

LINK

ISSUE FOR FEBRUARY 2023

PARISH COUNCIL

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PRECEPT - The work of Caton-with-Littledale Parish Council is largely funded by the Parish Precept. Councillors have decided not to increase the Parish Precept for 2023/24.

HIGHWAYS LANCASHIRE HIGHWAYS - plans to start work end January 2023 on the scheme to make the A683 from J34 to Kirkby Lonsdale a 50mph speed limit. Still no date for when work will start on the black spot at the bend east of the Bull Beck carpark, but Highways are planning what to do.

QUERNMORE ROAD - At present this busy road has a 30mph limit and there are concerns about safety. The Parish Council is considering asking Highways to visit to see how it might be made safer, perhaps by making it a 20mph area.

FLOODING - Lancashire County Council is our Lead Local Flood Authority. They want to know if any homes or business premises in our area were affected by flooding in the January storms. If you had flood water inside please contact them on highways@lancashire.gov.uk.

OAK TREE AT THE FISH STONES - The sapling which has been there for a few years is unlikely to thrive, and the Parish Council is considering replacing it with another small tree also grown from an acorn from the old tree. Work may be done on the railings at the same time.

CATON GREENWAY PROJECT - Lancashire Environmental Fund has agreed funding towards the improvements proposed for the Greenway, including more trees and bushes. We hope it may be possible to get some planting done this year and will be looking for volunteers.

ELECTIONS - At the local council elections this May, there should be an election for parish councillors for Caton-with-Littledale. An election is only needed if there are more candidates than places - we have 12 seats. Your Parish Council needs more councillors and it would be great to have enough candidates to need an election. If you would like to know what being a councillor involves, you can see minutes and documents on the village website. Or speak to the Parish Clerk or a current councillor, or attend a Parish Council meeting this spring.

Next Parish Council meeting Tuesday 14th February 7pm in the Victoria Institute.

CATON GALA

Caton Gala 2023 gets ever closer. It will take place on the 20 th May 2023 at Elm Grove Field, Caton.

The theme will be "Kings and Queens". On the subject of Queens etc. The entry forms for the competition to choose the Gala Queen, Attendant(s) and Page Boy (s) have now been delivered to local schools. The entry forms for the Drawing Competition have also been delivered to local schools. The Closing date for both competitions is the 28 th February 2023.

If your child does not attend a local school but would like to enter either (or both) competitions, please contact the committee and we would be pleased to send you a form.

Contact can be made by e mail to "catongala@catongala.co.uk".

The next meeting will take place at 8:00 PM on Monday the 6 th of February 2023 at the Station Hotel, Caton. All are welcome to attend.

PAINTING GROUP

The Painting group will meet on Thursday 2nd & 16th February at Lune Valley Methodist Hub from 1.30 - 3.30pm. Everyone is welcome no matter what level of skill you have.

We ask for a donation of £2 to cover costs. Tea/coffee provided.

For more information contact Ruth 01524 770605.

HELP - YOUR VILLAGE INSTITUTE NEEDS YOU

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Alas, time is taking its toll and the Institute needs a complete electrical refurbishment in order to meet the required standards. Some of the electrical infrastructure for the VI is over 40 years old and beginning to degrade, and in general cabling, emergency lighting, distribution panels and switch gear need bringing up to today's standards.

We have received 3 tenders for a full rewire all coming in at around £230,000.

The trustees would like help from anyone with expertise in fund raising: identifying sources and submitting applications.

Please contact Peter Collins or David Oliver (<http://www.victoria-institute.org.uk/contact>).

Of course personal donations are welcomed any time.

