get in touch with Rev Helen Scamman at vicar@stpaulscaton.org.uk if you have any issues of faith or life you would like to discuss. You are warmly welcome to the Services at St Paul's Church this Christmas

Tuesday 10th December 11am Daytime Carol Service (formerly Pastoral Service) followed by Refreshments in the Church Hall

Sunday 15th December 6.30pm Caton and Brookhouse Village Carol Service

Sunday 22nd December 2-4pm Drop in to St Paul's for a prayer or a time of quiet to remember loved ones at Christmas

Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24th December 4pm Crib Service (come in a nativity costume or we can lend you one) 10pm Christmas late night communion

Christmas Day Wednesday 25th December 10am Family Friendly Communion Service

Sunday services in December at 10am 1st December Advent All Age Service

8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th December Communion Service

ST PAUL'S CHURCH BROOKHOUSE COFFEE MORNING

The next Coffee Morning will be at the Parish Hall on the 4th of December at 10.30. The December Coffee Morning is in support of the Church Funds. As usual there will be a raffle, a quiz and stalls displaying a range of cakes and produce. It will give people the opportunity to meet friends and neighbours for a chat. You are most welcome to join us for a coffee, tea or cold drink as well as biscuits and mince pies. In November we raised £74.30 for the Mother's Union Caravan. Thanks to everyone who attended the Coffee Morning and supported this praiseworthy cause.

DAYTIME CAROL SERVICE FOR THE VILLAGE at ST PAUL'S CHURCH, BROOKHOUSE

Everyone is welcome to St Paul's Church for the Daytime Carol Service. This service was formerly known as the Pastoral Service. It will take place on the 10th of December 2024 at 11am at St Paul's Church. There will be a short service, lasting approximately half an hour. Afterwards we hope you will stay for a chat and refreshments. The refreshments will be available in the Church Hall. We hope you will join us for this short time of reflection and fellowship.

WHAT'S ON AT CATON METHODIST CHAPEL

Weekly Sunday Service 10:30am. Except on 8th December, when we will be at Brookhouse.

Saturday Soup Christmas Special 14th December 12:30pm At Lune Valley Methodist Hub. £3.00 per person homemade soup and lots of Cake. With singing from Bentham Praise incorporating the book and jigsaw exchange.

Carol Service Sunday 22nd December with coffee and mince pies

Crafts @ Caton There will be no Crafts this month

We would like to wish everyone a peaceful Christmas and New Year

THE LUNE VALLEY METHODIST HUB, BROOKHOUSE

Sunday Service 10:30am. Sunday 8th December with Andy Lund. This is an All-Age Worship Services – followed by refreshments.

Saturday Soup Christmas Special 14th December 12:30pm with homemade soup and cakes, £3.00 per person. With singing by Bentham Praise – incorporating the book and jigsaw shop

Bible Study Wednesday 7pm 11th December only. The 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month Happy Christmas and New Year

COMMUNITY HUB AT LUNE VALLEY METHODIST, BROOKHOUSE

Each session will also include a craft area and someone to help with form filling. 7th December - **Wreath Making workshop** – 10-12pm. If you have any greenery from your garden, please bring that along. If you would like to come, please book by contacting 07966 924261.



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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.

On Sunday 8th at 10:30am our young people will lead the morning service. You're very welcome to come along to support and encourage them. There will be mince pies and coffee or tea served at the close. On the same day in the evening we have our Christmas Youth service at 6:30pm. Come and join us with the usual hot chocolate and doughnuts at the close. Please join us for a Christmas Breakfast on Saturday 14th at 9am. All ladies are invited to Caton Baptist Church. For numbers please RSVP Laura on 01524 771371.

Sunday 15th at 10:30am we are having a visit from John and Sue Wilson who served as missionaries in France for many years. They have now retired but are sharing with us of their work from their church situated in the middle of Paris. Refreshments at the close. All welcome. 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 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 date for this month is the 11th - Please note the earlier time of 12.30pm when a Christmas lunch will be served, followed by a gospel message given by Mrs Debbie Green .

