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## LOCAL NEWS OF CATON & BROOKHOUSE



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#### PARISH COUNCIL

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**History of Our Parish - Local History Deposit Box** There is interest in recording the history of our parish and building up an archive of documents and photographs to help create a fuller picture. The Parish Council has been trialling a modest system of a Local History Deposit Box at the Victoria Institute where residents can deposit documents, photographs or their own reminiscences about our parish. The Local History Deposit Box is now located within the library and contains some items already deposited for the reference of residents and anyone with an interest in our parish and its history. If you would be interested in getting involved in a local history group, please give your name to Peter Collins at the Victoria Institute.

**Parking on double yellow lines at Station Road** Vehicles often park on the double yellow lines at the junction of Station Road and the A683. This has been reported to Lancashire County Council as a problem area, and we may see more frequent visits by enforcement officers. To report parking on these double yellow lines, ring 0800 195 2774 or email parking@lancashire.gov.uk (ideally with a photo showing the problem).

**Pedestrian bridge over Artlebeck on Brookhouse Road** The Parish Clerk is trying to get the leaves removed and the bridge surface made safe again.

**Ivy and vegetation on A683** The Parish Council is asking Lancashire County Council to trim back ivy and branches overhanging the A683 Lancaster Road in Caton.

**Greenway** The Parish Council is working with Lancashire County Council to get a number of improvements to the Greenway; users will have noticed the work already done to sweep and clean the path surface.

**Parish Precept** This is the part of your council tax which goes to your Parish Council. For 2025/26 it will increase by 5%. Our budget is on the PC website; in brief the main areas of expenditure are the Victoria Institute, clerk's wages, Play Park, village maintenance, grass cutting, village website and communications.

**Neighbourhood Watch** Are there any Neighbourhood Watch schemes operating in our villages? If so please let the Parish Clerk know.

**Parish Council Meeting in February** Tuesday 11th February 7pm in the Victoria Institute

#### PROJECT LINUS UK - SATURDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 10-3PM BAPTIST CHURCH HALL CATON

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#### GREENWAY COMMUNITY ORCHARD PLANTING

Plans to create a Community Orchard along a section of Caton Greenway have been approved and we are getting ready to plant 15 fruit trees. The site extends for 150 metres in front of the Catholic Church 'paddock', running parallel to the Greenway. We are grateful to Lancashire County Council Community Orchard Scheme for providing the grant funding for this project which is intended as a lasting legacy to mark the King's coronation. If you would like to help, and all members of the community are welcome, please come along at 10.00 am on Saturday 22nd February. Contractors will be loosening the soil for us to make the job easier, but some digging on the day will still be needed. Please do bring a garden shovel or fork with you if possible. Contact Judy Powell on 771154 for further information or to register your interest.

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<https://lancashire.thewi.org.uk/find-wi/caton/home>.

### PAINTING GROUP

The painting group will meet on Thursday 13th & 27th February, 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.

### CATON AND BROOKHOUSE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

A reminder that we are meeting on the 20th Feb for a hot pot lunch at the Station and we are back at the Station on the 6th March for a get together over coffee and biscuits. Our first visit of the year is a full day in Harrogate on 20th March, coach times will be notified closer to the day. For more information about the group please contact Ally Whitfield on 01524 770827/07738 912923

### CATON GALA

And just like that it's Gala year! Planning is well under way for this year's Gala, which will be taking place on May 17th 2025. Our theme for this year is "Down on the farm" and we're looking forward to seeing all the wonderful costumes everyone comes up with. Very soon we'll also be starting the picture competitions, so keep your eyes peeled for when it's opened. Collection for donations for Tombola prizes has also begun. If you have anything you'd like to donate, they can be taken to 56 Hornby Road or Bay Vets. As always, anyone that wants to join the committee or come along to a meeting to see what goes on would be more than welcome; we'd love to see some new faces. Also anyone who might be able to spare some time to help out on the big day would also be very welcome. You can get in touch with the committee either via Facebook or you can email [catongala@catongala.com](mailto:catongala@catongala.com)

