

LINK

ISSUE FOR JUNE 2023

THE LINK WILL HAVE A NEW EDITOR

I am very pleased to inform our readers that there will be a new editor for The Link. Lisa Sargent-Small has agreed to take over the role and will start her work with the September edition. New contact details will appear in the July edition of the Link. We are intending at present to keep the same e-mail but Lisa may have some new ideas going forward.

LINK DELIVERY

On behalf of the Link team and the residents of St. Anne's Close, Brookhouse, very many thanks to Adrian Gregory who has delivered the Link to residents there for approximately 40 years. Adrian is also well known in the local community as a churchwarden and bellringer at St. Paul's, recently ringing the National Anthem on the morning of the Coronation.

PARISH COUNCIL

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

COUNCILLORS - At its May meeting, the Parish Council elected Nick Heywood as Chair and Jenny Walmsley as Vice-Chair. If you are interested in the work of the Parish Council, you are welcome to attend one of our meetings. All our agendas, minutes and other documents are on the village website. *Next meeting is Tuesday 13th June in the Victoria Institute at 7pm.*

LITTER BIN REPLACEMENT - The Parish Council is ordering a replacement litter bin for the layby on Quernmore Road (between Broadacre and Gresgarth). Lancaster City Council will empty it as part of their regular round. We are considering which other bins need replacing, ideally with larger bins.

PLANTER AT WAVECREST - This planter has served us well for a long time, but is now falling apart. We're getting another wooden one made.

OAK TREE AT THE FISHSTONES - A home within the parish has been found for the sapling there at the moment, which is growing from a secondary shoot. The work to prepare the ground for a sturdy replacement tree and repair the railings will be under way soon.

PLAY PARK - The quotation for the repairs needed for the Play Park at Fell View has come in from the original builders, and is too expensive. The Parish Council is looking for other ways to get the work done, using local contractors wherever possible. And we will need help from volunteers right away, to get the ground weeded and prepared for a new dressing of Cushionfloor.

The next workparty is planned for Saturday 10th June. Please come any time between 9am and 11am and bring garden forks and gloves. Rakes and brooms could be useful. If you live near Fell View and can bring a green bin for the weeds, that would be very helpful.

CATON-WITH-LITTLEDALE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The referendum on the Neighbourhood Plan was held on Thursday 4th May. Turnout was 39%. 733 people voted yes, 136 no, and there were 14 spoilt ballots.

All the documents about the Neighbourhood Plan are available on the village website, and you can see a printed copy of the plan in the Victoria Institute (Cottam Room).

PAINTING GROUP

The Painting group will meet on Thursday 1st, 15th & 29th June at Lune Valley Methodist Hub from 1.30 - 3.30pm. Everyone is welcome no matter what level of skill you have. We ask for a donation of £2 to cover costs. Tea/coffee provided.

For more information contact Ruth 01524 770605.

CATON WI GOES TROPICAL!

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The meeting is in the Victoria Institute on *Thursday 1st June* starting at 7.30pm. Visitors are welcome.

LOCAL NEWS OF CATON & BROOKHOUSE

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6.30 pm: *Evening Service*

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month's dates*

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10.30 am:
*Morning Service and Junior
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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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Hall, all term time
Sundays except 1st Sunday of
month
1st Wednesday of the month.
Holy Communion 10.00am*

Brookhouse Community Church

*held @ Victoria Institute
10.45 am
Morning Service & Junior
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CATON & BROOKHOUSE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our members enjoyed their visit to Boundary Mill in April, everyone seemed to be bagging bargains as well as enjoying the refreshments on offer. A short stop in Skipton ended a good day out.

Our June 15th visit is to the interesting Halifax Piece Museum with its tiers of small independent shops and cafes followed by a visit to Hebden Bridge.

In July we will be heading north to Barnard Castle and Bowes

In August we are meeting in the Station Hotel on the 4th for coffee and a chat followed later in the month by a visit to Southport and the flower show.

For further details contact Ally Whitfield on 01524 770827 / 07738912923

SPRING AND BUY AT ST PAUL'S

The Spring and Buy held at St Paul's Church Hall on the 22nd of April was a great success. Despite poor weather there was a good turnout and we raised £391.90 to help fund further development of the Church Hall. Thanks go to both all those who helped in any way, and to those whose attendance made it so successful.

CATON ST PAUL'S PRE-SCHOOL

We are now taking bookings for an Autumn Term start. If your child is 3, or turning 3 in the Autumn Term, why not give us a ring and come and take a look around? Mrs Longhorn and Mrs Edmondson will show you what a day looks like in Pre-school, how the children are cared for and how settled our children are. Ring 01524 770241 for more information.

