

# LINK

## ISSUE FOR DECEMBER 2020

### THE LINK AND COVID - 19 (CORONA VIRUS)

As 'The Link' goes to the printers in the middle of the month and the situation and Government advice regarding the public's response to Covid -19 is changing very rapidly, it may be that some meetings and events mentioned in this edition may not go ahead. Please check with the organizers of the meetings and events for up to date information.

### PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk:- Gill Mason - 07882 949110. E-mail - [catonparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:catonparishcouncil@gmail.com)

CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR - We are delighted that Jenny Boland is joining the Parish Council as a co-opted member.

CHRISTMAS TREE - The Parish Council is providing a Christmas tree as usual. There will be no switch-on ceremony or party, but we hope that the lights in the centre of our community from early December will brighten this dark time.

FOOTPATH ALONGSIDE THE ARTLEBECK - A preliminary visit has taken place and options for restoring the footpath are under consideration.

NEXT MEETING - The next meeting of the Parish Council is on *Tuesday 8th December*. It is expected that it will once again be held remotely, by Zoom, starting at 7pm. If you wish to attend, please contact the Parish Clerk who will send you the link by email.

### CATON GALA

Normally, at this time of year, we would be busily engaged in preparing for the forthcoming gala. Obviously, things are very different this year. When we took the decision to cancel Caton Gala 2020 we had every hope and expectation of bouncing back in 2021. Unfortunately, the disruption to our lives continues. Whatever the science maybe, HM Government continues to impose ever-changing regulations. It is impossible to predict what may be in force in six months' time. In order to bring some semblance of order to the situation in which we find ourselves, we will be holding a committee meeting (by whatever means are permissible) early in the New Year.

### CHRISTMAS COLLECTION - URGENT APPEAL

Two primary schools in deprived areas of Morecambe want to make up Christmas gift packs for their children. They are asking the wider community for help. The packs would contain - as a minimum - a pair of pyjamas (ages 4-13) and a book. New or nearly new toys also very welcome. Good quality children's clothing is also needed - items such as socks, gloves, hats. Anything extra to help make a family's Christmas more special would be wonderful.

Our local contact is Suzanne Smith. She can collect (phone 770106) or items can be left at her home (41 Fell View). By 1st December please. If you (or someone you know in our villages) would welcome similar assistance, please let Suzanne know. She will keep details confidential.

### LIVING ADVENT CALENDAR

To bring a little light and fun to the village we are turning the streets of Caton and Brookhouse into a living advent calendar. A window throughout the village will be on show each day from 1st December until Christmas Eve.

At 6pm the window will be 'opened' and once opened will remain in situ until 28th December so people can enjoy them and if any are missed there is an opportunity to catch up. Cards will be available through the schools for the children to collect the ones they have found.

Locations for each window will be provided closer to the time. Please like 'Caton Baptist Church' facebook page for the locations and keep checking 'Linking Caton and Brookhouse'

### PAINTING GROUP

I am afraid there are still no prospects of getting together again yet. Hope everyone is keeping well. I would like to wish all our members a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and New Year. Stay safe. Ruth. Tel 01524 770605.

### FIRST SATURDAY WORK PARTY

A group of residents are getting together on the first Saturday of each month to pick up litter and tidy the village. Meet at the car park next to Boots in Caton at 10am. Weather permitting. Bags, gloves, litter-pickers available. Perhaps for just half an hour or an hour - could make a big difference!

*Next session Saturday 5th December*

## LOCAL NEWS OF CATON & BROOKHOUSE

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 Linking Caton and Brookhouse  
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7.00 pm: *Evening Service*

### Caton Methodist Brookhouse Road

10.30 am:

*Morning Service and  
Junior Church*

### Catholic Church Station Yard

*Holy Mass*

*Saturday Evening 6.00pm*

*Holydays of Obligation*

*Mass on eve of Holyday at  
6.00pm*

### St Paul's C of E Brookhouse

*Sunday Communion  
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*All Age Worship, read  
and led by children – 1st  
Sunday of the month*

*Sunday Club in the Church  
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**CATON AND BROOKHOUSE FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

We would like to confirm something you all probably know. Our Christmas party on the 10th of December sadly has had to be cancelled.

The AGM on the 21st of January at 2pm will be held in the Hall at the Victoria Institute within the social distancing rules. There will be the opportunity to elect your committee and pick up the update to next year's trip programme.

