

# LINK

**JULY 2024**

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## PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Laura McGowan. Phone: 07394 060777. Email: clerk@catonparishcouncil.gov.uk

**Closure of Brookhouse Road at Artlebeck Bridge** Cadent had applied for a full closure of Brookhouse Road in early September, but as a result of pressure from the Parish Clerk and others, Lancashire County Council is now considering permitting the work to go ahead only if the road is kept open to traffic by using traffic lights and perhaps weight limits. Possibly in August. At the time The Link went to press no further information was available. Look out for posters in the Coop and the Post Office, and on Facebook..

**Fell View Play Park** At long last, the Cushionfall at the Play Park has been topped up to recommended levels, providing a safe play surface for our children. Thanks are due to the councillors and residents who contributed 120 hours of voluntary labour over the last 14 months to weed the Play Park and dig out the encroaching grass. The final stage of preparation - fluffing up and raking the old surface - was largely done by a team from Littledale Hall and Brookhouse Community Church. Thank you! We were delighted that Lancaster City Council provided a team to spread the Cushionfall. The Parish Council spent £3348 on purchasing the Cushionfall and having it delivered. We also paid to have the damaged Bobcat repaired. We are hoping for a solution to the rotting timbers soon. Please report problems with the Play Park to the Parish Clerk.

**Community Road Watch Scheme** Lancashire Police has relaunched its Community Road Watch Scheme. People can now volunteer and be assigned to their home area. Search online for more information and to sign up.

**Greenway** The major improvements to the Caton section of the Greenway are now complete. Please do report problems on our section to the Parish Clerk, as we have a small budget from Lancashire County Council to carry out repairs and make improvements to the Greenway. Ideas for activities to promote active travel using the Greenway are welcome too. Planting more trees and bushes is scheduled for autumn 2024/spring 2025.

**Caton Gala** Thank you to everyone who came to visit us at the Gala. We have a spreadsheet with your comments and ideas, and are planning how to tackle them. Your Parish Council could achieve even more if it had additional members - if you would like to find out more, do come along to our next meeting, talk to the Parish Clerk or one of the councillors.

**Next Parish Council Meeting** The July Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday 9th July at 7pm in the Victoria Institute. Residents are welcome to attend, and may raise matters of local concern in the Open Forum at the start of the meeting. There is no Parish Council meeting in August.

## 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 sessions: Saturday 6th July and Saturday 3rd August.

## NEW MANAGEMENT

Both the Ship Inn and the Black Bull Inn are now under new management. Make sure you pop in to check out their new ideas and support these local businesses. We are lucky to have so many choices!

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## LOCAL NEWS OF CATON & BROOKHOUSE

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### Lune Valley Methodist Hub

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### Caton Methodist

#### Brookhouse Road

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### Catholic Church

#### Station Yard

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### St Paul's C of E Church,

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Sunday Communion Service at  
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**CATON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**  
 At June's meeting we were enlightened by local author Diane Allen, who spoke about how she got into writing and the process of producing family sagas. It was a great opportunity to ask questions of a professional writer. In the meantime, we will meet up for Games Club at the end of June, be at the Repair Cafe and the Victoria Institute reopening in July, and meet for Afternoon Tea in August! There is always something going on at the WI!  
 Our next main meeting is on **July 4th at 7:30pm in St Paul's Church Hall**. Professor Mike Winstanley will be speaking about 200 years of shopping with a focus on shopping in the Lancaster area. A brilliant speaker, this will be a fascinating talk combining history and shopping! Visitors are very welcome and it is a great way to make friends in the village. We are a mixed age group and would encourage women at any stage of life to come and check us out.

**CATON AND BROOKHOUSE COMMUNITY HUB**  
 6th JULY 2-4pm Lune Valley Methodist Church. Back by popular demand, we have another repair cafe. Bring along small electrical items, phones and laptops and learn how to repair them. We will have a basic bike maintenance station where you can learn how to keep your bike in road safe condition. We will have a make and mend station for clothes and soft toys. Feel free to bring your own sewing, crochet or knitting and sit and chat over a cup of tea and cake. This is an inclusive Community space open to everyone. If you would like to see more hub sessions please leave feedback in the suggestion box on the front desk.

