

LINK

ISSUE FOR JULY 2023

THE LINK WELCOMES YOUR NEW EDITOR

The new editor is Lisa Sargent-Small. Her contact details are in the box at the bottom of the page. She will use the current E-mail address until further notice.

As usual the Link will not be published in August so please could you send your copy for the September edition by 15th August.

ANNE JACKSON - "THANK YOU" FROM THE LINK TEAM

We would like to join with the Caton with Littledale community in thanking Anne very much for her hard work and dedication in editing the Link for over 25 years. This is the final edition she will compile. The Link has been (and still is) an essential part of local life. It means a great deal to so many people by sharing news, details of many clubs, societies and organisations, generally keeping people well informed and also providing an important advertising forum for local businesses.

Anne's role in ensuring that the Link has continued for approximately 300 editions (even during the pandemic) has been of enormous value to the community. With great appreciation from all the Link team.

PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk:- Gill Mason - 07882 949110. E-mail - catonparishcouncil@gmail.com

THANKS TO THE EDITOR OF THE LINK - The Parish Council would like to formally thank Anne Jackson for the work she has put into editing The Link for over 25 years. This has been a huge contribution to life in our parish, and we are very grateful.

COUNCILLORS - Your Parish Council has vacancies for five councillors. If you would like to see changes in Caton-with-Littledale, and are willing to work to help make them happen, then please consider becoming a parish councillor. The Parish Clerk can put you in touch with a current councillor, or come along and observe a meeting. All agendas and minutes and many other documents are on the village website.

PLAY PARK - Over the last few weeks a small group of volunteers has done lots of weeding to tidy the Play Park and prepare for new Cushionfall to go down. More to do - next volunteer day is Saturday 24th June 9-11am, for July and August dates please look in the Caton column in the Lancaster Guardian or on Facebook, or ring Judy on 771154 or Jenny on 771299. New swing seats for toddlers have been installed. The decking by the sand pit is being replaced. Sadly the toddler play house - the one with the little slide and wobbly bridge - risks becoming unstable due to rot in the wood in its supports and structure. We have looked at getting repairs done, but this isn't a real solution. So it will be removed. The Parish Council will investigate buying and installing another piece of play equipment in its place. We will have to raise funds for this as play equipment is very expensive!

BINS - The Parish Council is pressing Lancaster City Council to empty litter bins more often especially at busy places such as Crook o'Lune and the centre of Caton. We are also looking at replacing some heavily-used bins with larger capacity bins.

STATION ROAD - The Parish Council owns and maintains Station Road and the car park there. There is a sycamore stump by the telephone exchange which is sprouting enthusiastically and risks becoming a nuisance. We are arranging to have it removed.

HORNBY ROAD CAR PARK - This is owned by Lancashire County Council and leased to the Parish Council. They have agreed to do some remedial work to the surface at the north end of the car park, where tree roots are causing problems.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - Next meeting is *Tuesday 11th July at 7pm* in the Victoria Institute.

There is no August meeting.

OPEN GARDEN - IN AID OF RNLI

Heywood House gardens and railway will be open for the RNLI on Sunday 2nd July from 1pm until 5pm.

Admission £ 6.00 Children free, Refreshments, tombola, raffle, Steam train rides (small extra cost). Children's activities. Garden signposted from A683 in Caton.

PAINTING GROUP

The Painting group will meet on Thursday 13th & 27th July 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.

We will have a break during August and hope to start again on 7th September.

Hope you all enjoy the summer holidays. For more information contact Ruth 01524 770605.

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all the residents who love our area and have gone out to clear the litter left at Crook o'Lune and along the river banks. A horrible job, and your efforts are appreciated.

If you need litter pickers or a supply of litter bags do ask at the Victoria Institute.

LOCAL NEWS OF CATON & BROOKHOUSE

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Baptist Church Artlebeck Bridge

10.30 am:
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6.30 pm: *Evening Service*

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*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
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St Paul's C of E Brookhouse

*Sunday Communion
Service 10.00am
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month
1st Wednesday of the month.
Holy Communion 10.00am*

Brookhouse Community Church held @ Victoria Institute

*10.45 am
Morning Service & Junior
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Our visit to Llandudno began with an enjoyable lunch at The Tynedale Hotel which was funded by our lottery grant. Afterwards there was a choice of shopping or visiting the Great Orme in the afternoon sunshine. As there will be no report in August updates on the June visit to Halifax and the July visit to Barnard Castle as well as the Southport flower show will be in September issues.