"The teaching staff are very professional and caring. The school has excellent facilities and the Pre-school makes great use of the outdoor space. The closeness and integration into the reception class would make the transition from Pre-school to school a lot less daunting for a lot of children." Current Pre-school parent.

CRAFTY TOTS

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

CATON AND BROOKHOUSE GARDENING CLUB

Many thanks to all helpers and visitors who came to the plant sale and made it an enjoyable village occasion. By all accounts it was thought to be a success in its new venue, especially with the availability of parking which enabled people to buy more stuff! There is an interesting and wryly amusing footnote to the sale. In the hectic frenzy of purchasing plants, among all the coins we received were five one shilling pieces (vintages 1953 - coronation year!, 1956, 1957, 1961, 1963), seven old 10p sized 5p coins and an Italian 100L coin dated 1991! If there are any numismatists among our members they are welcome to this treasure trove. Is the gardening club becoming a haven for money laundering?

Our next event on 8th of June is the members only evening trip to Mill Croft Garden, Wennington. This is a specially arranged visit for the gardening club to this beautiful NGS garden in the Wenning valley. As there is only sufficient local space for about 10 cars we are limited in numbers to fewer than forty so get your names on the list by ringing Graham on 770919 asap if you wish to come - we are up to 32 at the time of writing. The cost will be £6 per person most of which will go to the NGS charity and the rest towards the delicious refreshments provided by our hosts. We aim to leave Caton at about 6pm. In the week before the trip we will be in touch with everyone and arrange lifts for those who need them and arrange with the drivers who we would like them to take, if necessary meeting at the Station Hotel car park at 6pm. Any questions please ring Graham. Many thanks to all who have volunteered to drive so far.

Then a date for your diary is Saturday 15th July when we will be holding a Jacobs Join tea party from 2 till 4pm for members and guests in the Mears Ghyll garden in honour of those members who have just retired after long service on the committee. It will be boaters and parasols, croquet on the lawn, sponge ball golf, tea and cake on a balmy midsummer afternoon overlooking our wonderful Lune Valley!

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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 where abouts in the village needs some attention. Half an hour or an hour can – and does – make such a difference.

If you have seen an area which would benefit from a tidy up, or have any queries, please contact Judy Powell on 771154.

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CATON ST PAUL'S C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

We had a wonderful time at our coronation celebration for King Charles. In spite of the weather, the children enjoyed their picnic, wearing their crowns with style for a coronation parade around the grounds. We even had a visit from the 'King' and the 'Queen'. In the afternoon, we welcomed around 70 parents for celebration worship where the choir sang beautifully, and children showed their crowns off again. We look forward to our choir singing at Caton gala and hope to see many of you there to enjoy our human fruit machine stall - come and say hello!

Our dance team had a wonderful time performing at the Lancashire Dance finals at Blackpool Winter Gardens. They worked incredibly hard to ensure they performed with style and confidence - we are very proud of them and their achievements.

We were very proud to be chosen as the final destination for Jonny's prayer walk, an initiative run by local Christian group, NISCU. All of our 160 children lined the cinder track as Jonny ran the last 300m to the finish. They waved flags and gave prayers to Jonny who then took these to give out to the local Churches. This half-term, we have been lucky to be visited during worship by Alan Wadsworth from Caton Baptist Church, Helen Scamman from St Paul's Church, Emma Holroyd from Caton Methodist Church and Pete Legg, Jim Hutchinson and Elaine Hutchinson from Brookhouse Community Church. Our Ruby class children also enjoyed a trip to the Godly play bus and a visit to St Paul's Church to learn more about Baptism.

At the moment, Topaz class are benefitting from expert coaching from Morecambe Football Club every week. Amethyst are also receiving badminton coaching weekly from Heysham Sports partnership. We continue to invest our PE money to give children excellent skills and experiences across a range of sports, outdoor education and forest schools.

As we move into summer the children have lots to look forward to: an exciting curriculum that makes full use of our outdoor space, sports tournaments in each year group, a summer production for Y5/6, sports day, summer fair (all invited on Friday 14 July) and loads more.

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 June 10 th. and 27 th. No previous experience of the game is needed and everyone is welcome.

Hornby Pensioners Trips It is that time of year again. Hooray!!

Tuesday 13 th June -Our first excursion of the year will be to Hebden Bridge, with an initial stop at Oswaldtwistle Mills. On our return, we will be making a stop at Howarth. Members should note that there will be areas during this excursion, which will require caution, if you have any mobility issues. The cost of this excursion will be £12 for members and £14 for non- members. Payment can be made to Kath Helme at the Institute on Tuesdays 10 a.m. until 11a.m. and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.