**CATON AND BROOKHOUSE FRIENDSHIP CLUB**  
 After our June lunch at The Station and the visit to Ilkley and Hebden Bridge, we are looking forward to the visit to Harrogate and Harewood House on the 25th July. In August, we will be enjoying a Buffet lunch on the 1st and a visit to Southport on the 15th including the flower show for those who have confirmed with Ali. September will find us enjoying Penrith and Lowther Park. For further details of the visits of the Friendship Club please contact Ali Whitfield on 01524 770827 / 07738 912923

**CATON AND BROOKHOUSE GARDENING CLUB**  
 Even though the evening weather was very inhospitable, our garden trip was still enjoyed by all. Many still came despite the rain. We were royally entertained by our hosts Margaret and Hugh and we could enjoy the coffee and cake in indoor comfort. Thanks very much to them. We take a rest in July so we hope everyone enjoys the summer - here's hoping for some warm weather.  
 Our thoughts now turn to our next event which is a coach trip to Iddons Hardy Plants in Bretherton. This peat free prize winning, 1 1/2 acre garden has everything. You name it - it has got it - there is an incredible variety of planting and garden architectural features - far too much to describe here. A gallery will also be open to display the sculptures of Thomas Dagnall. The nursery sells a wide variety of hardy plants so prepare your orders.  
 The date of our visit is Saturday 10th of August. Pick up will be the usual village spots, 9.20 Caton Green, 9.25 Brookhouse, 9.30 Victoria Institute. Return about 2 pm. We will contact people before the event to confirm all details. The coach will be paid for fully by the Club. So for members the cost will be just the Iddons charge for the tour of garden & nursery including tea/coffee scones with fresh cream and strawberry jam which is £11. As the coach is subsidised by members the cost for non-members will be £15. If you want to join us please let Rebecca know on 07806521974 before 10 July 2024. We have to pay a non-refundable 50% deposit at that point. Have a great summer.

**HEYWOOD HOUSE**  
 Heywood House gardens and railway will be open for the RNLI on Sunday 7th July from 1pm until 5pm. Admission is £7.00 children free. Refreshments, Tombola, Raffle, Steam train rides (small extra cost) children's activities. No dogs except assistance dogs please. Garden signposted from A683 in Caton.

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#### THIS MONTHS HIGHLIGHTED GROUP

Happy Mamas, meet at the Institute on Friday 10:30-11:30  
For details contact Peter

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#### 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 Tuesday & Thursday 10:00am to 12:00 noon. You can email us on: [admin@victoria-institute.org.uk](mailto:admin@victoria-institute.org.uk) Further information can be found at our website: [www.victoria-institute.org.uk](http://www.victoria-institute.org.uk) Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/victoria.institute.caton/>

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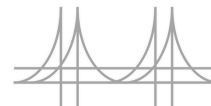
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## CATON ST PAUL'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are approaching the time when we have to say goodbye to our wonderful Y6 children: 28 of them are off to pastures new for September. As is now tradition at Caton St Paul's, we will be having a parade through Brookhouse and Caton at around 2:30pm on Friday 19 July – if you are in the area, please line the streets and give our children a wave.

We would like to invite the community to our summer fair; we are hoping for much better weather than last year's downpour. This is being held on Friday 5 July from 5:00pm – 7:00pm. There will be a range of stalls including face painting, chocolate tombola, penalty shoot out and much more. If you would like a table at the summer fair, please contact school; these are available at £15 or free if you are a charity.

We have spaces coming available in our Pre-school from September. If your child is 3, or turning 3, please contact us as we would love to show you round our school. We take 16 children in our Pre-school. It is staffed by 2 very experienced members of Early Years staff and the children play an active role in school life.

We also have a couple of spaces in our Reception class starting in September. If you are new to the area, contact the office and we would be happy to show you round.