Due to the uncertainty of the social distancing regulations we have not been able to confirm a booking on March 18th 2021.

We have booked Bibbys Coaches for our first 2021 trip starting on the 15th April 2021 to Boundary Mill, 9.30am from Brookhouse then on to pick up at the Victoria Institute. Other pick up points can be arranged by contacting our secretary.

On behalf of the committee may we wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy and safe new year.

For further information contact our secretary Benita on 01524 771943.

**LUNE VALLEY SWIFT GROUP**

A big positive for our group this year has been the number of people becoming involved in initiatives to help our breeding Swifts, such as by sending us their sightings or installing nest boxes on their houses. It's been fantastic to welcome new group members and expand our volunteer network.

Thanks to the Champion Bowland fund, this year we have been able to install 15 Swift nest boxes on community buildings (Caton Institute and Methodist Church) and private houses in Caton and Brookhouse, and we hope more will go up over the winter. We have also been able to produce an advice leaflet to help homeowners encourage and protect nesting Swifts.

Our Swifts will by now have completed their 6000-mile migration to southern Africa; the fledglings leaving nests here may now remain on the wing for up to 3 years, returning each May to the Lune valley, but only landing again when they too are ready to breed. These amazing birds have been declining, but there is a lot we can do to help reverse this and secure their future as a part of our summer.

If you would like to find out more about what we do, or would like advice on installing your own Swift nest box, please do get in touch at lunevalleyswifts@gmail.com

**CORONAVIRUS: THANK YOU TO LOCAL WORKERS**

Many residents would like to thank the staff of local shops, the pharmacy and the Victoria Institute for their exceptional service to the community during the lockdown period and whatever follows it. We felt that a gift of money would be appropriate so they can treat themselves to something they would like. The Parish Council has agreed to administer a collection. Cash donations may be made at the Victoria Institute - if the VI is closed, put into an envelope and post through the letter box, marked for the Parish Clerk. Donations can be made by cheque payable to Caton Parish Council and left at the Victoria Institute. Contact the Parish Clerk if you would like to pay by another methods. Her number is 07882 949110. By 8 December please.

**CATON AND BROOKHOUSE GARDENING CLUB**

This month would normally see us enjoy our festive social evening with wine and nibbles. Not to be I am afraid but do hope you are all keeping well and obeying the rules!

Here is a game though that we can play. Make up as many words of four or more letters as you can using the letters of the word 'gardening' no more than once. Answers must be in my dictionary! Send your answers to me by email : graham@jandg.me.uk or by post to Mears Ghyll, Caton Green if you wish. Lets say the deadline is 10th December for me to get the result in the next Link. The prize will be a box of chocolates to your door! Enjoy  
Happy Christmas to one and all. Lets be positive and believe that the new year will be much better.

**VILLAGE LUNCH CLUB**

Greetings to all my friends in the village lunch club. I hope you are keeping well. Very special greetings to you at Christmas and also to all those in the Black Bull, the Ship and the Station who have looked after us so well. May you all have peace and hope this Christmas. I am really looking forward to vaccination and to the day when we can all get together again. I hope you are managing to keep in contact with friends & family. If you would just like a chat you can call 01524 771559. Sue Brown

**STATION HOTEL BOWLING CLUB.**

The AGM is due to take place on 3 December 2020. However due to the Lockdown restrictions in place until 2 December and the probable Tier 3 restrictions being imposed after Lockdown, we do not know when we will be able to get together again in large groups. We have therefore decided to postpone the AGM until a suitable date in Feb/Mar 2021 in the hopes that we will be able to get together in groups again by then. The accounts will be closed off at the end of November as normal. This year we will have made a loss of over £1,000 as we have had to maintain the green over the year and have received little income.

Again we have to report another instance of vandalism on the green. Another window has been broken and panels have been damaged to one of the shelters. These are additional costs that we have had to incur in these difficult times.

Stay safe. Reg Robinson (Chairman), Keith Hudson (Secretary) and Ged Nicholls (Treasurer).

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### VICTORIA INSTITUTE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - The Victoria Institute Annual General Meeting took place via Zoom on Monday 2nd November. Special thanks were given to Susan Treverton (Chair), Catherine Holloway (Trustee) and Judy Powell (Secretary), who each stood down at the meeting. Two new trustees were welcomed onto the Council of Management, they are Carol Crossley and Caroline McCarthy.

