

# LINK

## ISSUE FOR FEBRUARY 2021

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

As 'The Link' goes to the printers in the middle of the month and we are currently under lock down conditions it is probable that some meetings mentioned in this edition will not go ahead. Please check with the organizers of the meetings and events for up to date information.

There may be some difficulty with distribution this month, we may find it difficult to maintain a doorstep delivery service, but are hoping to deposit copies in the local shops as previously. You may have received this copy of The Link via e-mail. The editor will have passed the copy to our regular contributors for onward distribution, to comply with Data Protection Rules. The editor does not have access to any other e-mail addresses. You will also see that the content is rather different. We hope that you find something of interest within the pages.

The 'Link' team wish you and all your families and friends well at this difficult time.

**THE LINK AND ADVERTISERS** - Given the current situation it is perfectly understandable that some of the advertisers in The Link are retiring or have ceased trading. From April 1st we will have vacant spaces for new advertisers. If you currently advertise with The Link and would like to have a larger space or you know of any business which could benefit from advertising in The Link please contact the editor. Several of the businesses who have retired have sent us letters of support saying how much it helped their business and it has been a pleasure to read them and see how we have all helped with local tradesmen/women.

### PARISH COUNCIL

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

**WAR MEMORIAL RAILINGS** - At the start of January, a celebration banner was hung on the railings at the War Memorial. On 2 January it was taken down. Removing the banner was not done by the Parish Council or by parish councillors. It is sad that the ladies who should have been celebrating a birthday were distressed by this.

However, this is perhaps a good time to ask people not to put banners or adverts on the railings. Two main reasons. First, a proliferation of banners and adverts could be seen as disrespectful to the War Memorial and those commemorated on it. Second, there are concerns about reducing visibility on the roundabout and its approaches. But is there a good alternative space for banners and adverts? Could one be provided somewhere in the centre of the village? If you have ideas please let the Parish Clerk or one of the councillors know.

**GRITTING AND GRIT BINS** - The January meeting of the Parish Council heard complaints about lack of gritting in the village, especially on Moorside Road. We are asking Lancashire Highways whether our roads could be treated more often. Also, there are grit bins in some places in the village, often near slopes or bends. Where do we need more? And do the existing grit bins need filling? Let the Clerk know - please be as precise about locations, and include a photo if you can.

**ROAD SAFETY** - Lancashire Highways is doing the detailed planning for safety measures on the A683 through the village and up the Lune Valley. The installation of average speed cameras is part of the package, covering the stretch from Junction 34 to Kirkby Lonsdale. Work is expected near Holme Lane and the Bull Beck car park to improve road safety.

**LITTER BINS** - The Parish Council is complaining to Lancaster City Council about overflowing litter bins and dog waste bins on the roads and along the Millennium Way over Christmas and New Year. It certainly made the work of the litter-pickers on 2 January even more vital than ever!

**ASH DIEBACK AT BECKSIDE** - The Parish Council is still getting opinions on what needs to be done/ If trees are removed, new native trees will be planted.

**NEW COUNCILLOR:** We are pleased to report that Mike Wright has been co-opted onto the Parish Council. Mike lives at Escowbeck.

**NEXT MEETING** of the Parish Council will take place on **Tuesday 9 February at 7pm**, via Zoom. If you would like to attend please contact the Parish Clerk.

## LOCAL NEWS OF CATON & BROOKHOUSE

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### Baptist Church Artlebeck Bridge

10.30 am:

*Morning Service and  
Sunday School*

6.30 pm: *Evening Service*

### Brookhouse Methodist Church Brookhouse Road

10.45 am:

*Morning Service and  
Junior Church  
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  
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Sunday of month*

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**CATON AND BROOKHOUSE FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

Due to information received regarding the closures at the Victoria Institute during the latest lockdown. The AGM booked for the 21st of January 2021 had to be cancelled. In the meantime our committee members elected in January 2020 have agreed to continue serving in order to keep the ongoing stability and decision making for the club.