Pick up points begin at the top of the village near Hornby Bank at 9.00 a.m.

We plan to return to Hornby no later than 7.00 p.m.

LUNESDALE PROBUS CLUB

Boats , Bats and Battle of Britain!

Our June programme will consist of two very diverse sessions and an interesting day visit. On Monday 5th June we welcome Commander Bernie Thompson RN Rtd. Telling us the incredible story of X Craft, miniature manned submarines and their use in wartime..

On Monday 19th June we have an illustrated talk by Gail Armstrong on the local Bat population and why we should love them!

And on Thursday June 15th we travel to Squires Gate airfield Blackpool for a private guided tour of the Lytham St Anne's Spitfire Collection in Hangar 42 restoration workshop.. There are several Spitfire replicas and a Hawker Hurricane MKI along with a unique collection of wartime RAF Airfield vehicles and equipment. After the workshop and display visit we take a break at The Flower Bowl / Barton Grange Garden Centre on the way home. Coaching and Admission just £20.00pp. Morning departure from Hornby. Guests very welcome.

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CATON PRIMARY SCHOOL

What a busy month of May!

We celebrated the coronation of King Charles III with a wonderful whole school lunch party. The hall was beautifully decorated with bunting, balloons and flags and our school cook, Mrs Jarvis, did us proud.

We love to be active and this month has been no exception. Year 5 threw themselves into their Bikeability training with Go Velo. They learnt to check their bikes are safe and fit for purpose, use signals and safely share the road with other vehicles. You may have seen them around the village. Class 3 have thoroughly enjoyed their cricket lessons, run by sports coach Tim Fletcher from the Bay Academy Trust and after-school dodgeball coaching for all ages continued with MS Sports. Our teachers continue to take the children's learning outdoors whenever they can, making the most of our amazing forest and beautiful grounds.

As always, we have welcomed the local community into school. It was a treat to see NISCU's Johnny on his prayer walk. The children wrote prayers for our school and gathered to share a prayer together in the playground as Johnny passed by on his 20 mile, 2 day walk. We feel very lucky to have so many volunteers coming into school to read with our children each week and to run our Garden Gang. Thank you to all those who give of their time so generously.

Our Year 6 pupils completed their week of SATs with calmness, resilience and determination. We were so proud of their mature attitude! They all celebrated the end of the tests with a fun trip to Soul Bowl in Morecambe for lunch and a game of ten pin bowling.

As we look ahead to the rest of the academic year, we have many exciting experiences and trips planned for our pupils and we can't wait for the forthcoming transition days for our fifteen new Reception children. Our sports day takes place on Tuesday, 23rd May and on the same day, at 3:30pm, we will be holding a book fair, in conjunction with Usborne Books. The fair is open to the whole community. There will be a range of fiction and non-fiction texts available for everyone to purchase and every book bought will result in the school receiving books for free. We would love to see as many people as possible there so that we can share our love of reading!

Our PTA Summer fair will take place on Saturday, 1st July. Save the date as it's going to be a fantastic family day out! More details in July's edition of The Link.

Infinity Pre School operates from our school site. They offer outstanding provision for children from age 2, with access to a wonderful outdoor area, a forest and a large sports hall. For further information, call Claire on 07746 857904.

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).

LVCS HORNBY SWIMMING POOL

Coffee Morning and AGM

The Lune Valley Community Pool in Hornby gets a great deal of support from local schools, families and friends.

And the recent Coffee morning at the Hornby Institute proved to be a very enjoyable time to meet up with the team and discuss future plans. A fun quiz about the pool devised by Georgia and Scott caused quite a bit of head scratching.

The Coffee Morning was to be followed by our 2023 AGM at 12.00 but sadly we were unable to establish the required 'membership' quorum. A new date for this will be announced shortly.- Please check our website for this and the most recent support funding results

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

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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 2nd and 16th June. 12-30pm

Coffee and cakes :- Wednesday 14th June. 10:00 till 11-30 am.

Friday Friends :- Friday 23rd June 11-30am till 1-30pm.

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 first Wednesday of next month, that is the 7th of June, at 10.30. The June Coffee Morning is to support the work of the Church Missionary Society and the United Society. Both organisations work to spread the word of the Bible.

At the Coffee Morning there will be a raffle, a quiz, a cake stall, as well as other stalls selling 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 coffee, tea or cold drink and biscuits.