Don't forget the 3rd August get-together Station Hotel for coffee and a presentation about the work of St Johns Hospice. Our September 21st visit will be to York.

For further details please contact Ally Whitfield on 01524 770827 / 07738912923.

CATON WI

At our June meeting, we enjoyed a pamper session with Lori and Claire from Tropic Skincare. We had a great time trying different products, a facial and hand treatments as well as learning about the business. Tropic donate 10% of their profits to causes that promote a healthier, greener and more empowered world which fits in well with the aims of the Women's Institute.

At our next meeting, we will be having a taster Tai Chi class with Martin Knowles. Tai Chi is a health promoting, low-impact activity which helps with flexibility and posture. We're looking forward to finding out more. Wear something comfortable so you can join in. Then, in August, we take a month off but are meeting up for an afternoon tea in Wray. We return in September for what promises to be an entertaining talk entitled "My life as a Lighthouse Keeper" by Jim Doran.

Visitors are always welcome to join our meetings. It's a good way to make new friends while having fun and learning something new. If you want to find out more about us, take a look at our Facebook page: Caton WI. Next meeting is Thursday 6th July at 7:30pm at the Victoria Institute.

CATON LEISURE CLUB

The Leisure Club meets every Monday 10.30-12.30 from September to May in the Victoria Institute where we have a full programme of talks on varying topics. We also organise a Christmas party and an annual outing. It has been in existence for over 50 years providing the community with a place to socialise and be entertained. We are a friendly group and welcome anyone to join us, make new friends and meet up with old ones.

As we approach the start of the new season, beginning 11th September, the current members occupying the roles of Secretary, Chair and Treasurer have given notice that they will be standing down from the next AGM. We have filled the role of Treasurer but need to find someone to take on the roles of Chair and Secretary.

The situation is serious because if we are unable to fill these roles then the Club will not be able to survive and would be a great loss to the local community. Are you looking for a challenge? Want to give something back to the community? Have some spare time. Then why not consider joining us. Not sure you have the right skills, not a problem there will be help and advice available should you need it.

If you think you could fill one of these roles and help take the club into the future or know of someone who could be then please contact David on 07391586278 for further details.

If you would like to join us then come along to the first meeting of the new season on 11th September you will be made most welcome. We also look forward to welcoming back our current members for what promises to be a sizzling season.

LUNE VALLEY SWIFT GROUP

July is the month when we see the most Swifts in our skies, as breeding adults are joined by younger birds that arrive in high summer to prospect for a nest site for next year. Amazingly these youngsters are with us only for a few weeks before they take a return flight of thousands of miles back to southern Africa! Look out for screaming parties of Swifts flying low around favoured buildings or coming and going from nest sites - and do let us know what you see.

On Thursday 13th July, Alasdair McKee from the RSPB will be giving a talk on the lives and conservation of these amazing birds, followed by an informal stroll around the village to watch our Swifts in action. It's 7.30pm at St Paul's church hall, and all are welcome (£1 minimum donation).

Many thanks to those who have bought a Swift nest box from us for their houses. We are still able to supply them and provide advice on installation. July is also the time when we hope for warm evenings, which are perfect for our surveys of breeding Swifts. Do get in touch if you're interested in a box or in joining our friendly group of volunteers. lunevalleyswifts@gmail.com

BIOBLITZ - SUNDAY 9 TH JULY, 1.00 - 4.00

Are you interested in nature? Looking for a fun family event?

Then come along to the Hermitage Field Community Meadow BioBlitz where the aim is to find and record as much biodiversity as possible in one afternoon. Local scientists and naturalists are inviting community members of all ages to take part - a great opportunity to explore the meadow and learn about all the creatures living there.

Please come prepared with waterproofs, sunscreen and hat. We can't guarantee the weather but we can promise a fascinating delve into diverse forms of nature in their natural habitats. Bring paper and a pencil (or other mobile device) to record your finds, and binoculars are useful too for a closer look at the plentiful birdlife. Woodies café is open until 3.00 for refreshments on the day.