LOCAL NEWS OF CATON & BROOKHOUSE

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 Linking Caton and Brookhouse
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10.30 am:
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6.30 pm: *Evening Service*

Lune Valley Methodist Hub

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*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
Holydays of Obligation
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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Sunday Club in the Church
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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We meet at the Victoria Institute Caton for a 10.30 start and usually finish at about 12.15 Do please come along, we are only just down the road. You will be most welcome

FEBRUARY

- 6th - Berrand and Jeanette: The Galapagos
- 13th - Jan Dobson: An Incredible Adventure
- 20th - David Aris: My Life in Shipping
- 27th - Jane Tarleton: The African Bush

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

Bowling continues either outdoor or indoor. Please contact David for further information Tel 01524 812342

Caton Leisure Club was first formed in the 1980's for local people to meet together, make friends, have fun and learn new things. The Club is open to all ages, meeting up at the Victoria Institute on Monday mornings from 1030 to 1230. Talks vary from Embroidery to Local history to World travel and sometimes our own members share their holiday escapades and interests.

Other activities include Short mat Bowls in the winter and Chair based exercises throughout the year. The Christmas party is fantastic with a delicious buffet menu and even entertainment!

But join us soon to enjoy our Annual trip in the Spring

For more information please contact our Chairman David on 01524 812342

SOCX IN APRIL

We have a provisional date for a visit to Socx. This is from 1- 4th April, travelling out on Saturday and returning on Tuesday.

The reasons for this are-

- we avoid the new border control biometric measures coming into force in May which are predicted to cause extensive delays in Dover.
- it is wholly in our school holidays, but not in France, so children and teaching staff can travel with us and still visit school. .

Please can you let me know ASAP if you are interested in travelling with us, obviously exact costs are not known just now, but we want it to be a maximum of £150 per adult. We still intend to subsidise children as much as we can and adults will only pay the costs of coach and ferry travel. I look forward to hearing from you and I will send more information. Tricia 07775802676

LITTLE STARS TOTS GROUP

Little Stars Tots Group meets at St Peter's, Quernmore on Wednesday mornings in term time, at any time from 8.45 -11.00 Dates for February: 1st, 8th & 22nd All welcome.

CRAFTY TOTS

Crafty Tots is a fortnightly toddler group held in Caton Baptist Church. Sessions start at 9-30am 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 is £2-50 per session. The dates for February are the 10th and 24th.

GIRL GUIDING

Here in the Lune Valley, we have 3 units open for all our girls to enjoy: Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. Unfortunately, we only have 3 units in Caton alone for the whole Lune Valley to participate in, resulting in huge waiting lists.

We would love to open some more units in Hornby, Halton and Arkholme but in order to do this we need volunteers. If you could donate an hour of your time a week, we could open more units and make sure the sustainability of the current units, for all girls in the future.

If you decide that you think you could be a volunteer, you will receive training, support and join an already experienced and well-established group of leaders. You could choose which age group you work with (we are hoping to open a Ranger unit too!) and have as much flexibility as we can offer.

If you would like to learn more, please contact our District Commissioner, Vikkey Chaffe by email: Vikkeydraycott@gmail.com We look forward to hearing from you!

SATURDAY SOCCER AND NETBALL

The local churches are continuing to run Saturday Soccer and Netball at Caton Primary School Field/Sports Hall on Saturday mornings, 10.00am to 11.45am

Soccer is open to children aged 7 to 14. Soccer will run weekly from Saturday 7 January to 25 March but not on 11 and 18 Feb (half term).

Netball is open to children aged 9 to 13. The netball dates are, 4 Feb, 25 Feb, 11 March and 25 March. £2 per person, per session

Sessions will include coaching, games, juice and biscuits and a short Bible message.

For further details please contact Amelia Preece on 01524 771682

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The Library currently has a range of general fiction, crime & thriller, romance & saga, fiction & non-fiction as well as biographies and autobiographies.

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Kitchen – Beverages only £5, Caterers £20, Full cooking £30, charged per session

Special rates are available for extended functions, please see the Schedule of Charges on our website.

BUSINESSES, TRADES & SERVICES - The Victoria Institute has a display board for businesses, trades and services to promote themselves. Please leave your poster, business cards etc. with Peter at the Institute.

