

LINK

ISSUE FOR MARCH 2023

THE LINK NEEDS A NEW EDITOR

As you may be aware I have been editor of The Link for nearly 30 years now. In that time I have taken The Link from 4 pages to 8. I have seen it through the tough times of Covid.

I think the time has come for me to hand over the reins to someone new, younger and enthusiastic to maybe take The Link in a different direction or consolidate what we have at present.

If anyone would be interested in taking on the role please either give me a call on 01524 771551 or e-mail me and we can have a chat about what the job entails. Anne Jackson.

LINK DELIVERY

On behalf of the Link team and the residents of Moor Platt, many thanks to Annette Quarry who has delivered the Link to residents there since 2014. Annette is not able to continue but arrangements have been made for one of our volunteers to ensure monthly delivery.

We are always grateful for any volunteers. If you think you might be willing to volunteer please use the contact numbers for Link distribution at the bottom of this page.

PARISH COUNCIL

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

CATON GREENWAY - Funding is now in place for the planned improvements. Work will start with "hard" landscaping, principally benches. Planting of trees and bushes and other plants is likely to take place towards the end of the year. Look out for calls for volunteers. Further information from Judy Powell on 771154. The Parish Council is also asking Lancashire Highways to take action on the lighting on the Greenway - lots of new bulbs and repairs needed. The authorities are aware of concerns about the line of the fences between the Greenway and the new development off Mill Lane.

STILES ON PUBLIC FOOTPATHS IN OUR AREA - We want to get damaged stiles repaired or replaced. The first step is to ensure that we know of them! Please send information to the Parish Clerk. Include a photograph if at all possible and as much details as you can about the location of the stile - use the What3Words app if you have it.

OAK TREE AT THE FISH STONES - The trunk of the old tree will be removed soon. The Parish Council hopes to be able to leave the rotten sections in a place where they can provide a bug home and gradually decay. Any good wood will be saved and used positively - exactly how will depend on what we find when the trunk is down.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD - The PC noticeboard at the Victoria Institute has been repaired and refurbished. Thanks to Keith Akrigg for carrying out the work for us.

ELECTIONS - Do you care about our parish and its residents? Interested in finding out more about how the Parish Council works and what it can (and can't) do? Residents are welcome to attend parish council meetings, and you can see the minutes and other documents on the village website. Or speak to the Parish Clerk or one of the current councillors.

CATON BOWLING GREEN - At its February meeting the Parish Council met members of the Bowling Club Committee and concerned local residents to think about the Notice to Quit sent by Trust Inns, the owners of the Station Hotel and Field. The Clerk and councillors were able to offer information and advice, and encouraged the Committee to obtain specialist legal advice urgently.

NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL - Tuesday 14th March 7pm in the Victoria Institute. Residents are welcome to attend and raise issues of local concern in the Open Forum at the start of the meeting.

CORONATION BANK HOLIDAY: THE BIG HELP OUT

The Palace has suggested making the extra Bank Holiday Monday (8th May) a day to encourage volunteering, calling it "The Big Help Out". Here in Caton-with-Littledale we would like to make it a day to say thank you and celebrate all the people who volunteer throughout our parish, whether it is through organisations or just by giving a helping hand to a neighbour. Ideas so far include having a Volunteering Fair in the morning, with opportunities for practical activities locally, followed by a Jacob's Join lunch in the Victoria Institute. We would also like to have a display of residents' memorabilia from the last Coronation and perhaps an exhibition about the our area since that time.

Would you or your organisation like to get involved? We are having a planning meeting on Monday 13th March at 7pm in the Victoria Institute. Do come and help make this a celebration of the people who help! Enquiries to Jenny Walmsley on 771299 or Peter Collins at the Victoria Institute.

PAINTING GROUP

The Painting group will meet on Thursday 9th & 23rd March at Lune Valley Methodist Hub, Brookhouse, 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

LOCAL NEWS OF CATON & BROOKHOUSE

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See BMC news for this
month's dates

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Church

Catholic Church Station Yard

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Saturday Evening 6.00pm
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St Paul's C of E Brookhouse

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Service 10.00am
All Age Worship, read and led
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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
Church

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Caton Gala 2023 gets ever closer. It will take place on the 20th May 2023 at Elm Grove Field, Caton. The theme will be "Kings and Queens".

On the subject of Queens etc. Please ensure that the entry forms for the competition to choose the Gala Queen, Attendant(s) and Page Boy (s) and for the Drawing Competition are returned promptly as the closing date for both competitions is the 28th February 2023. If your child does not attend a local school but would like to enter either (or both) competitions, please contact the committee and we would be pleased to send you a form. Contact can be made by e mail to catongala@catongala.co.uk.

The next meeting will take place at 8:00 PM on Monday the 27 th of February 2023 at the Station Hotel, Caton. All are welcome to attend. A further meeting will take place in early March, date to be advised.