Meet in Woodies carpark at 12.50, or join in throughout the afternoon.



NATIONAL MEADOWS DAY - JULY 1ST

Come along to an informal and relaxed guided walk around Hermitage Field Community Meadow on National meadows day, Saturday July 1st at 2.00 - 3.30pm. Booking is essential as spaces are limited to 20. <https://hermitagefieldcommunitymeadow.com/contact/>

People will be on hand to answer your questions about the history of the meadow, and to identify the many wildflowers introduced during this ongoing restoration project. The route involves some walking, so sensible shoes are advised. Bring your own sun protection and drinking water. Woodies snack bar is open for refreshments prior to the event. Toilets are available on the picnic site. The 81 bus from Lancaster stops near the meadow. Parking in the car park is limited.

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Opening Days and Times - Monday & Wednesday 10:00am to 12:00 noon & 1:00 to 3:00pm: Tuesday & Thursday 10:00am to 12:00 noon. The IT 'Drop In' facility, offers 4 computers, all with Internet access and Microsoft Office software.

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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

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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 10.00 am, 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 1st July and 5th August*

CATON YOUTH CLUB TRUST

As many of you will be aware the Caton youth club was sold many years ago and is invested on a yearly basis and then the interest earned on the money is given out each year to young people in the community who can benefit from some financial support for leisure time activities.

Sadly this year the investments have yielded very little interest and so the trustees have decided not to spend any of the capital but to re-invest for another year, when hopefully investments will be better and we will have more chances to open up to new applications.

Stephen J. Talbot.

SUMMER GARDEN PARTY - SATURDAY 1ST JULY

Our Lady's Catholic Church. We are pleased to invite you all to our Summer Garden Party to be held on *Saturday 1st July* from 2pm to 4pm.

It takes place in the beautiful garden behind St Mary's in Hornby and you can enjoy delicious refreshments while being entertained by Lancaster City Brass Band. There will be stalls including cakes, plants, books and jigsaws, bric-a-brac, bottle tombola and a grand raffle. Admission is by donation and we look forward to seeing you.

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INFINITY PRE-SCHOOL

Infinity Pre-School have welcomed our new fabulous 2-year-olds this term. Garry, our new hamster, has helped everyone settle in, relax and meet their new friends. Garry joined us a few weeks ago and after some discussions, the children chose his name. This term, children will be learning about animals who visit our Pre-School. We eagerly awaiting visits from chicks, puppies and lambs.

We have a few spaces available for children to join us from this September or you can book ahead to start in September 2024. You are welcome to visit us at any time to have a look around, meet our children and the team. Just give us call to arrange a time. You can visit our website, infinitypreschool.co.uk, to view our Outstanding Ofsted report and to find out about the excellent provision we provide. Alternately, our page on Facebook includes photos of our adventures.

Our learning has involved walks to the stream where we love to explore, listen to the water and look through our binoculars to spot wildlife. We use our spotting charts to identify the birds and keep a tally of what we've seen. By listening carefully, we try to identify the bird by the song it sings although this is quite tricky to learn.

Our children decide each day where they would like to play and learn, which means we teach them new skills wherever they take us. The school grounds at Caton Primary School are extensive and provide a great place for children to investigate and learn together. The children particularly enjoy building obstacle courses with the soft-play and PE equipment which provides valuable opportunities to develop their strength and balancing skills.

Infinity Baby and Toddler Group runs each month in the Sports hall of Caton Primary School for families and their children from birth to 4 years – find us on Facebook. Our group is friendly and relaxing, offering people a place to meet friends and new people. Children have a healthy snack and have a range of activities to enjoy, including soft play. If you are free, just come along and join us as there's no need to book a place. See you soon!

CATON PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are delighted to announce that our school has been awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark for excellence in science teaching and learning. The accreditation process was rigorous and we are very proud of the result.

May and June have been busy months for sport at our school. On 8th June, our cricket squad played well in their tournament at Over Kellet, showing a great attitude and teamwork. On Wednesday, 17th May, our cross country team took part in the Lune Valley schools' tournament at Tatham Fells. They excelled themselves, bringing home seven individual medals. We were so very proud of the whole team who showed great determination and a wonderful sporting attitude. Our annual Sports Day took place on Tuesday, 23rd May and was a great success. Well done to Blue Team, the overall winners, and to Yellow Team for winning the sportsmanship award. Thank you to the PTA for, as always, providing ice lollies for the children at the end of a warm and tiring day.