There is a light at the end of the tunnel with the roll out of vaccines. We are still hopeful that our first trip out will be to Boundary Mill on the 15th of April 2021 more information on this booking as government rules are received.

There will not be a membership fee for paid up members from 2020. The fee for new members will be £5.00.

It was agreed that the 2020 programme and membership cards will be used for 2021 with dates adjusted to keep the third Thursday in the month in line for our trips and events.

There is a message from your committee, please take care and stay safe and we will all meet again very soon.

For further information please call our secretary Benita on 01524 771943

**CATON THEATRE INTEREST GROUP**

We have taken bookings already for a matinee performance of the West End hit comedy 'One man two governors' on Saturday the 26th June 2021 at the Octagon Theatre Bolton. It helps the theatres to be able to show that they are taking advance bookings when applying for government support.

We have reserved the same seats we had for last year when we had a super theatre visit to see Peter Pan, at the Grand theatre Blackpool. We are taking expressions of interest for a matinee performance on January 1st 2022 for the pantomime Snow White.

Costs for theatre seats and coach for both shows will be advertised when they are available.

We are looking forward with a little more hope now in seeing our old friends and making new ones.

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

**LANCASTER SINGERS**

Lancaster Singers have been rehearsing for months on our virtual platform. Our Director, Duncan Lloyd, has been working tirelessly to produce new material and to record the 'click track' accompaniments to which we sing.

We'll be starting on a new collection of songs and pieces in January and planning for live performances when possible. Our stance is to be eternally optimistic.

Would you like to join us online? Prospective new members are always welcome to join the virtual rehearsals - please contact Sarah Jackson on 07929 031 466 email welcome@lancastersingers.org for more details. Our usual 'light-touch' auditions will resume when we eventually get back together.

Lancaster Singers would like to extend warmest thanks and the Season's Greetings to its Members, Friends and Supporters who remain resilient and positive during these challenging times.

Chris Haughton, Chairman chair@lancastersingers.org

**CATON LEISURE CLUB.**

Spring is just around the corner. The bulbs that we planted last autumn are now pushing themselves above the ground hinting at what is to come.

Sadly we are all still unable to meet together either for exercising or socialising. Despite the ongoing restrictions in our lives we can start to be a little optimistic about the forthcoming months and the possibility for us to enjoy each other's company.

Keep yourselves safe and as healthy as you possibly can.

If anyone would like an electronic copy of 'The Link' please contact Susan who will e-mail one out to you.

Any information contact Susan on 01524 771862 or email sec.leisureclub@gmail.com

**TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

We also do not yet know if we will be able to visit our friends in Socx this summer, but whenever we go we know we will have the warmest welcome and a wonderful few days of festivities - just what we all need right now!

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#### FLOODSAX

Floodsax are available from the Institute at a cost of £30.00 for a pack of 5 sax.

For those residents and businesses who, during times of flooding have been provided with free Floodsax, donations can be made towards the cost, by contacting Peter Collins on Tel: 771733.

#### ENERGY VOUCHERS

The VI has been sent a form to register those who qualify for Energy Vouchers. For information and help, please get in touch with the Community Support Worker on (01524) 771733

#### 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

##### *Library and IT Resource Room*

The Library and IT room will reopen, (once the restrictions will allow), under the following conditions: -

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Via a Booking system: Telephone (01524) 771733 or email [admin@victoria-institute.org.uk](mailto:admin@victoria-institute.org.uk)

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Library book returns to be left in the Cottam room

No book donations until further notice

Computer work stations and printers to be cleaned in between each booked session

Items for printing can be sent via email to; [admin@victoria-institute.org.uk](mailto:admin@victoria-institute.org.uk) and collected by arrangement, on the days that the Library and IT is open

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

##### *Kitchen & Drop-in refreshments*

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

##### *Room Hire*

For information about Covid-19 restrictions, related to room hire please contact Peter Collins; Telephone (01524) 771733 or email [admin@victoria-institute.org.uk](mailto:admin@victoria-institute.org.uk)

### FIRST SATURDAY LITTER PICK

A group of residents get together on the first Saturday of every month to pick up litter and tidy the village. Meet outside the Victoria Institute at 10.00 a.m., weather permitting and in line with social distance guidance. Bags and litter pickers provided, and it is a good idea to bring your own gloves. You decide how much time and where abouts in the village needs some attention. Half an hour or an hour can make such a difference!