The May Coffee morning raised £92.81 for the Church Funds. Thanks go to everyone who contributed to this event, the proceeds from which will be used to help the work of St Paul's Church.

GROW CATON

When talking to friends in the village one of the responses we often hear is 'I am too busy to join another group'. In this respect we may surprise you as each of us do not do anything more or different to what we usually do, other than trying to connect to our local community. Grow Caton is a group of people who are keen to keep the skills of growing and preserving food alive in the village. We operate on a 'no money' basis, what we do is free and freely given, or swapped and bartered. We do not have an organised structure or formal meetings and rather try spending time in the garden. Our main desire is to connect with other growers, share ideas, knowledge and experience. Get to know our neighbours and share, encourage and help where we can. Amongst us we share tools, swap plants and barter eggs. With the wider community we share through the seed swap box, the produce shelves and the drop-in mornings in the veggie garden.

We are very aware of the rising cost of food and see growing food in the community as a sensible response, as well as a healthy option. Quite a number of people already grow their own food and we would love for more people to connect with us, and for those who have not grown food before to give it a try. We are supporting the village community orchard plans and are ready to help with the planting and maintenance when these plans are finalised. For anyone who struggles to pick their own fruit bushes or trees, we are more than keen to come and help pick and stop the fruit going to waste.

Earlier this year we hosted a composting workshop to learn more about recycling our kitchen and garden waste into valuable compost for making healthy soil and growing good crops. We were introduced to the idea of community composting, for example to share a compost bin with neighbours. We would love to hear from anyone interested or already doing this. How could you get involved? Do you grow your own veggies and you want to join our chat group? Would you like help to get started in your own garden? Would you like help with harvesting your fruit? Are you interested to learn more about preserving food to last through winter? Would you like to share your garden and allow someone else to come and grow some veggies? Do you have skills you want to bring and share? Any of these are enough to join our WhatsApp group and join the conversations.

Our contacts are Brigitte (770771 or email growcaton@outlook.com), Anne (771470) or via Peter Collins at the Victoria Institute



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Weekly Sunday Service: 10:30am We will worship at Caton apart from Sunday 4th June, when we will be at Brookhouse. Everyone very Welcome

Saturday Soup and Cake - Saturday 10th June 12:30pm

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

Crafts @ Caton - Thursday 29th June 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 14th and 28th June (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 - 4th June 10:30am - Sunday Service finishing with refreshments

Saturday Soup - Saturday 10th June 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 17th 10am-12pm

With Coffee and biscuits choose a book or jigsaw, any donations will go to Barnabas aid.

Bible Study Live and via Zoom - Wednesday 14th and 28th June 7-8pm

'Caton and Friends for Ukraine' continue to meet on the 1st and 3rd Saturday between 2-4pm. For coffee, Cake, English lessons and children's activities, everyone welcome to pop in.

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CATON BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Alan Wandsworth - Tel 01524 771371

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

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

Our Youth Service is on Sunday 11th June 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 -

We are a friendly group of ladies who meet once a fortnight on a Wednesday afternoon at 2pm. Our speakers always bring a devotional message and we enjoy a cup of tea and biscuits afterwards. All ladies from the village and further afield are welcome to join us and transport can be arranged if you need a lift.

The dates for June are: -

14th - Mrs Tina Woof.

28th - AGM meeting at 11am and then out for lunch and afternoon drive.

We look forward to seeing you.

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Our local volunteer group were able to receive 'Dig Grants' from B4RN for properties where volunteers dug through gardens and fitted house kits. From these dig grants we have distributed funds to the Brownies for a movie night, the Friendship Group for one of their trips, the Lune Valley under 10's football club for First Aid Kits and training balls, and the Litter picking group for litter pickers and hoops.

We would like to distribute more funds this year and are looking for more local community groups to apply to us to help fund small purchases for their group.

Please address all requests by email to b4rn4catonandbrookhouse@gmail.com

The group meet regularly throughout the year to consider requests and will be meeting in June.

HOW DO I GET THIS FIXED?

Gas leak – Call the National Gas Service Emergency Line on 0800 111 999 to report a suspected gas leak.

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- Lune Valley Tennis Club, Ball, Lane, Caton, LA2 9QN

- St Paul's School, Moorside Road, Brookhouse, LA2 9PJ

- Hillcroft Nursing Home, Caton Green Road, Brookhouse, LA2 9JH

There is a defibrillator at Caton Primary School, Broadacre, Caton, LA2 9NH. This is accessible when the school is open, or when the sports hall or playing fields are in use for a booked event.

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