CATON & BROOKHOUSE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The AGM was held at the Station Hotel on 19th Jan and was well attended, allowing a good catch-up after the festive season. Our first trip of the year is on Thursday 16th March to Helmsley and Ripon. Trips are £15 for members and £18 for non-members, if anyone would like to join us call Ally Whitfield (01524 770827 / 07738 912923.

LADIES QUIZ NIGHT

Ladies Quiz Night on Friday 31st March at 7pm at Caton Baptist Church. General knowledge, name that ... Landmarks round and much more. Bring a team or come along and join a team on the night.

All welcome.

GREENWAY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

The Parish Council and Lancashire County Council will be working together on this project to deliver a range of improvements along Caton Greenway from the Crook of Lune to Holme Lane. Georgina Peacock, our resident Landscape Designer, has donated many hours of her time and professional expertise to draft the plans which were exhibited last September at the Victoria Institute. There was a very positive response to our aim which is to increase use and enjoyment of the space through planting for colour and interest, encouraging 'foraging', and improved seating. By popular request, hedge heights along the stretch will be reduced gradually to open up views of the Lune and valley. We are very grateful to both Lancashire Environmental Fund and County Council for their generous financial support which will help us to complete the project this year. The works will also provide many opportunities for residents to get involved with organised activities, particularly growing wildflowers from seed this Spring, and then planting them along with trees and shrubs towards Autumn.

If you would like to learn more about the project, or to become involved in it, please contact Judy Powell on 771154 for more information.

THE WORLD OF 3D NEEDLE FELTING

"The World of 3D Needle Felting" is what Lisa Moor of Felts Forever will be introducing to the WI at their next meeting in the Victoria Institute on Thursday 2 nd March at 7.30pm. If you would like to find out more, why not come along? If there is enough interest we will arrange a workshop at a later date.

At our last meeting our speaker, Brian Topping spoke about his career as a Customs Officer based in Heathrow Airport. During his years in the job he developed an instinct for when someone was trying to smuggle goods past him, despite their amazing efforts to conceal drugs and other items - some of which were quite amusing!

Members have also been busy during the last few months making bags for St John's Hospice. These bags will be offered to relatives of those who have died for them to take home personal effects. If you have any reasonable lengths of spare curtain material or would like to help in any way please speak to one of our members. We recently organised a sewing bee in the VI and in just two hours 20 bags were completed!

Ruth Gibbons, President.

FAMILY FRIENDLY COMPOSTING WORKSHOP - ALL WELCOME!

3.30-6pm Friday 24th March 2023 Lune Valley Methodist Church

New to composting? Want to improve your composting? Want to know more about community composting? Then this workshop is for you! Fed up of putting veg and fruit peelings in the grey bin? Then turn it into compost to feed soil, plants, improve biodiversity and reduce greenhouse gases.

Activities for all ages to get stuck in with exploring bugs, craft activities and refreshments. No space, no time, no strength to compost at home? Then share composting with your neighbours and friends in a community composting scheme. Come and find out how at the Closing Loops Composting Workshop.

Book your place here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/composting-workshop-caton-tickets-546188684057>

More information about Closing Loops and FoodFutures <https://foodfutures.org.uk/closing-loop>

GROW CATON

We are currently focused on getting people started in their gardens for this new growing season. The SEED SWAP BOX is back at the Institute and we will also be using the produce shelves for any spare seedlings. Anne will hold a GARDEN DROP-IN every Saturday morning (10-12 am) throughout March and April. The gate at Beulah Lodge (75 Brookhouse Road) will be open, so please come and walk in, chat to us, learn more about growing food in your garden and see the variety of ways this can take place, from a veg in a pot, a tripod of beans in your flower border, to a whole designated bed or area.

We can take on more gardens or garden spaces for the GARDEN SHARE, so whether you have a larger space or even as little as 1m2, please do get in touch if you can offer some of your space.

You can get in touch via Peter Collins at the Victoria Institute or via Brigitte 770771 or email growcaton@outlook.com.

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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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CATON AND BROOKHOUSE GARDENING CLUB

What a good night we all had at last month's talk. A very good turnout and an excellent speaker was just the formula for an enjoyable evening. There were immediate requests to get Andrew Lowe back again!

Next month could be just as interesting. We are pleased to be welcoming Ellie Parker from Settle. Ellie is the outreach officer for the Yorkshire Wild Life Trust and she is coming to talk about the work of the trust in general and in particular the huge project they have to re-wild the Ingleborough area of the national park. This is a controversial issue for some communities so do come along to hear what Ellie has to say about it. Date and time are 9th March at 7pm in St Pauls Church hall.

And to all committee members please note there is to be a committee meeting at 7pm on 23rd March at Mears Ghyll. We will discuss the year ahead and the AGM agenda.

Plant Sale Advanced warning to all that the Gardening Club coffee morning and plant sale might be back! it is all tentative but the date would be 13th May from 10am till 12 noon in St Pauls Church Hall. Put it in your diaries and watch this space.

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 – and many thanks to those who turned out in the pouring rain for the January session! 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, please contact Peter Collins at the Victoria Institute (771733) and he will pass the message on to us.