Members of the newly formed Council of Management can be found on the Victoria Institute website; <http://www.victoria-institute.org.uk/contact>

The Council of Management would like to wish everyone a safe and healthy Christmas.

COMMUNITY PANDEMIC SUPPORT - Regarding telephone befrienders, collection of prescriptions and shopping for people who are self-isolating or unwell, please phone Peter Collins on (01524) 771733

COVID-19 UPDATE - The Victoria Institute closed from Thursday 5th November and until further notice, to comply with the requirements of the second lockdown.

It is the intention that the following services will re-open at the end of the lockdown, this will be conditional upon any future government restrictions: -

#### 1. Room Hire

Please see information on our website, on the Terms and Conditions page for conditions for re-opening of room hire; <http://www.victoria-institute.org.uk/conditions-of-letting>

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All visitors to comply with the Victoria Institute Covid-19 conditions, including; not entering the building if you have the Coronavirus symptoms, wearing of face covering, use of hand sanitiser, social distancing, following of the one-way system and use of toilets

#### 3 Kitchen & Drop-in refreshments

The kitchen remains closed and the 'drop in' refreshments will continue to be unavailable.

### CATON THEATRE INTEREST GROUP

As we all know the live theatres have been very badly affected by the Covid 19 virus.

We continue to be alert to any changes in the government rules that will allow us to safely offer bookings to our theatre lovers. We have everything crossed for a matinee performance of 'One man to governors' at the Octagon theatre Bolton on the 26th of June 2021.

We would like to wish a merry Christmas and a happy and safe new year to all our Theatre lovers. For further information call Jean on 01524 770980 or Benita on 01524 771943

### LEISURE CLUB

The committee have taken the decision to cancel the weekly meetings we have booked from January through to April. We will however keep the trip to Ripon planned for 11th May 2021 still open and hope that we will be able to go.

We are constantly looking at the situation and if it looks like we can possibly put an event on we will do so.

Chair Exercises have been cancelled and subject to government guidance and regulations will start again in January.

Caton Short Mat Bowls are also on hold and hope to return in January, however for further information contact David 812342

Best wishes to everyone for a Christmas and New Year that we can all share with our friends and families. Any further information contact Susan on 771862

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**CATON ST PAUL'S SCHOOL**

We've had a really exciting month at Caton St Paul's CE Primary School.

Our Year 3 children have enjoyed canoeing on the canal at Borwick, as well as toasting marshmallows round a fire. They had a fantastic time and everyone managed to stay dry! Our Year 4 children had a wonderful day out: a full itinerary of ghyll scrambling, rock climbing and caving meant they were all exhausted by the time they returned. Our commitment to outdoor education remains strong, even at this difficult time. We are currently organising outdoor experiences for Reception and Years 1,2 and 5. The Y6 residential at Robin Wood is booked for July.

We celebrated remembrance day in school with a special worship that was enjoyed by all bubbles. All children and staff contributed to a remembrance day video that can be seen on Facebook - tissues at the ready. Our Wraparound Care Club coordinated the remembrance day display which can be seen on the grass at the front of school.

The Art competition was popular with over 60 entries: our panel of expert judges had a difficult time choosing a KS1 and a KS2 winner - well done to all who took part. We held a multi-day to raise money for Children in Need and are still collecting items for shoeboxes to be sent to disadvantaged children abroad.

As we gear up towards Christmas, we are making plans for an alternative nativity that can be sent to parents to watch digitally - watch this space.

It was great to be able to hold virtual parents' evenings via zoom - another example of how we have managed to try and keep things as normal as possible for children, parents and the community.

**CATON PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Despite the difficult times that we find ourselves in, we are still managing to connect with the community. Thank you to Alan Wadsworth for his super 'Zoom' assembly all about courage. We certainly all need plenty of that at the moment! Before the second lockdown, we also managed a visit from Debbie Green who shared some Christian beliefs with our children, including what Christians believe about creation.

Children In Need day was a great success. Through a variety of games, competitions and a sponsored Joe Wicks exercise session, we raised a huge total of £300. Thank you to all our families and members of the wider community who supported us.

On Remembrance Day, we learnt about the service and sacrifice made by those in the past and present and, following a two minute silence, each child placed a poppy in the ground by the school entrance to make a lovely display of remembrance.