Our Y5 children had a wonderful time on their residential to Coniston. They climbed The Old Man of Coniston which, at 803m, is the 38th highest in England – what an achievement. They also enjoyed a barbeque, camping overnight, ghyll scrambling and canoeing on Coniston water. School subsidised this trip with our PE money, meaning all children were able to enjoy this fantastic experience.

We continue to enjoy sporting competitions and have been busy over the past few weeks. Our rounders team performed brilliantly to finish 3rd in the Lune Valley tournament, and our indoor athletics team claimed 3rd in the whole of Lancaster and Morecambe. We have also entered Y3/4 quicksticks hockey, Y5/6 cricket, Y3/4/5/6 cross country, Y3/4/5/6 outdoor athletics and Y1/2 orienteering as well as the Y6 sports festival in Morecambe – busy times! By the end of year 6, every one of our children will have represented our school at sport. We love finding the sport that they love.

We were pleased to welcome about 100 fathers and grandfathers to our Fathers' day breakfast – this was a lovely occasion and it was great to see so many of our school community enjoying themselves.

Finally, as the nights are lighter and the days longer, please remember that our grounds are private and no-one is allowed on them after hours. We are working with the local PCSO to try and ensure the grounds remain clear in the evening and at weekends.

## GROW CATON

Isn't it amazing that the longest day has already been and gone. From now, plants will slow down their growing but there are harvests to look forward to and still time for sowing short season veggies like radishes, or veggies that will overwinter. Do remember to have a look in the seed swap box (at the side entrance of the Victoria Institute). You may have noticed that the produce shelves have not been out this year. As our group is a lot bigger now, we've shared seedlings mostly with each other, and brought the last few to the plant swap in June. For harvest surplus we are planning to share with our neighbourhoods in both villages just keep an eye out. If you have any fruit growing that you don't use then do give us a call, we have people in our group keen to help and we will preserve or share it. Holiday season is just around the corner and we hope you have a great summer and enjoy your break. To join our WhatsApp or learn more contact Anne 771470, Brigitte 770771 or email growcaton@outlook.com

## SUMMER CELEBRATION SERVICE FOR THE VILLAGE ST PAUL'S CHURCH, BROOKHOUSE

Everyone is welcome to St Paul's Church for a Summer Celebration Service which takes place on the 9th of July 2024 at 2.00pm at St Paul's Church. There will be a short service, lasting approximately half an hour. Afterwards we hope you will stay for a chat and refreshments. We hope you will join us for this short time of reflection and fellowship.

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On 19th May, we held our first ever performance poetry competition. Every class learnt and performed a poem for the school with KS2 children treating us to the Rime of the Ancient Mariner and the Jabberwocky. Then, twenty four children from Reception to Year 6 learnt a poem of their choice with which to entertain us. Some even wrote their own amazing poems. We certainly have some budding poets in our midst!

Reception Class has been especially busy as they also entertained us with their class assembly all about our very own superheroes in the local community.

We love our music at Caton Primary and a visit from Rocksteady Music School further fuelled the children's enthusiasm. The children had the chance to listen to and explore a range of instruments and they even formed their own band!

What a fantastic day we had at Caton Gala! The children looked fabulous in their costumes and they loved taking part in the parade and singing on the stage with St Paul's. Thank you to everyone who came to our stall to say hello!

It was great to meet the parents of our new Reception cohort at their induction evening. We can't wait for the children's first induction afternoon on 24th June!

Our PTA summer fair will take place on Saturday, 13th July between 12pm and 3pm. It promises to be a lovely family event with food, drinks and games. Everyone in the community is very welcome to come along and join in the fun.

We have many other upcoming events between now and the end of term - you can watch out for these on our Facebook page. They include: two class trips to the Big Adventure at Coniston; Reception's trip to Leighton Moss; sports day; hockey, cricket, cross country and orienteering tournaments; an author visit; Royal Opera House Create Day; and a pastoral service at St Paul's. And of course we mustn't forget the biggest event of the summer term..... our Key Stage 2 musical extravaganza of **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat**. Performances will take place on Wednesday, 10th July at 6:30pm and Thursday, 11th July at 1:30pm and 6:30pm. This really is going to be a fantastic production, worthy of a big audience from the local community and your support would be greatly appreciated. Tickets are available from the school office.