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

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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/>

FREE LINE DANCING CLASSES AT VICTORIA INSTITUTE

Free line dancing classes at Victoria Institute

A new teaching session dedicated to beginners every Tuesday during February, 10:30 to 11:00am

Come along to learn the basic steps, enjoy the variety of music, make new friends and have fun. As your confidence grows you can stay on for the rest of the morning's dancing. Everyone welcome.

Any questions contact Anne: 01524 811052/07923455939

CATON AND BROOKHOUSE GARDENING CLUB

Many thanks to all of you who supported our festive meal at the Church hall in January, to Rebecca who provided a quiz and organised the function and to Phil for his quiz. We all had an excellent time and enjoyed the food, drink and friendly, cheerful atmosphere.

Our next event is on **February 9th** in the Church Hall at 7pm. All are welcome to hear Andrew Lowe from Kendal talk to us about woodland crafts and industries. Andrew was the former buildings conservation officer for the Lake District National Park and comes highly recommended from fellow gardening groups as an entertaining speaker. The cost will be £1/£2 for members/non members respectively and this includes refreshments. So do come along for a bit of cheer as winter draws to a close with January behind us.

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 10.00 am, weather permitting – and many thanks to those who turned out in the pouring rain for the January session! You decide how much time and where abouts 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.

Next session: **Saturday 4th February**

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CATON ST PAUL'S C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Happy new year to all Link readers.
We have already been busy in school, even with 2023 only being a couple of weeks old. We welcomed 4 new children to our Pre-school and now have 21 registered.
In school, we enjoyed a Chinese New Year day, organised by the Confucius Institute at Lancaster University - all children learnt about Chinese traditions and how to speak Mandarin.
Our engaging curriculum continues with children studying many different periods of history across school this term:
In Diamond Class, our youngest children are learning about animals, starting with designing their own dinosaur.
Our Y1 Ruby children are learning about the local area and identifying local places of interest on a map, as well as finding out about the jobs local people do now and jobs that would have been done in the past.
In Y2, the children are studying Victorians and comparing their lives to what they already know about the Tudors.
Emerald class are diving into the Egyptians and will be comparing these events to what was happening in the rest of the world at that time.
Sapphire class are finding out about the Indus valley and what life was like for the people who lived there.
Our oldest children in Amethyst class are contrasting their knowledge of British history to the Maya people and comparing the two.
As well as the educational experiences our children receive, we also continue to offer a range of enrichment opportunities for all. Our Y5/6 athletics team competed at the recent County qualifier and finished a creditable 4th against many larger schools. This half-term, all KS2 children will take part in a river walk, identifying wildlife and trees and thinking about sustainability. We are also organising an art week at the start of February which will culminate in a fantastic exhibition for all to enjoy - keep your eyes peeled for more information.
Finally, our choir are singing at St Paul's Church on 5th February to welcome the new vicar, Helen Scamman. We would like to extend a warm Caton St Paul's welcome to Helen and wish her well in her new role

CATON PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have started the new year with some very exciting learning. There was a huge kerfuffle in Reception when someone or something caused havoc overnight. The porridge had all gone, the stool was broken and there were footprints everywhere! In an attempt to catch the porridge thief, the children made 'Wanted' posters and then set up some traps in our amazing forest.
Class 2's topic this term is The United Kingdom and as part of this, they are learning about migration and the Windrush generation. They are also really looking forward to having professional tennis coaching in PE lessons.
In Class 3, the children are learning about sound, Hinduism and ancient civilisations and they are having weekly swimming lessons at Hornby pool.
Much of Class 4's learning relates to their big question 'What did the Ancient Greeks do for us?' and incorporates history, geography, art, DT and PSHE. Their French topic of clothes is very exciting as it will culminate in a French fashion show! The children in Socx were delighted to receive our letters at the end of last term and we are really looking forward to reading the letters that they send back to us.
Our wonderful PTA continues to work very hard, raising funds for many lovely extras for the children. They raised around £1800 through the Christmas fair and raffle. Thank you to everyone who supported us.
The next event is a Burns Night Cèilidh which will take place on Friday, 27th January. Doors open at 6:30pm and close at 10pm. Dancing commences at 7pm. Food will be served and there will be a bar. Tickets are £10 for adults and £5 for children. Children in Year 3 upwards are welcome, as well as families outside our immediate school community.
Tickets can be purchased in cash or by BACS. Please call the school office for details.
We are currently advertising for a part time Teaching Assistant to commence on 24th April. The closing date for applications is 9th February. Further details can be found on the Lancashire County Council website: https://schooljobs.lancashire.gov.uk/nt_vacancyDetails.asp?id=60437
We are also seeking volunteers to read with our children during school hours. Please contact us if you are interested or would like to find out more. Volunteering in school would be subject to a DBS check.
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HORNBY PENSIONERS