### CATON & BROOKHOUSE TWINNING 3-6 APRIL

A long weekend this April in France, all inclusive, for £150 per adult – accompanied children free? What's not to like? Please email [tricia@marybankfarm.uk](mailto:tricia@marybankfarm.uk) for more information and a booking form - £25 deposit needed by 14th February. Our friends in Socx always put on a great weekend, you will be well and truly spoiled - long lasting friendships have been made, both within this village and internationally. I'm looking forward to it already! 😊 coach transport door to door, ferry crossings, 2 social evenings, a day at a French school for the children, a day trip as a group plus a day and evening with our hosts. All ages welcome - we are always matched to host families ensuring interests are matched and language skills are taken into account.

### FIRST SATURDAY LITTER PICK

A group of residents get together on the first Saturday of every month to pick up litter and tidy the villages. The meeting place is outside the Victoria Institute at 10am, weather permitting. You decide how much time and whereabouts in the village needs some attention. Half an hour or an hour can – and does – make such a difference. If you have seen an area which would benefit from a tidy up, or have any queries, please contact Judy Powell on 771154. Rubbish bags, bag holders, and litter pickers are provided, and it is a good idea to bring your own gloves. Hi-viz vests (various sizes) also available on request. Next session: Sat 1st February

### COFFEE MORNING-(FUNDRAISER FOR CANCERCARE)

Thursday 20th February 10am to 11.30am at Caton Baptist Church. Come and enjoy refreshments and a chat while raising money for a great cause. We are planning for this coffee morning to be a regular monthly event on the third Thursday of the month.



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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](mailto:admin@victoria-institute.org.uk).

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### COFFEE MORNINGS AT ST PAUL'S CHURCH

The next Coffee Morning will be at the Parish Hall on the 5th of FEBRUARY 2025 at 10.30. 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 £99.08 for the Church Hall Funds

### GROW CATON

The days are getting longer, which encourages plants to grow, and this month we will start sowing the first seeds. I will sow broad bean and onion which will germinate on the windowsill and are hardy enough to soon go to the greenhouse or cold frame for growing on. I am always tempted by sowing more veggies early, but it can mean that they will spend too long indoors if the weather stays cold, which makes weak plants. The seed swap box will come out again later this month at the small door of the Institute, behind the bus shelter. We will make sure there are a few seeds in the box to get started, please do take some to grow, and also drop off any spare seeds you may have. This year the surplus produce shelves will be back from the 1st of March at 75 Brookhouse Road. These can be used for swapping seedlings to start with. If you drop any plants off then please make sure to label them so we know what they are. The food rescue through Olio is going well with most of the food now being shared in the village. I am really hoping to keep this going through the summer and not let the growing get in the way. To find out more about Grow Caton, or to join us on WhatsApp please email [growcaton@outlook.com](mailto:growcaton@outlook.com) or phone Brigitte 770771 or Anne 771470.

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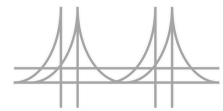
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We had an exciting time at Lancaster Girls Grammar School this month; our Y4/5 girls took part in a Bollywood dancing workshop, led by Y12 children from LGGS. This was educational and informative as well as being lots of fun. The children learned about the importance of dancing in Indian culture and found out about Hindu festivals and traditions.

We have welcomed Mr Baird to our staff and he has settled well into Sapphire class. Mr Baird has taught at a range of local schools and we look forward to him being a successful part of our CSP team.

We were thrilled to receive a visit from Lesley who works on the fundraising team at St John's Hospice - Lesley was presenting a giant cheque for £1106 which is the amount of money we raised through our Elf run. Thank you to all parents who donated.

As part of our commitment to offer wider learning opportunities to our children, Shaun Gash visited school to deliver an inspirational presentation and then to lead all the children in wheelchair basketball sessions across the day. This is always a highlight of the year and gives children the chance to understand how people can become successful whilst living with additional needs.