September marks the 50th anniversary of our school. We are planning to celebrate this in style and would love to hear from ex-pupils who have photographs and memories to share. Please do get in touch!

### VICTORIA INSTITUTE RELAUNCH

All hail to the relaunch of your Institute!  
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The Churches Together are holding our **Summer Celebration Service** on Tuesday, 9th July at 2pm, on the theme of 'Hope' at St Paul's Church, with refreshments afterwards. All are welcome to come.

If you would like to get in touch with Helen Scamman, the vicar, for any reason, please contact her on vicar@stpaulscaton.org.uk and she would be delighted to hear from you.

### VILLAGE GRAVEYARD

The graveyard at St Paul's Church is for the whole village, whatever church you attend or even if you don't. The maintenance of the area is carried out by a willing team of volunteers for whom we are extremely grateful. If you would like to offer your services please do contact phrawsthorn@hotmail.co.uk and he would be delighted to add you to the rota. As with all things the bigger the team, the less of a burden on the individuals.

Last year the graveyard cost St Paul's congregation more than £3000 in buying and maintaining equipment. We are painfully aware that the internal wall needs repairing and we would like to extend the pathway down to the bottom of the 'new' part of the land. These items have been quoted at more than £10,000.

We are delighted that Caton Methodist church have been hosting events to raise money to contribute to this and would welcome any donations to help us maintain and improve the graveyard for you and future generations of villagers.

Any donations can be made to "Caton St. Paul's General Account"

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### BROOKHOUSE COMMUNITY CHURCH

We meet in the Victoria Institute every Sunday morning from 10.45am. Junior Church is available each week for the children. For more details see our website and Facebook page. To get in touch please contact Jim Hutchinson at pottyeats@gmail.com. PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE BACK MEETING IN THE INSTITUTE FROM SUNDAY 7TH JULY AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE RE-WIRE. A BIG THANK YOU TO CATON SCHOOL FOR ALLOWING US TO USE THE SPORTS HALL DURING THIS TIME - IT WAS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

**Meet to Eat** - there will be no Meet to Eat until September 2024.

**TiddyWinks** - TODDLER GROUP held on Thursdays, 10am - 11.30 at the Church Hall. We will be closing the doors after our final summer session on Thursday 18th July, when we'll all still be celebrating England winning the Euros OR (resignedly) waiting for the World Cup qualifiers to start in September.....meanwhile, 'Tiddleywinks' will start again on Thursday 5th Sept. Have a lovely summer and 'Come on, England!' say Jim & Elaine (Mary says, 'What are the Euros?')

**Family Fun Day** We will be having a Family Fun Day on Saturday 17th August at Caton Primary School Field, Broadacre from 2.30 to 5 pm. There will be fun for all the family, Bouncy Castle, Fair games, crafts and stalls, tea, coffee and cakes throughout the afternoon, ending with a BBQ. FREE EVENT. For more info please email brookhousecommunitychurch@gmail.com

### PAINTING GROUP

The painting group will meet on Thursday 11th & 25th July at Lune Valley Methodist Hub, from 1.30-3.30pm. Everyone is welcome no matter what level of skill you have. If you have any materials bring them along, If not let me know and I can bring extra to share. We ask for a donation of £2.50 to cover costs, Tea/Coffee provided. Ruth 01524 770605.

25th July will be our last session until September. Hope you all have a good summer holiday.



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### THE LUNE VALLEY METHODIST HUB, BROOKHOUSE

**Sunday Service** 10:30am Sunday 14th July Helen McGregor Sunday 11th August Christine Wightman These are All-Age Worship Services – followed by refreshments.