We had a great turn-out at Caton Gala. Our children had a wonderful time dressing up as kings and queens, taking part in the parade and singing together with St Paul's. Thank you to everyone who visited our stand. We always embrace links with the wider community and we very much enjoyed Alan Wadsworth's highly entertaining whole school in May.

Our PTA family quiz night was a very enjoyable event and raised funds towards our playground regeneration project. The next PTA event is our summer fair which will take place on Saturday, 1st July between 11am and 3pm. It is going to be a fantastic family day out and is open to the general public. There will be a whole host of activities for all the family including: stalls; competitions; face painting and hair braiding; slip and slide; races; tug of war; a bar and barbecue; welly wanging etc. This really is an event not to be missed!

Alongside our summer fair on Saturday 1st July, we are holding an Early Years open day for 2 to 4 year olds between 11am and 1pm. This is an opportunity to view the early years provision in Infinity Pre School and our Reception Class, to meet the staff and to 'stay and play'. Guided tours of the school will also be available.

Rehearsals are well underway for our fabulous Key Stage 2 production of The Wizard of Oz. Performances will take place on Wednesday 12th July at 6:30pm and Thursday 13th July at 1:30pm and 6:30pm. Our older children work very hard to produce a performance of the highest standard and they are worthy of an audience beyond the school community. Why not come along and see some future stars of stage and screen in the making?! Tickets can be purchased from the school office.

We have many activities still to pack into the remainder of this academic year including: a rivers field trip for Years 3 and 4; a whole school trip to the Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester; a music workshop for Key Stage 1 with the Halle Orchestra at the Bridgewater Hall; a Key Stage 2 hike at Whinlatter Forest and a visit to the stone circle at Keswick; and a ghyll scrambling and canoeing day in the Lake District for Key Stage 1. Exciting times! Follow us on Facebook to see the photos of these wonderful experiences.

We are recruiting for two positions to join our happy and dedicated team: Welfare Assistant and Apprentice Teaching Assistant Level 3. Contact the school office for further information. Both positions will commence in September.

Our large, detached sports hall continues to be available for hire. It has a fully-equipped kitchen, stage, and pleasant meeting room. For further details, contact the school office (01524 770104).

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 and will run weekly from 16 Sept to 2 Dec 2023 but not on 21 and 28 Oct (half term). Netball is open to children aged 9 to 13. The netball dates are 16 Sept, 30 Sept, 14 Oct, 4 Nov, 18 Nov and 2 Dec.

We will start again on Saturday 6 January 2024 and football will run weekly until 23 March but not on 10 and 17 Feb (half term). The netball dates are 6 Jan, 20 Jan, 3 Feb, 24 Feb, 9 March and 23 March.

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CATON AND BROOKHOUSE GARDENING CLUB

There are two upcoming events for members only over the summer. Firstly we are holding a garden tea party at Mears Ghyll from 2pm till 4pm on Saturday 13th July in honour of the several retiring members of the committee who have served the society so well over the past few years. It is a Jacobs Join tea, cake and scones event so please bring your contributions. It is primarily a social occasion for members to show their appreciation. But there will be croquet on the lawn, sponge ball golf and any other games we find room for for the more actively inclined! Please do let us know on 770919 if you are coming so we can plan for parking and table space.

Then on Saturday 5th August we are running a members only trip to Harlow Carr, the original RHS garden in the north. We are taking advantage of our membership of the RHS to get free entry to the garden so the only cost is for the coach. This will be £15 per person. Please let Rebecca know on 07806521974 to get your name on the list. Last year's visit to Bridgewater was very popular so we hope the same will be true of this year. And as an inducement as well as the magnificent mature Harlow Carr garden to see there are Betty's tea shops both inside the ground and just next door too!

HORNBY PENSIONERS

Dominoes Evenings will be held on alternate Saturdays on the ground floor of The Institute, beginning at 7 p.m. Those evenings being on July 8th and 22nd and August 5th and 19th. No previous experience of the game is needed, and everyone is welcome.