There won't be any Crafty Tots sessions in December but we'll be back on the 10th January 2025.

On Friday 20th Caton Baptist church members and friends will be out Carol Singing around the village. Meeting in the church car park at 6:30pm and afterwards back to the church for warm drinks and food. If you enjoy singing carols, you are more than welcome to join us.

Caton Baptist are holding their Candle Light Carol Service on Sunday 22nd in the evening at 6:30pm. Again more singing of much loved carols and much more. There will be refreshments at the close. You are very welcome to come along.

Family Christmas Eve service at 6pm at Caton Baptist Church. This will be a short family friendly event as we anticipate the birth of our Saviour Jesus. All welcome.

Caton Baptist Church Christmas Day service at 10am as we celebrate the real meaning of the season - Jesus leaving the splendour of heaven to be born as a baby in Bethlehem. Again this will be a short family service. Come and start your Christmas Day with us and share in the celebrations - you are very welcome.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

RUSHLEY SINGERS CAROL CONCERT

Thursday 19th December at 7.30pm at St. Paul's Church, Brookhouse. The Rushley Singers, with their conductor Rachael Lee and accompanist Andy Plowman, will be performing their annual carol concert in the village this year. Tickets are £10 and include a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie. These are available from Janet Barker (please text 07833361916, or email ntg.direct@outlook.com).

BROOKHOUSE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday morning worship every Sunday morning, 10.45 at the Victoria Institute. Junior Church and Creche available. You are most welcome.

'Tiddleywinks' Toddler Group: held at the church hall, Brookhouse, on Thursday mornings, 10 to 11.30. Come mums ; dads; grans and gramps - you are most welcome....£2.50 per family

Meet to Eat: 1st & 3rd Friday of month 12:30pm – £5 Victoria Institute

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Thank you to all the wonderful stallholders, cake-makers and visitors who helped make the 2024 Affordable Christmas Fair at the Victoria Institute so lovely. It was the second year for the Christmas Fair in Caton, with funds raised for the Institute. Particular thanks to everyone who helped with set-up, clear-up, and providing drinks and homemade treats at the delightful pay-as-you-wish café, and special thanks to Peter, Fiona, Nygel, Elaine, Jenny, and the Institute trustees. Hope to see you next year!

CRAFT FAIR FOR CANCERCARE Thank you to everyone who attended the craft fair at Caton Baptist church. We raised £430 for CancerCare.

HORNBY PENSIONERS

Dates for dominoes December - 7th and 21st. Meetings take place in Hornby Institute. For information contact Eileen Barton on 07780461517. Christmas Party Lunch Tuesday 10th December. This is one of the highlights of the year and not one to be missed. It will be held in the Institute at 1pm and will be followed by entertainment. Julie Parker will be doing the catering and if last year is anything to go by, it will be a magnificent spread, catering for all tastes. A complimentary glass of wine will be included. The cost will be £12.50 per head and will be for members only.

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All of our sessions taking place over the Christmas Period are now available to book! With lots of Family Hire Swims, Open Family Sessions, Splashing Tots Sessions, Lane Swims and so much more, we have something for everyone to enjoy. Please check out our website and Facebook Page for more information. It is with great sadness that after several years of service, we announce the retirement of one of our Trustees, Roger Carter. Roger was instrumental in the reopening of the swimming pool and continued to oversee marketing and fundraising opportunities from that time to the present. His invaluable insights and expertise will be sorely missed. His fellow Trustees and staff members of the pool would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude and thanks for his extraordinary efforts in keeping swimming alive in Hornby. The team would like to thank you all for your support and wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! For all pool enquiries, please contact Georgia or Scott on: 01524 805666. www.lunevalleypool.com Facebook: Lune Valley Swimming Pool. Email: poolmanager@lunevalleypool.com

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all residents of Caton and Brookhouse from the Link! Thank you to everyone who has contributed to each edition and we look forward to hearing about your future events in 2025. Simply email the Editor before the 15th of each month to be included.



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