EVENTS DURING FEBRUARY

Dominoes Evenings will be held on alternate Saturdays on the ground floor of The Institute, beginning at 7 p.m. Those evenings being on February 4 th and 18 th . No previous experience of the game is needed and everyone is welcome.

Hornby Pensioners A.G.M. The A.G.M will take place on Tuesday February 14 th at 2.30 p.m. It will be followed by a Jacob's Join.

We hope that as many people as possible will come along and bring their favourite food contribution, not too much, just enough to share. This should be an enjoyable event, offering a lively discussion on future plans for excursions, and visiting speakers.

We will also take the opportunity to say a fond farewell to those lovely members who are no longer with us, but who gave us their help and their time in making Hornby Pensioners such a warm and welcoming organisation.

LUNE VALLEY SWIMMING POOL - HORNBY. - MORE SWIMS!

The Hornby Pool during February half term will be running family swims over 2 weeks, filling in the gaps where specific schools are on holiday.

They are also planning to introduce over the Easter holidays, family swims first week, intensive swim lessons plus family swims the second week

Adult lessons - In response to a number of enquiries, they will be running an adult improver session on a Friday afternoons, starting after Easter. May also run some adult improver sessions in the holidays .

All subject to demand of course so for further details please contact Georgia or Scott at the pool.

There is also to be a 'Swimathon' promotion in March to raise money for the energy fund. This could include schools, adult and a 'couple of length challenge' sessions at the weekends Anyone can take part - whether it's for 100s of lengths or even just a few - with sponsorship and help meet the heating bills!..

Please check the Website for further details -

Thank you for your continuing support. Please note - the AGM will be held in March.

For all Hornby Pool general enquiries please contact Georgia or Scott on 01524805666.

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JAZZ IN HORNBY

Many thanks to everyone who came to see the the Steve Andrews Quartet, music from the pre-bop era when big band musicians met up after hours, i.e. the small hours, to play in the small clubs.

Anyway, if you couldn't make it (or forgot!!) you can see them here for a return visit on Saturday November 18th.

Other dates for your 2023 diaries ::Saturday 4th March, the Gaz Hughes Trio featuring pianist Andrzej Baranek;

Saturday 26th May the Tim Kliphuis Trio, and in August, hopefully we will as usual re-unite the Chris Coull Sextet .

I look forward to seeing you on some if not all, of those dates. Sam Ashton

GREEN BINS

For subscribers - collections start again week beginning 30th January

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A request to all those walking dogs on roads and pavements in the villages and on the Greenway to continue cleaning up after your dog.

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We meet in the Victoria Institute every Sunday Morning at 10.45am. There is always a very warm welcome for anyone who joins us. Junior Church is available each week for the children. The service is always followed by refreshments and a chat.

Meet to Eat -- Friday 3rd and 17th Feb.

Coffee and Cakes -- Wednesday 8th Feb.