## ST PAUL'S CHURCH HALL – FOR HIRE

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## CATON AND BROOKHOUSE GARDENING CLUB

We hope everyone enjoyed the festive meal last month. Many thanks to the many members who supported the event on a very cold day. And here is a spoiler from a spy in the camp - the next windings, whenever that will be, will be on garden creepy crawlies! Our next event will be held on Thursday February 13th at 7pm in St Pauls Church Hall as usual. We are delighted to be welcoming back our local celebrity Lachlan Rae who will be entertaining us to an evening with ....well Lachlan Rae. We all know that Lachlan has been on his adventures as well as building the record high local tree house! Come along and hear what he has to say. All welcome, members and non-members, £1/£2 respectively, which includes refreshments, raffle, and a chance to socialise in the comfort of the church hall.

And advance notice for March. Our planned speaker is unfortunately out of action for a while due to health issues. So sadly there will be no talk on garden birds. We are working on alternative entertainment - more news in next month's Link.

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### CATON PRIMARY SCHOOL

2025 has got off to a flying start at Caton Primary!

In the first week back, Class 3 continued with their local history learning, wrapping up warm and travelling back in time to discover what Caton Village was like in the 1840s. Led by an enthusiastic mill owner, the children walked to Low Mill, stopping at various points along the way to spot some of Caton's oldest buildings and discuss who would have lived there. They learnt about the importance of Artlebeck and what life might have been like for them as mill children. Reception Class had a very exciting first couple of weeks! The children found footprints all over their classroom and it seemed like someone had been in, left a mess, broken baby bear's chair and eaten all the porridge! The children investigated and had a number of theories as to how this could have happened and who did it. They made "Wanted" posters and put them all round the school but after two days, there had been no sightings. They decided to brave the frosty woods and set up traps for the thief. Fortunately a warm fire and some yummy hot chocolate helped keep their spirits up! At the time of writing this, the mystery continues... Class 4 put their computing skills into practice by creating some super websites focusing on sustainability and Class 2 have begun their learning about birds in English, with a trip to Martin Mere Wetland Centre planned for later in the term.

Developing responsible citizens of the future is very important to us. You may see some of our children out and about each week, litter picking around the village. Our Eco Committee meets weekly and is currently developing an eco action plan to make the school as environmentally friendly as possible. They began their campaign by conducting a thorough environmental assessment of the school. The Pupil Council also meets weekly and is focusing on promoting healthy lunches. We are proud of the academic standards that our children achieve and we are delighted to be included in the Lancaster Guardian's published list of the top 15 performing state primary schools in the Lancaster and Morecambe district. We are very fortunate to have such fantastic facilities and we make the most of these. Three professional sports coaches are working with the children this term in our wonderful sports hall, running lunchtime clubs, after-school clubs and curriculum lessons. A new club for this year is golf, run by the golf pro from Heysham Golf Club. Our forest is another enormous asset where Forest Schools learning takes place weekly. Our sports hall and field are available for hire. The hall has a fully-equipped kitchen, stage, pleasant meeting room and toilets. For further details, contact the school office (01524 770104).

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**Nativity and Carol Service** With the help of generous sponsorship by Bay Vets, The Station Pub, Caton, WCF Claughton, and Ruth & Mike Wright, we raised the fantastic total of £5600. Several heart-warming tales of local rehoming were told and we enjoyed a glass of fizz and a mince pie at the end. Many thanks to the many Animal Care supporters from Caton! All the money will help provide shelter, warmth and food for vulnerable animals in our local area.

**Acrylic Art on Canvas Workshop** Sat 8th March. Animal Care and ColourWheel Lancaster are hosting a special canvas tote bag acrylic art workshop on Saturday March 8th from 11am-2pm in the Education Room at Animal Care, Scotforth LA2. Tickets £36 including light lunch. All materials provided and you will be able to take home your very own original canvas tote bag creation! All proceeds go to Animal Care. Tickets are strictly limited so get yours fast.