*Next session Saturday 6th February.*

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**THE ROTARY CLUB OF LUNESDALE**

Owing to the Coronavirus the club was not able to hold its usual Christmas party in December. Instead a virtual Christmas Carol Concert was held on line on 3rd December. Invitations were extended to partners, families and friends and other Rotary Clubs. We were also joined by some members of the K Shoes Male Voice Choir. It proved to be very enjoyable. The programme included several well loved carols, appropriate Christmas readings, a number of toasts to deserving causes and a recipe for an extremely alcoholic Christmas Fruit Cake! The first meeting of 2021 was an occasion to meet up again, albeit on line, and for members to simply enjoy swapping exchanges about their best memories of 2020. Indeed it was a year that we shall certainly not forget not least because of the kind acts it produced. Unfortunately for me my new year has not begun well. I slipped on some ice on 4th January and have broken 2 bones in my left wrist now in plaster. However on the bright side the vaccine is now being rolled out so we can all look forward to getting back to a safer lifestyle.

Keep well. Lilian

**SAUNTERINGS**

John has sent some more of his articles on walking in the local area. Saunterings is a set of reflections based upon walks around the counties of Cumbria, Lancashire and North Yorkshire in North-West England. His web site is <https://www.drakkar.co.uk/Saunterings.html>  
 Here's the latest set:

- 113. White Stoats on Caton Moor  
The Great Lakes Countdown
- 112. Walking around Pilling with Pink Feet
- 111. From Millstone Grit to Limestone
- 110. Cloughs and Grit
- 109. Fair Snape: the Fairest Fell of Bowland
- 108. Westward Home!

**VILLAGE LUNCH CLUB**

Greetings to all my friends in the village lunch club and wishing you all a much better year in 2021. Looking forward to seeing you all in a few months time. If you would just like a chat you can call 01524 771559. Sue Brown

**FOOTBALL GOALS ON FELL VIEW**

There are plans to replace the rusty and wobbly goalpost on Fell View with two goalposts (and nets!) to make a small pitch as the current goal post is very well used by all ages. The Parish Council have given a donation towards the project, there has also been a private donation and we have applied to Caton Co-op for a grant (of up to £250), which if successful would leave approx £200 to raise. At present we will have to wait until restrictions allow for the ideas for fundraising that we have so far, e.g. sponsored football match, cake sale, raffle etc.

We would love to hear from anyone who has any other ideas, maybe even things we could do during lockdown, or could pledge to help and support this project, especially from the people and their families who would enjoy using the goals.

Please contact Suzanne Smith on 770106. Thanks very much!

**PAINTING GROUP**

As the virus is getting worse there is still no prospect of resuming our painting group. Hope you all are staying well and safe. Happy belated birthday to our oldest member, Gordon who turned 102 in January. Gordon is still painting lovely pictures. Best wishes to everyone. Ruth 01524 770605.

**COLLECTION FOR LOCAL WORKERS**

A big thank you to all who contributed to our collection for local shop, Post Office, pharmacy and Victoria Institute staff who worked through the first lockdowns and helped us so much. They were each given a card and £40 just before Christmas. We are very grateful for their continued work in our community.

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#### LOOKING AHEAD

Very Happy New Year to all our members for a healthy & enjoyable 2021.