Friday Friends -- Friday 24th Feb

If you would like to get in touch with someone from the church please contact Jim Hutchinson at pottyheads@gmail.com. We meet in the Victoria Institute every Sunday Morning at 10.45am. There is always a very warm welcome for anyone who joins us. Junior Church is available each week for the children.

The service is always followed by refreshments and a chat.

COFFEE MORNINGS AT ST PAUL'S CHURCH

The next Coffee Morning will be at the Parish Hall on the 8 TH OF FEBRUARY 2023 at 10.30. Please note the date is the second Wednesday in the month on this occasion.

As usual there will be a raffle, a quiz, as well as stalls displaying a range of produce at reasonable prices. 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.

The January Coffee Morning raised £132.85 for the Church Hall Funds

WARM WELCOMES

Several village organisations are offering places where residents can come to keep warm and socialise if they wish.

Caton Baptist Church every Tuesday 2-4pm with hot drinks provided.

Lune Valley Methodist Hub every Wednesday 2-4.30pm, with tea and toast.

And you are welcome to come into the Victoria Institute and use the Cottam Room and the Library/IT Room when it is staffed - usually Monday 10-12 and 1-3, Tuesday 10-12, Wednesday 10-12 and 1-3, Thursday 10-12.

WARM SPACE

Every Tuesday afternoon from 2 - 4pm Caton Baptist Church will be open as a warm space for you to come and enjoy a cuppa and informal chat.

Please come and stay the whole time or come and go as you please but you are very welcome.

DR SUE BROWN

As you may know Dr Sue Brown died on New Years Eve after a short illness. Her memorial service was held on January 24th. As a vital member of St Paul's church she will be sorely missed for her strong faith, unending energy and caring nature. She will be remembered for her professional work at Longlands Child Development Centre and more recently for her Virtual Electric Trike ride during lockdown when she cycled from John o Groats to Lands End. May she Rest in Peace.

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CATON ST PAUL'S

Wednesday 1st February at 7.30pm – we will be hosting the Licensing Service for Rev Helen Scamman, we welcome Helen, her husband Jon and 4 children to the village and hope they will be very happy with us.

Sunday 5th February at 10am – All Age Worship to welcome Helen.

Other Sundays at 10am – Communion Service at 10am with Sunday Club on the 26th.

CATON METHODIST CHAPEL

Weekly Sunday Service: 10:30am We will worship at Caton apart from Sunday 12th February, when we will be at The Lune Valley Methodist Hub, Brookhouse. Everyone very Welcome

Saturday Soup: Saturday 11th February. 12:30pm. Meet up with friends for soup & homemade cakes. £3.00 per person

Crafts @ Caton: Thursday 23rd February between 10-12pm. Bring your craft items and have a chat over coffee

Bible Study Live and via Zoom. Fortnightly 7pm is held at The Lune Valley Methodist Hub with Rev Emma. Wednesday 8th and 22nd February (2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month) And also by zoom.

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

LUNE VALLEY METHODIST HUB - Brookhouse

Sunday Service 12th February - Rev Emma Holroyd

10am – Short time of Prayer and reflection

10:30am – Sunday Service finishing with refreshments

Free Tea and Toast - Every Wednesday between 2 - 4:30pm – all ages welcome 'Creating a Warm Space'.

Easy Crafts are back for half term - Wednesday 15th February 2-4:30pm come along and enjoy an afternoon of various crafts from knitting/3D paper art/biscuit decorating, lots of activities for all ages.

Book and Jigsaw Exchange - Saturday 18th February - 10am-12pm. With Coffee and biscuits choose a book or jigsaw, any donations will go to North West Ambulance this month.

Bible Study Live and via Zoom - Wednesday 8th and 22nd February 7-8pm with Rev Emma and also via zoom

'Caton and Friends for Ukraine' continue to meet each 1st and 3rd Saturday afternoons between 2-4pm, For coffee, Cake, English lessons and children's activities.

Everyone is very welcome to any of the above events

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

CATON BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Alan Wandsworth - Tel 01524 771371

Church Website - catonbaptist.org More details on our website and Facebook page.