**80s Music Quiz and Disco Evening** Sat 29th March. Get your six-strong quiz team together, brush off your legwarmers and join our favourite DJ, the brilliant Danny Matthews, Animal Care staff and supporters for an evening of 80s nostalgia, quizzing and disco dancing! Fancy dress encouraged. Only £10 for entry to quiz and disco. Starts at 7.30pm with quiz at 8pm followed by an 80s disco! All welcome, and all proceeds go to Animal Care. Want more details for these events? Contact [steph@animalcare-lancaster.co.uk](mailto:steph@animalcare-lancaster.co.uk) or 01524 65495 Booking at <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EHKS>

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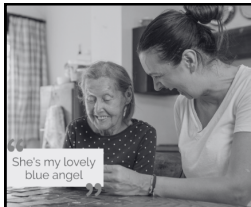
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### CATON METHODIST CHAPEL HAVE MOVED!

From 2025 all our services and activities will be at the Lune Valley Methodist Hub  
**Weekly Sunday Service 10:30am Book and Jigsaw Exchange** - new time Saturday 15th February 11am. Browse our great selection of books and jigsaws, have a coffee and donate to charity. **Saturday Soup** - Change of date 3rd Saturday of the month. 15th February 12:30pm. £3.00 per person homemade soup and lots of Cake Everyone Welcome  
**Crafts @ Caton** Thursday 27th February 10-12pm Bring your knitting or crochet and have a chat over a coffee. **Bible Study** 7pm Wednesday 12th and 26th February (The 2nd and 4th Wed of the month) You are invited to Caton Methodist Closing Service Saturday 8th February 2pm followed by refreshments. Led by Rev Eddie Sykes. To be held at Caton Methodist Chapel.

### CATON BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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

**Youth service** on Sunday 9th at 6:30pm with the usual hot chocolate and doughnuts. All welcome to join us. **Ladies Meeting** - We are a friendly group of ladies who meet once a fortnight on a Wednesday afternoon at 2pm. Our speakers always bring a devotional message and we all enjoy a cup of tea, coffee and a biscuit afterwards. All ladies from the village and further afield are welcome to join us and transport can be arranged if you need a lift. For any other enquiries or help with any matter phone Judith on 01524 770872. We look forward to seeing you. The dates for this month are : 5th Judy Aitken. 19th Joanne Parkinson **Crafty Tots** is a fortnightly toddler group held in Caton Baptist Church on the dates shown below. Sessions will start at 9:30am until 10:30am and are open to preschool children from the age of 18months +. Come and join us for crafts, stories and singing, with a brew for the mums (and dads). For more information or to book your child's place please email - catoncraftytots@gmail.com. £2.50 per session. The date is the 7th.

### BROOKHOUSE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday morning service: 10.45 at the Institute, welcome to everyone, including your little ones - Junior Church and Creche provided. 'Tiddleywinks' Toddler Group: come along and enjoy a good play; a good coffee; and a good singsong. 10 to 11.30 at the Church Hall every Thursday (except Thurs. 20th Feb, half term) £2.50 per family. 'Meet to Eat' come along for a lovely meal at the Institute, 12.30 on Friday, 21st Feb. £6 per person.

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Rev Fr John Millar (Cathedral Dean); Rev Fr Philip Wrigley; Rev Fr John-Paul Evans If you need to contact the clergy, please email us at: [clergy@lancastercathedral.org.uk](mailto:clergy@lancastercathedral.org.uk) Website: [www.lancastercathedral.org.uk](http://www.lancastercathedral.org.uk) **Normal Parish Weekend Mass times for this area:**