We have been discussing plans for the next few months &, sadly, we have decided we must cancel our March meeting. But we are hopeful that the situation is starting to improve & we may be able to all get together before too long. Kath has made provisional arrangements with Bibby's for trips in the summer, and we have various other possible events in mind. Hopefully we should have a clearer idea of how things are going by next month, so watch this space. . . "

### B4RN HYPERFAST BROADBAND

This month we have a call to everyone in Caton and Brookhouse who thinks they may need B4RN now or in the future to register an interest NOW.

#### CATON NEWS

As we start the new year, B4RN head office are putting the final touches to the plan for Caton. Good progress is being made by the contractors in Halton, with us being next on the list! However, out of the 800 properties listed for Caton, only 200 have signed up for a connection. Before B4RN will commit to roll out we would need at least 100 more. Have you signed the form on the GETB4RN page at [b4rn.org.uk/getb4rn](http://b4rn.org.uk/getb4rn) ?? (Search "GETB4RN" in a web browser). Have you persuaded friends/neighbours/family in the village to sign up??

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#### BROOKHOUSE NEWS

For a number of years we have struggled to get parts of the village connected as many properties are in a more compact or densely populated 'urban' design to many surrounding rural hamlets and single properties.

We have a small window to access government funding to plan to dig up the pavements and provide a connection point in the pavement to all those properties.

We need you to register NOW so by end of February B4RN can determine if there is enough interest to do this.

Please remember that this means your property could then have a B4RN connection ready for you just outside your front garden.

Please be aware that every person who has moved into the village has taken a B4RN connection, it's a huge selling point. Also with so many people working from home and with home learning we all need the best access for our work and family so having access to future proof internet services is critical.

**Please register today at [b4rn.org.uk/getb4rn](http://b4rn.org.uk/getb4rn)**

### CATON AND BROOKHOUSE GARDENING CLUB

Congratulations to Anne Bargh who found a staggering 46 words of 4 or more letters from 'Gardening'. Anne duly received the Gardening Club's inaugural Lockdown Prize!

By now we hope that many of our members have been jabbed for the first time and our thanks go out to the skills and organizational abilities of all those who have made this possible. Can we be back in time for an AGM in April? Let us hope so.

On the wider front we note that for the first time in 2019 the percentage of renewable ingredients used in growing media overtook that of peat. But progress in peat reduction is slow mainly, as we all know, because of the difficulties in finding alternatives. The competition for wood fibre for instance is fierce because it is also a fuel for biomass.

However, this has not stopped the National Trust, RHS, RSPB, Friends of the Earth and others like Monty Don asking the government for a total ban on peat import and extraction from 2025. Lets see what happens. And do support our local Wildlife Trust if you can in its efforts to reclaim the lost mosses of the north west.

Enjoy February - lots of lovely daylight and snowdrops.

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## MEMORIES

Memories of our loved ones dear  
Are always there throughout the year  
The things our loved ones did or said  
Are hidden there inside our head.

In February we have Valentines Day  
And memories of things that people say  
One year our Gran's Valentine card caused quite a stir  
For in childish hand was written to her.

If all the boys lived across the sea  
What a good swimmer my Gran would be!  
But Gran took it in her stride  
And didn't let it dent her pride.

If we were coming home on a dark night  
We would see the oil lamp shining bright  
We would hear the barking of the farm dogs  
And if late, Mother looking for us wearing her clogs.

Winter days all white with snow  
The lovely fires warming glow  
At Mothers knee we said our prayers  
And round her chair we shared our cares.

Memories so precious and so true  
Always there and always new  
Reminding us of loved ones dear  
God bless us all throughout this year.