Hornby Pensioners Trips in July and August

Tuesday 11th July - Our second excursion of the year will be to Hawes, where there will be a stop for coffee. We then move on to Richmond, for the main part of our visit. There will also be a short break in Reeth on the way back. The first pick up point near Hornby Bank will be at 9.00 a.m. and our return will be no later than 7.00 p.m.

Tuesday 8th August - This will be a shorter trip with a 10a.m. start. We will be visiting the Southport Botanical Gardens and then onwards to Great Eccleston, for a fish and chip tea at 4 p.m. We should return home by 6 p.m. The cost of each excursion will be £12 for members and £14 for non-members.

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LUNESDALE PROBUS CLUB HORNBY

There are two meetings planned for July.

The subject and speaker for Monday July 3rd July is yet to be confirmed.

And on Monday 17th July David Talbot will be telling us about The Falkland Islands and Antarctica Including South Georgia and the Shackleton Expedition.

There are no meeting in August when we take our summer break.

Lunesdale Probus Club meetings are held on the first and third Monday morning of each month. (except August) Why not come along and enjoy a nice social break from routine?. We start with coffee and chat at 10.00am. For further details or any information on this or other Lunesdale Probus Club matters please contact - Roger Carter. 015242 22283

JAZZ IN HORNBY

Many thanks to everyone who came to see Tim, Nigel and Roy; (and thanks to everyone who sent their apologies) Their music beyond categorisation; and when I say `see` part of the excitement is to see how they get those sounds from their instruments !

We now look forwards to August the 18th; to the annual re-union of the Chris Coull Sextet. All bar one of the musicians are the usual crew: Chris leading on trumpet & flugel horn, Richard Weatherall , piano.; Rob Steels, double bass, his son Joe guitar, Jack Davies, drums. On tenor sax will be Dean Masser---those of you that have been paying attention will know what to expect: he has been with us on two previous occasions co-leading the `Jazz Worriers`. I am very excited at the prospect of hearing him in the sextet.....and so should you be.

CRAFTY TOTS

No Crafty Tots in July and August. Look out for start date in September. Enjoy the summer months.

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SUMMER PASTORAL SERVICE FOR THE VILLAGE

St Paul's Church, Brookhouse
Everyone is welcome to St Paul's Church for the Summer Pastoral Service which takes place on the 11th of July 2023 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.

ST PAUL'S CHURCH COFFEE MORNING

The next Coffee Morning will be in the St Paul's Church Parish Hall on the 5th of July 2023 at 10.30. The July Coffee Morning is to support the work of Fair Trade which works to support fair trade throughout the world. At the Coffee Morning there will be a quiz, a raffle, a Fair Trade stall as well as a number of other stalls which display a range of produce. It will give people the opportunity to meet friends and neighbours for a chat. You are most welcome to join us for coffee, tea or cold drinks and biscuits which all Fairtrade.

The June Coffee morning raised £83.50 for the Church Missionary Society and the United Society who work to spread the word of the Bible. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this event, the proceeds from which will be much appreciated by these organisations.

ANOTHER UKRAINE SUPPORT WEEKEND

September 23rd and 24th at Caton Baptist church Artlebeck Bridge Caton
First of all, thank you so much for all the goods that were donated in May this year. It was all sent immediately via International Aid at Preston and gratefully accepted in different parts of the Ukraine.

As the winter approaches the needs in the Ukraine can only get more, once again we will be opening up the church for a busy weekend of collecting goods for the very needy people of the Ukraine.

It needs to be goods that work or could be worn and virtually all household goods would be appreciated. More specific details to follow next month.

A big thank you from Caton Baptist Church to all those who came and supported us and bought cakes and brews. We raised £523 for St John's Hospice which is very worth while.

Please get in touch if you have any questions or can help in any way - Stephen 07585 440 563.

CATON ST PAUL'S SCHOOL

It was lovely to welcome our new parents for the new starters evening at school. We had a great turn out and look forward to welcoming you and your children into the Caton St Paul's family. Parents of new starters are invited to St Paul's Church on Sunday 3 September for a special family service. We also welcome our new starters to school for transition afternoons, including a teddy bear's picnic which sounds lovely.