We are pleased that we have been able to continue to teach a broad and balanced curriculum throughout the autumn term, with minimal disruption. Class 2 have been learning all about the United Kingdom and the human body, whilst Class 1 have been learning about continents, seas, habitats and the work of David Attenborough. The whole school has also studied Diwali. Swimming has continued for the juniors and Covid certainly isn't stopping us from producing our annual nativity in Class 1 which will be filmed in the final week of term. Watch out for more details on our Facebook page. We are looking forward to our Geography Mastermind competition in early December (we have the chair at the ready!) in which children from age 4 to 11 will compete for the coveted title as well as our family winter poetry competition.

We are also very much looking forward to our first termly exhibition of the children's work which will be on display in our sports hall from w/c 30th November. The exhibition is open to the community to view (subject to lockdown restrictions). If you would like to make an appointment to see our children's wonderful work once the lockdown is lifted, please contact MrsHowarth in the school office on 01524 770104.

If anyone has any good quality books that we could add to our library, we would be most grateful. They can be brought to school and we will 'quarantine' them before sharing them with the children.

We have a vacancy for a part-time office administration role (one day a week) from January. If you would like to join our hardworking and happy team, contact the Headteacher - head@caton.lancs.sch.uk - for further information.

On behalf of the children, staff, governors and parents, we would like to wish everyone in the local community a peaceful and happy Christmas.

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Update Sadly, we are still unable to make any positive plans for 2021. This means the January coffee morning will not take place & the AGM scheduled for February will be postponed until later in the year. In the meantime, we shall carry on as before, doing our best to arrange an enjoyable programme of events for the New Normal, whenever that may be.

In the Meantime Kath sends Season's Greetings to all Trippers and hopes next year will be a better one for us all – sentiments that are echoed by all of us on the committee. Take Care, Stay Safe, Have a Happy Christmas and a Healthy & Peaceful New Year.

### LUNE VALLEY SWIMMING POOL - UPDATE, DECEMBER & JANUARY.

Unfortunately, in line with Government policy, in November we had to close the pool to the general public... We were however able to remain open for organised school sessions in line with current guidance and therefore still able to welcome local children. As we go to press we hope to re-open, subject to national regulations from December 2nd...

As reported previously; the pool has been extremely well supported by the local community since the initial lockdown period with record numbers of individuals using the facilities. The second lockdown was therefore unfortunate but we aim to utilise the enforced hiatus to good effect by replacing the aged boiler utilising part of the National Community lottery grant of almost £30,000. We plan to have the new boiler installed along with other minor works whilst we are closed to the public - dependent upon availability - and are hopeful that all this can be achieved in order to minimise disruption to our public programme.

The Community lottery support will also assist us in alleviating the additional costs associated with the shutdown periods and with running the pool at reduced capacity in-between the periods of closure.

We will continue to update the website to advise of revised operating guidelines and the new timetables and once we are allowed to re-open we will accept bookings. Remember to please book in advance because numbers will still be limited and some sessions over-subscribed.

On behalf of the Trustees, staff and all the team at the Lunesdale Swimming pool we would like to thank all our supporters, volunteers and friends and wish you a most peaceful, happy and safe Christmas as current conditions allow. We earnestly hope that next year will bring much needed stability for us all and we can once again enjoy the full benefits of this wonderful community facility.

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### CATON WITH LITTLEDALE PLAY PARK ACTION GROUP PLAY PARK ....

Well, Whew! What a relief our iconic owl survived the diggers crushers and earthmovers ... and has emerged clean and watchful. And no longer is the Play Park quite the haven for the slugs and other wildlife and mysterious plants that have encroached during the years since Jeff, our lengthsman, left and maintenance became too much for the kind informal voluntary helpers. Long may regular maintenance continue.

But wait... there is a rumour that our owl loves all the children and families who visit and is very protective of the wonderful play experience they enjoy from the award winning design... and at night, our owl awakes to pursue anyone who has made the fatal mistake of harming the design...

An aerial image, which you can see on our facebook page, shows the extent of damage. Most striking is the removal, rather than the renovation of Woodhenge, that favourite climbing challenge for older kids, aspiration for younger ones. And a symbol of the soaring moor and peatland of the Forest of Bowland, our Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Restoring Woodhenge would be easy. Please, may we get on with it? Then from either side of Owl, the stepping stones have been removed, and the curved wooden path with its bouncy sound boards. Surely, these play benefits must be restored?