**Afternoon Cream Tea for St John's Hospice** 13th July 2-4pm £5.00 per person

**Saturday Soup** 10th August 12:30pm, Enjoy soup & homemade cakes, £3.00 per person

**Book and Jigsaw Shop** Saturday 20th July and 17th August 10am-12pm With Coffee and biscuits choose a book or jigsaw.

**Bible Study** Wednesday 7pm 10th and 24th July, 14th and 28th August The 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month

**Community Hub incorporating Caton and Friends for Ukraine.** Meet on 1st Saturday of each month 2-4pm with Coffee and Cake. 6th July – Repair Café. There will be no Hub session in August and we will be back on 7th September.

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### WHAT'S ON AT CATON METHODIST CHAPEL

**Weekly Sunday Service** 10:30am Except on 14th July, and 11th August when we will be at Brookhouse.

**Afternoon Cream Tea for St John's Hospice** 13th July 2-4pm £5.00 per person will be at the Lune Valley Methodist Hub, Brookhouse

**Crafts @ Caton** Meet up for a coffee and a chat on Thursday 25th July and 29th August 10-12pm

### CATON BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Alan Wadsworth - Tel 01524 771371 Church Website - [catonbaptist.org](http://catonbaptist.org)

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 number above.

**Ladies Meeting** - No meetings in July and August but of course we will be back in September, so look forward to seeing you all then. Enjoy the summer break.

**Crafty Tots** are now on their summer break. See you all again in September. Enjoy the summer holidays.

Caton Baptist Church would like to thank everyone who came and supported us at Caton Gala on our stall by buying cakes, tea and coffees or giving donations. We raise £477 for Cancer Care so a great effort. Thank you.

We are running an Alpha course held in the church at 6:00pm. The first one is on Sunday 7th July and run every Sunday evening through to the end of August. There will be refreshments and please feel free to drop by and join us for one or all of the weeks. You will be most welcome.

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### HORNBY PENSIONERS

**Dominoes** evenings 7pm in the Institute. Saturdays 6th and 20th. No previous experience of the game is needed, and everyone is welcome.

**Trips** A grand time was had by all on the trip to Ullswater in June. Those members who included a boat trip on their day out, were privileged to sail on the "Lady of the Lake". She is the oldest working passenger vessel in the country, at 146 years of age, hope for us all then! Our next excursion of the year will be a full day trip on Tuesday 9th July, starting at 9.30am Our first stop will be at Watershed Mill in Settle, for a welcome coffee if you wish, plus there is also browsing time for every taste. On leaving Settle the coach will progress to Grassington, one of Yorkshire's lovely villages, with ample unique shops and cafes to enjoy. Our return journey will include a comfort stop in Ilkley, with time for tea and cake at a designated café. The coach will arrive back no later than 7pm. The cost of trips remains the same at £12 for members and £14 for all others. Guests, including those not of pensionable age are most welcome, as are other members of the community. Children however can only be included in exceptional circumstances. You will be able to book your seat on the trip at the Institute on Mondays through to Thursdays from 10am until noon.

### LVCS HORNBY SWIMMING POOL CLOSURES.

The LVCS Trustees wish to advise that the Swimming Pool in Hornby is to close from the middle of July into to the middle of August in order to carry out the replacement of the roof along with other vital energy saving improvements This subject was scheduled for full discussion and approval at the AGM held on 23rd May. Regrettably there were insufficient members to form a quorum and a second on-line AGM was held on 18th June in order to share details and appoint additional Trustees. Consequently the main construction is scheduled to start on 22nd July 2024. However, the pool will need to be drained and prepared for construction a few days prior and it will be closed for not less than 4/5 weeks. This a necessary and fully costed improvement plan with long term benefits which will ensure the building is sustainable into the future. Although we have sourced several major grants we will need to raise additional funding to meet expenditure and loss of revenues caused by this disruption. The Trustees sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this may cause for all our swimmers and supporters. Further details will be made available on our website and Facebook pages along with any changes to the schedule and reopening information. All support and ideas would be very welcome. www.lunevalleypool.com. poolmanager@lunevalleypool.com Direct line - 01524 805666.

### WRAY OVER SIXTIES

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