We are holding our 2nd annual PTA summer fair on Friday 14 July from 5pm - 8pm on our school field. There will be plenty of stalls, a disco, a bouncy castle, food and a chance to throw wet sponges at Mr Gittins. We will also be opening our Pre-school area on the night for you to come and have a look round. All are invited and we hope to see you there.

It was lovely to be at Caton gala and our human fruit machine proved very popular. The sun shone and the local community came out to support on what was a great day for Caton. A big thank you from our school to all who helped organise this - see you next year.

PTA movie night was well attended with 130 children enjoying films, a drink and a snack.

We managed to raise over £300 which will be invested back into school.

Our Y5 children had a blast at Coniston for their residential. Incredibly, all the children made it to the top of Coniston Old Man, an 803m mountain! They swam in the lake to cool down, jumping off the jetty into Coniston. We had BBQ, bacon sandwiches and hot chocolate with biscuits. After 'sleeping' in bell tents, we ghyll scrambled and canoed on the second day, before returning home tired but happy. Well done to all children who were wonderful and tried their hardest in everything.

We were really excited to welcome our dads and grandads to school for Father's day breakfast - lots of sausage and bacon sandwiches were scoffed and the children and grown ups had a lovely time.

Sporting success continues with a 3rd placed finish at the District cricket competition at Torrisholme Cricket Club. The children played brilliantly, winning 4 of their matches and only losing in the semi-finals. We also entered the Lancaster and Morecambe swimming gala for the first time and the children swam and competed wonderfully well. All of our Y6 children attended the sports festival at Salt Ayre, taking part in rugby, dodgeball and korfbal tournaments - all of our Y6 children have now pulled on the CSP sports kit at least twice this year! Led by our PE lead, Mrs Pollitt, we continue to give children of all abilities great sporting opportunities at our school.

Our Y6 children are looking forward to their cultural trip to Edinburgh where they will travel by train, visit museums and galleries and eat out for dinner and tea. This is a great opportunity to visit a capital city and soak up all it has to offer. We continue to develop our curriculum to give children enrichment and enhancement opportunities in each year group.

We have spaces in our Pre-school for September and would love to show you round.

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Everyone very Welcome

Afternoon Cream Tea for St John's Hospice - Saturday 8th July 3-5pm £3.00 per person Down stairs at Caton

Saturday Soup and Cake - Saturday 12th August 12:30pm

Due to our lift being out of action soup this month will be at The Lune Valley Methodist Hub

Crafts @ Caton - Thursday 27th July and 31st August between 10-12pm. Bring your craft items and have a chat over coffee

Bible Study Live - Fortnightly 7pm is held at The Lune Valley Methodist Hub with Rev Emma

Wednesday 12th and 26th July : Wednesday 9th and 23rd August. (2nd and 4th Wednesday) 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 - 1st and 6th August 10:30am – Sunday Service finishing with refreshments

Saturday Soup – Saturday 12th August. Due to the lift being out of action at Caton Methodist, soup will be held at the Lune Valley Methodist Hub at 12:30pm

Book and Jigsaw Exchange - Saturday 15th July and 19th August 10am-12pm With Coffee and biscuits choose a book or jigsaw, any donations will go to Charity

Childrens / Easy Crafts - Wednesday 2nd August 10-12pm come along and enjoy a morning packed with lots of crafty things to do.

Bible Study Live - 7pm also on Zoom Wednesday's 12th and 26th July, 9th and 23rd August

'Caton and Friends for Ukraine/Community Hub' will meet on the 1st and 3rd Saturday in July (we are having a break in August) between 2-4pm, For coffee, Cake,

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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.

Our Youth Service is on Sunday 13th August at 6:30pm. The usual doughnuts served at the close with teas/coffees or hot chocolate.

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.

Ladies Fellowship -

No Ladies Fellowship meetings in July and August.

Commencing again in September. More details in the September Link.

BROOKHOUSE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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 7th and 21st July 12-30pm.

Coffee and cakes :- Wed. 12th July 10-00 till 11-30am.

Friday Friends :- Friday 28th July 11-30 till 1-30.