Then there is the question of where are the replacement for the community fruit trees which were integral to funding awards. If replanted promptly they would have yielded loads of lockdown community fruit - and the kids loved them anyway.

**Online survey - what outdoor leisure facilities do you want?** - Caton with Littledale Play Park Action Group is a small local charity which looks to create outdoor facilities to benefit our community, especially for older young people and their families. Some hoped for a bmx and a trim trail. We plan an online survey to find out what you suggest and where. Hopefully, with grant funding to improve health and well-being, we can work together to make this happen!

**Footpaths and local green spaces to walk and play!** - Lockdown has shown how we value our footpaths to enjoy our wonderful fields, rivers, woods, birds, off the busy roads - and our local green spaces as places to escape for peace and quiet and for all sorts of leisure pursuits. But we haven't as many footpaths or open spaces where we can go as in towns, and in the next 2 years we risk losing much of what we have. Our charity remit includes action so that future generations of our community can continue to enjoy what we have now..

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### CHRISTMAS AT THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN THE LUNE VALLEY

At present it is not possible to give specific details of any Christmas services. These will all be detailed on our website [www.lunevalleycatholics.org.uk](http://www.lunevalleycatholics.org.uk).

This also gives details our current Mass times.

We wish you all Christmas blessings.

### CHURCHES TOGETHER

Please find below some links to some of the local churches and their activities.

Caton Baptist youtube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcbeHa6he8gA6QCQoKVRujg>

Caton Baptist Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/Caton-Baptist-Church-353898628118923/>

Brookhouse Methodist Facebook group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/212957269817153/>

### CHRISTMAS 2020

Soon it will be December, then comes Christmas Day

Excitement for the children and memories of loved ones dear

Though what will be the out come

In these uncertain days?

We do our Christmas Shopping

And decorate our homes

Maybe visit loved ones

But no one really knows.

When Jesus was born on that first Christmas

So many years ago

No stocking lay at that child's feet

As He lay on a bed of straw

No crackers or toys in that stable bare

For the King of Kings where He lay

But He brought good news to a cold dark world

Just as He still does today.

So as we prepare for Christmas

With perhaps the lock down still in place

Let's try and lift each other up

And keep a smiling face.

Dorothy Brennand, Caton Methodist Church

### HOMELY THOUGHTS FROM A BROAD.

.Oh to be in England now November's here

And whoever wakes in England sees, some morning, unaware

That amidst the reds and browns of leaves appearing all apace,

The people in the shops all have a mask upon their face.

And whilst, beneath the shredding oak, the squirrel stores his nuts

We must obey the rule of six with neither 'ifs' nor 'buts'.

We might be brave and venture out to dine whilst we are able

But book ahead we surely must and not stir from our table.

And after this November's gone and winter's gloom descends

We must amuse ourselves at home until the crisis ends.

Stock up on flour and yeast my dears, and toilet rolls galore,

Then pour another gin and wait till April comes once more!

By Gill Barrett

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### ST PAUL'S CATON

We hope very much that following the end of lockdown, services will resume in the church in December (with social distancing and face coverings and without congregational singing). We therefore hope to be holding the following services in church:

Planned Sunday Services in St Paul's Church At 9.30am (6th, 13th, 20th and 27th Dec)

Planned Christmas services in St Paul's Church - As social distancing will be in place in church, we need to ticket our Christmas services to ensure we can safely accommodate people. Please email [stpaulschurchcaton@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulschurchcaton@gmail.com) or ring 01524 771148 to book a place at one of the following services from 1st December:

Sunday 20th December	4pm and 6pm	Carol Service (ticketed) Come and listen to festive music and hear the traditional Christmas readings
Christmas Eve	4pm	Family Crib Service (ticketed) A fun, interactive re-telling of the Christmas story for primary-aged children
	10pm	Midnight Communion A service with Holy Communion
Christmas Day	9.30am	Christmas Day Service (ticketed) An all-age service

#### Online services

For the first time ever, we will also be recording a Carol Service and Christmas Day service, joint with St Cuthbert's Over Kellet, which will be available for you to watch on our YouTube channel and Facebook page. They will go live on the same dates as above.