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

Please also remember if you would like to know more about becoming a Christian and finding new hope in Jesus, or if you have any concerns and worries and would like prayer or a chat you can contact Alan on the above number.

Youth Service held on Sunday 12th February at 6:30 pm led by Theo Lawrence and a team from 'Youth for Christ'. They will share testimonies about what God has done for them and how He is using them in their every day lives. Of course there will be the usual hot chocolate and doughnuts at the close. All welcome.

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 and biscuits afterwards. All ladies from the village and further afield are welcome to join us and transport can be arranged if you need a lift. The dates for February are -

8th - Maurice Longton and Margaret Wright: **22nd** - Mrs Dorothy Aldren.

We look forward to seeing you.

CATON BAPTIST CHURCH - ANNIVERSARY

It's the birthday of Caton Baptist Church and to celebrate we have a visit from Roger Carswell, a well known Christian author and evangelist.

On **Saturday 4th February** at 7:30pm Roger will give an introduction to the Christian Faith followed by refreshments.

On **Sunday 5th** at 10:30am we have family worship followed by a bring and share lunch.

Everyone is really welcome to join with us for this weekend of celebration.

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GROW CATON

We are a group of people who love to grow food and to encourage and enable others too. This group started in April 2022, we now have 10 people/families in our group, plus 6 villagers who are part of the garden share. We do not have a structure or meetings, we keep in touch with each other through a WhatsApp group chat, and pass on messages by other means to those who do not use this app. The activities we do are directed by the interest of those involved. We very much welcome new people who drive new ideas and will support almost anything that encourages others to grow food. Here follows a summary of what we do.

GARDEN SHARE: Brigitte matches available gardens (or garden space) with someone who wants to grow food, which usually means one grower matched per garden. Both owner and grower will agree the terms of this share and what they each hope to gain by sharing. The most basic gain is friendship and a share of the crops grown. We very much appreciate and respect that owners open their private space to us, and we do not allow photos to be taken, location details to be shared with others or money to change hands.

SURPLUS PRODUCE SHARE: During the main growing season, we encourage people to share their glut of produce with the local community, rather than throw it away. Anne has provided shelves at Beulah Lodge where surplus produce was left for others to pick up and use. This past season we have seen on the shelves: sweetcorn, courgette, beans, herbs, kale, apples, damsons, eggs, and many more items. For people who have fruit trees and bushes in their garden and are not able to pick these themselves, Anne will gladly come and pick to share with both owner and community.

TOOL LIBRARY: We kindly received some gardening tools, Dan and Margaret are now considering setting up a tool library.

COMMUNITY COMPOSTING: One of the suggestions at a recent village event was for community composting and we will be exploring this idea further. Our group can offer plenty of tips and advice for home composting.

COMMUNITY ORCHARD: the B4RN Caton Volunteer Group are providing funding for a community orchard and have obtained full approval by the Parish Council and Lancaster City Council who own the designated land. Grow Caton will work with the Gardening Club to draw up planting and maintenance plans. This is a great opportunity for villagers to get involved in very practical work.
SEED SWAP: For the past 3 years Brigitte has provided a seed swap box in the village during the growing season. It is a place for anyone to drop off spare seeds from their used packets, to be picked up and used by others. The plan is that the box will be back at the library entrance of the Victoria Institute from February onwards.

SUPPORT, ENCOURAGEMENT, ADVICE: We would love to see everyone grow, even one vegetable in a pot. If you do not know where to start, then please get in touch and we will see how we can support you. Through our group chat we will aim to inspire each other by sharing our 'tasks for the week' and to try help each other with those bigger tasks where many hands make light work. We also share details of local events that are food and growing related.

WHAT ELSE...? If there is anything we have not yet thought of, then please do let us know! You can get in touch with us via Peter Collins at the Victoria Institute or via Brigitte 770771 or email growcaton@outlook.com

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