These events will not be running in August and will start again with Meet to Eat on 1st September at 12-30pm

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HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

The Parish Council organised a meeting about highways and road safety as part of its annual meeting for residents in May this year. Lancashire Highways had sent written answers to several questions, and our County Councillor Matthew Maxwell-Scott came along. Here are some of the issues raised, and action taken so far.

Greenway - Several residents spoke about their experiences of aggression and bad behaviour by cyclists on the Greenway (Millennium Way). Agreed that there needs to be an emphasis on the role of the Greenway as a shared use path, where dogs are permitted to be off lead. Websites aimed at cyclists need to make it clear that this path is not just for them. Would clear graphic signs help? The Greenway needs better maintenance, especially clearing fallen leaves and clearing the edges of encroaching vegetation. Strong support for extension of Greenway up the valley. These issues have been raised with Sustrans and with the Countryside Services Team at Lancashire County Council, which is responsible for the Greenway.

Speed monitoring on A683 - Installation of cameras and other kit complete, now in testing phase. Concerns that traffic may divert to other roads up and down the valley. Highways are now well aware of this but unclear what extra monitoring is happening.

Crossing the A683 - Highways have agreed to review the pedestrian crossing in the centre of Caton as part of their 24/25 work programme. They will also look then at how to provide safer crossings at Holme Lane and/or Bull Beck.

Caton Green Road - Caton Green Residents are calling for a 30mph speed limit on Caton Green Road, as the volume of traffic on the road has increased in recent years. As has the number of residents, including children. Cllr Maxwell-Scott has raised this with Highways, and the request was not initially successful. Further nagging required! The situation is the same with the request for lower speed limits on Quernmore Road.

Speed monitoring - Parish Council urged to get its Speed Indicator Devices working again. Appeal to residents to help with the batteries, and investigate further the possibility of solar powered SPIDs. The Parish Council would like to hear from anyone who can help with this. Residents asked to report speeding concerns to the police using their Speed Concern Submission website.

Damaged/absent barriers on A683 east of Bull Beck - Still no indication of when work will commence on this accident black spot.

Poor road surfaces, potholes - Lancashire Highways does have a programme of annual inspections of all road surfaces. Residents asked to report potholes and other problems using the Love Clean Streets app or the Lancashire County Council website. The condition of Low Road was flagged and Cllr Maxwell-Scott will try to get Highways to carry out full repairs rather than temporary patching. Again, Highways has not been responsive initially so further pressure needed.

GROW CATON

Now that the weather has turned truly summery our veggie plots are flourishing and as a group we are becoming more and more aware of the watering needs. My own experience is that those places where I have mulched retain the moisture much better than those with bare soil. If you want to find out more, including help with locating local mulching material, then do get in touch. We did an outreach at Caton Gala in June and our WhatsApp group has now tripled in size with lively discussions taking place. The 'veggie garden drop-in' Saturdays (10-12am at 75 Brookhouse Road) are also attracting plenty of interest. Our plans for the summer are a visit to Claver Hill (Lancaster) in June and a follow up on the composting workshop in September. Looking further ahead we would also like to organise something around harvest time. The seed swap box is still in operation and there are plenty of veggies that can be sown in July. We are starting to see the first of our harvests, so do remember the veggie shelves for leaving or picking up surplus produce. We hope you have a great summer and do get in touch with us via Peter Collins at the Victoria Institute, via Brigitte 770771 or email growcaton@outlook.com, via Anne 771470.

CATON FESTIVAL

The first Caton Festival is taking place on Saturday 12 August at Elm Grove Field. 10am-9pm. Attractions will include food and drink, crafts, local businesses, fair rides and lots of live music. It is being organised by Dare2Event.

THE LINK

As you may be aware this is the last edition of The Link which I will be editing. When I started in the role Margaret Merrifield was the Treasurer, Chris and Eileen Hill and David and Pat Bainbridge were in charge of distribution. Then Annot Dhillon became the Treasurer, and she then handed over to John Self. Alan and Marilyn Davis and Fiona Metcalf are the current distribution team. I would like to thank them all for their help and support over the many years I have been editing The Link. Of course the Link would not appear through your letterboxes without the fantastic team of volunteers who deliver each month. I thank them for all their hard work.

I wish Lisa every success going forward and I know that she will continue to take the Link onwards and upwards. Thank you to you all.

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