YouTube: St Paul's Church Caton Facebook: St Paul's Caton with Littledale

The Family Crib service will move onto Zoom if services cannot be held in the church building - for Zoom login details please email [revpaulboulter@gmail.com](mailto:revpaulboulter@gmail.com)

We're really looking forward to seeing you over the Christmas period.

### CATON BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Alan Wadsworth 01524 771371

At the time of writing we are unsure if we will be open for worship in our church building in December. However the people are the church family not the building so we can still gather together in spirit if not in body. We will continue to have services every Sunday on Zoom and also available on YouTube so you can catch up with us there. If anyone would like prayer or to chat things through please do contact Alan on 01524 771371, or email [alanwadsworth@gmail.com](mailto:alanwadsworth@gmail.com).

For more information do look at our website [www.catonbaptist.org](http://www.catonbaptist.org) or look us up on Facebook.

So whether we are still in lock down or not, Caton Baptist Church wish you all a very Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

### CATON METHODIST CHAPEL

At the time of writing we are unable to have services or mid week meetings until the lockdown is lifted.

We did manage a few weeks of socially distanced meetings on Sundays in September/October when it was lovely to meet up with everyone again.

We also haven't been able to hold our monthly 'Saturday Soup' this was started 9 years ago and is usually held the 2nd Saturday of each month. It is a time to get together with friends over a bowl of soup and a tray of cakes.

Our 'Crafts@Caton' group usually meet on the last Thursday of each month they haven't been able to meet either but have continued at home with various projects including Prayer Shawls, Knee rugs, and items for the special care baby unit, (a total of 7 Prayer items have been delivered during lockdown).

Our bible study is on zoom at the moment and we will be looking at advent.

If you would like more details of the above or the zoom meeting details you can contact our Minister Rev Emma Holroyd on [emma.holroyd@methodist.org.uk](mailto:emma.holroyd@methodist.org.uk)

We would like to wish everyone all the best for Christmas and the New Year and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in 2021!

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And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judæa, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

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The Rotary Club continues its meetings on line and club members are getting used to this although it is not the preferred way of meeting. This year, as always, many Rotary Clubs across the UK collected for the popular and deserving charity Children In Need. Owing to Covid 19 and the need for social distancing our club could not collect at the entrance to Booths store in Kirkby Lonsdale where, traditionally, we collect. This year we have had to find a different and safe way to collect. To this end a "Goodbox" was placed on the counter at the kiosk in Booths Kirkby Lonsdale and also in Kirkby Motors Garage on the A65. Both boxes were programmed to accept a card donation of £3. Collection buckets were placed on the counters of shops in Kirkby Lonsdale, Bentham and Ingleton. Thank you to our local shop keepers for supporting this and to everyone made a donation. On Tuesday 10th Nov I enjoyed a virtual talk, hosted by the Rotary Club of Furness Peninsular, by Gina Campbell daughter of Donald Campbell. Her father was killed in 1967 when breaking the water speed record on Coniston water.

As Club President my chosen charity for the year is the NW Air Ambulance. It was hoped to arrange a visit which is not now possible owing to Covid 19. We live in hope and perhaps it might be possible before my year in office ends. At the time of writing we look forward to a talk by Kevin Dyburgh who works with a group supporting the NW Ambulance Service. Sadly the traditional Christmas party is not possible this year. In its place we plan to hold a virtual carol concert. It is still in the planning stages! 2020 has been a strange, different and sadly for many a tragic year. Throughout its huge challenges our NHS staff has responded superbly and we join with the rest of the nation in offering grateful thanks. We must hope that 2021 will be better in all aspects of life.

From all the Rotary Club members and myself we offer our best wishes to you and your family for a Happy Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year.

Lilian President of The Rotary Club of Lunesdale.

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Thanks to all who have volunteered so far and to those who continue to expand the network. As B4RN expands they have vacancies which can be seen on their website at [b4rn.org.uk](http://b4rn.org.uk). B4RN are also looking for contractors to dig gardens and fit house kits, please email [contractors@b4rn.org.uk](mailto:contractors@b4rn.org.uk) for details.

BROOKHOUSE NEWS - The planned works on the path through St Paul's churchyard to Caton Green Road was delayed in November but should be underway in early December. This will open up the northeast of Brookhouse to the expansion of the network. Work was recently undertaken in the Vicarage grounds to lay ducting under the driveways to enable the core route to extend toward Chestnut Avenue.

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