**Saturday Vigil:** 18:00 - Our Lady Immaculate, Caton 18:30 - Cathedral, Lancaster

**Sunday:** 09:00 - St Mary's, Hornby 09:00 - St Thomas More, Lancaster

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### CATON LEISURE CLUB

ROLL UP, Roll Up, Don't miss our February talks. In January we laughed as we watched hilarious internet clips. Another speaker gave us an interesting talk about skiing, presenting beautiful photographic scenes and exciting footage of a high speed mountain descent. AS always Tea/Coffee plus biscuits and companionship are included at each meeting. For February we have : - **3rd People's Assembly Susan Houseman; 10th Dangerous Waters Bernard Thomson; 17th History of The Grand Theatre Adrian Taylor; 24th The Defence of Canada 1812 Christopher Robson** We meet at Victoria Institute at 10.00 for 10.30. £3.

**Norma's Chair Exercise Class** - Good for body and Soul. 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. If you missed our Christmas Party at the Station Hotel then you missed a treat. Don't let it happen again. Join Up ASAP.

### CATON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

Prize draw result... Jan '25 - Tom Brockbank - £75. To enter, please visit [www.donorbox.org/caton-sports-association](http://www.donorbox.org/caton-sports-association). Just a reminder that we're delighted that we have been chosen to benefit from the **Co-op Local Community Fund**. We're hopeful Co-op customers will visit the Co-op website or download the Co-op app and choose us as their Local Community Fund cause. Your support will help us continue enhancing our facilities, benefiting both current users and future visitors.

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

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

### 3 BRIDGES 10K RACE

The popular 3 Bridges 10k race is back again in 2025 - at 11am on Sunday 13th April. It will start from the Lancaster & Morecambe Athletic Club clubhouse at Salt Ayre Leisure Centre.

This is always a popular race with runners from all over the north-west taking part, often as a fast preparation for spring marathons and other longer races. It's also very suitable for beginner runners, perhaps moving up from a Parkrun to a longer race. The entry fee is £21 for members of running clubs (affiliated), £23 for non-members and £17 for Lancaster Runners members, with an extra fee for on-line bookings. Entries on the day are £25, or £20 for Lancaster Runners. No refunds once registered. The race meets UK Athletics Rules, is Certified Accurate and there are prizes for the first 3 men and the first 3 women finishers. It has a flat, fast and scenic route and there will also be a really nice medal for all finishers. Enter now on [https://bookitzone.com/helen\\_mcgregor\\_2/rKJFFX](https://bookitzone.com/helen_mcgregor_2/rKJFFX). Any queries see <https://www.lancaster-race-series.co.uk/contact-us/>

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The coffee morning on January 11th was very well supported, especially so, given that the weather was proving to be extremely difficult for pedestrians wanting to get around that day. There were numerous contributions to the raffle and produce stalls, all providing welcome funds for future events. Membership money was collected by Kath Helme and programmes of events were provided. If you have not yet paid your membership fee, Kath will be available for this at the A.G.M. Tuesday February 11 th. A.G.M. Followed by a Jacob's Join. This meeting will be held upstairs in the Institute and will begin at 2.30 p.m. This is another one of the highlights of the year, as on this occasion, the dates and venues of all the Spring, Summer and Autumn Bus Trips will be revealed. HOORAY! Please note that there will be no raffle or a produce stall on that day. For the Jacob's Join, only bring enough food comparative to the amount that you will eat yourself. A wide variety of delights is usually provided and so there is no need to specify as to who will provide what.

### HORNBY DISTRICT RAMBLERS

8th February - 4-6 miles (Steve 015242 21560). Meet at Hornby Car Park to leave at 9:30 prompt - or at parking area for start of walk. Contribution towards fuel costs for car sharing: £3 for shorter distance; £4 for a longer distance. Chair Jenny Herd (015242 21690)

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Please visit our website or our Facebook Page for information on what sessions we will be running over the February Half Term. We look forward to seeing you at the pool soon! For all pool enquiries, contact Georgia or Scott on: 01524 805666 poolmanager@lunevalleypool.com www.lunevalleypool.com Facebook: Lune Valley Swimming Pool

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