By Dorothy Brennan, Caton Methodist Church.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – SHOE BOX APPEAL 2020

### THANK YOU

The final numbers for the Christmas shoeboxes were 299 local shoeboxes and approximately 1400 boxes in total received from the north lincs area, cartoned up and despatched. Well done Caton and Brookhouse! And thank you to all my volunteers again this year. As we didn't export the boxes directly this year they may end up in different countries even though they've all come from here. So I'll keep you informed as to any countries I'm notified of. Obviously this year the delivery has been delayed due to national and local lockdowns but rest assured the boxes will get delivered soon and some have already left in December. Who knows what lies ahead for 2021 but watch this space! Sara

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

ERIC CROFT - Sally, Andrew, Colin and their families would like to thank every one concerned for their kindness and beautiful cards received during their sad loss in December. It was greatly appreciated during a difficult time.

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### CATON METHODIST CHAPEL

We were all ready for reopening on the first week of January and the lockdown happened. Although places of worship are allowed to stay open the Methodist Churches have decided to close for the safety of every one.

Methodists usually hold an annual Covenant Service, at which we celebrate all that God has done for us, and affirm that we give our lives and choices to God.

We would normally have had this service in January

The traditional Covenant prayer (shown below) makes it very clear that this affirmation is a serious one that embraces the whole of our life, in all its parts.

#### A covenant with God

I am no longer my own but yours.

Put me to what you will,

rank me with whom you will;

put me to doing,

put me to suffering;

let me be employed for you,

or laid aside for you,

exalted for you,

or brought low for you;

let me be full,

let me be empty,

let me have all things,

let me have nothing:

I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things

to your pleasure and disposal.

And now, glorious and blessed God,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

you are mine and I am yours. So be it.

And the covenant now made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven.'

*The Methodist Covenant Prayer*

### CHURCHES TOGETHER

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### POETRY FOR ST VALENTINE'S DAY

Had I the heavens' embroidered cloths,  
Enwrought with golden and silver light,  
The blue and the dim and the dark cloths  
Of night and light and the half-light,  
I would spread the cloths under your feet:  
But I, being poor, have only my dreams;  
I have spread my dreams under your feet;  
Tread softly because you tread on my dreams.

W. B. Yeats

How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.  
I love thee to the depth and breadth and height  
My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight  
For the ends of being and ideal grace.  
I love thee to the level of every day's  
Most quiet need, by sun and candle-light.  
I love thee freely, as men strive for right.  
I love thee purely, as they turn from praise.  
I love thee with the passion put to use  
In my old griefs, and with my childhood's faith.  
I love thee with a love I seemed to lose  
With my lost saints. I love thee with the breath,  
Smiles, tears, of all my life; and, if God choose,  
I shall but love thee better after death.

Elizabeth Barrett Browning

I wonder, by my troth, what thou and I  
Did, till we loved? Were we not weaned till then?  
But sucked on country pleasures, childishly?  
Or snorted we in the Seven Sleepers' den?  
'Twas so; but this, all pleasures fancies be.  
If ever any beauty I did see,  
Which I desired, and got, 'twas but a dream of thee.

And now good-morrow to our waking souls,  
Which watch not one another out of fear;  
For love, all love of other sights controls,  
And makes one little room an everywhere.  
Let sea-discoverers to new worlds have gone,  
Let maps to other, worlds on worlds have shown,  
Let us possess one world, each hath one, and is one.

My face in thine eye, thine in mine appears,  
And true plain hearts do in the faces rest;  
Where can we find two better hemispheres,  
Without sharp north, without declining west?  
Whatever dies, was not mixed equally;  
If our two loves be one, or, thou and I  
Love so alike, that none do slacken, none can die.

John Donne

Let me not to the marriage of true minds  
Admit impediments. Love is not love  
Which alters when it alteration finds,  
Or bends with the remover to remove:  
O, no! it is an ever-fixed mark,  
That looks on tempests and is never shaken;  
It is the star to every wandering bark,  
Whose worth's unknown, although his height be  
taken.  
Love's not Time's fool, though rosy lips and  
cheeks  
Within his bending sickle's compass come;  
Love alters not with his brief hours and weeks,  
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*William Shakespeare*

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