Bags and litter pickers are provided, and it is a good idea to bring your own gloves.

Next session: Saturday 4th March

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CATON ST PAUL'S C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

We had a wonderful finish to this half term when we invited the community to come and visit our art exhibition on Friday 10th February. The children and staff worked super hard all week to produce a range of exciting artwork for people to see based on our theme of 'Our natural world' - the photos and a video are on our Facebook page.

Pre-school produced leaf collages from objects that they found in the grounds. Diamond class produced collages of flowers showing the changing of seasons. Ruby class made sculptures of spiders that were displayed on a giant spider's web! Topaz class used printing with natural objects to create some wonderful pictures. Emerald class used wire to sculpt fish, linking this to their RE learning about Jesus being a fisher of men. Sapphire class studied Monet's waterlilies and then recreated their own using collage and paint. Our oldest children in Amethyst class studied William Morris and used mixed media, including sewing, to create their own wallpaper. We were very pleased with the results and welcomed more than 150 people to come and view the exhibition.

Continuing our theme of the natural world, all of our KS2 children have recently taken part in nature walks along the river Lune, led by the Lune Rivers Trust. These have raised the children's awareness of different types of tree, tree behaviour and how trees and the river need each other - we found out that trees can talk to each other! The children can even tell you why the trees have been chopped down on the cycle track!

We have taken part in a variety of sporting tournaments this month as well. We finished 1st at the acro gymnastics, 2nd at the Cross country and 3rd in the swimming gala. It was lovely to see a range of children competing at these events and showing their skills.

Pre-school continues to grow and flourish, with 100% of Pre-school parents telling us they are happy with our provision on a recent questionnaire. We also had 100% of parents saying their child is happy in our Pre-school. We are taking bookings for after Easter and would welcome the chance to show you around our Pre-school - ring the office on 01524 770241 to make an appointment. We will also have spaces in September as the children who are 4 begin their school journey. Pre-school children can also access our Wraparound care club which runs from 7:45am - 5:30pm.

YOUTH CLUB

Brookhouse Community Church are running a youth club on a Thursday evening at the Victoria Institute. It runs weekly in term time and is open to primary aged children between Years 2 and 6. Come along to enjoy the fun and games.

For further details please message Rebekah Preece on 07468 410485 or email brookhousecommunitychurch@gmail.com

LITTLE STARS TOTS GROUP

Little Stars Tots Group meets at St Peter's, Quernmore on Wednesday mornings in term time, at any time from 8.45 - 11.00
We will meet every Wednesday in March. All welcome.

CRAFTY TOTS

Crafty Tots is a fortnightly toddler group held in Caton Baptist Church. Sessions start at 9-30am until 10-30am and are open to pre school children from the age of 18 months +. Come and join us for crafts, stories and singing with a brew for the mums (and dads). For more information or to book your child's place please email catoncraftytots@gmail.com The cost is £2-50 per session. The dates for March are the 10th and 24th.

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. Soccer will run weekly from Saturday 7 January to 25 March but not on 11 and 18 Feb (half term). Netball is open to children aged 9 to 13. The netball dates are 11 March and 25 March. £2 per person, per session

Sessions will include coaching, games, juice and biscuits and a short Bible message.

For further details please contact Amelia Preece on 01524 771682

CATON-WITH-LITTLEDALE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Referendum on our Neighbourhood Plan is likely to take place at the same time as the local government elections, Thursday 4th May. A summary of the main provisions will be circulated with the April Link, and there'll be details then about a Question and Answer session for residents, and where you can see the full plan in print and online.

CRAFT CLUB

The Craft Club which meets at Caton Methodist Church has been making items for others since 2016. By the time the March edition of the Link is published the group will have delivered: 90 prayer shawls/rugs to people undergoing times of special need; 59 twiddlemuffs to help keep dementia patients calm; 143 blankets, 95 cardigans and 129 hats for premature babies; and 30 palm - sized heart shapes for use in bereavement counselling. Should you have found a knitted or crocheted sheep (2020), angel (2021), or star (2022), bearing a Christmas greeting, around Caton or Brookhouse during Advent in the last three years, it will have been made by a member of the group.

If you would like to be involved in these joint projects, suggest other projects, bring your own work and share your skill, or just pop in for a brew and a chat, you will be most welcome.

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EVENTS DURING MARCH

Dominoes Evenings will be held on alternate Saturdays on the ground floor of The Institute, beginning at 7 p.m. Those evenings being on March 4th and 18th .

No previous experience of the game is needed and everyone is welcome.

Hornby Pensioners Talk - The first of our talks this year will take place on Tuesday March 14th at 2.30 p.m. It will be given by one of Hornby's oldest, most knowledgeable and amusing residents. None other than our very own- Sam Ashton. This is a treat, not to be missed. I am sure that Sam has some interesting snippets and anecdotes to impart, regarding the changes that he has both heard of and experienced here in Hornby, during in his lifetime.

We hope that as many people as possible will come along, both members and guests. This should be an enjoyable event, offering you a well- loved speaker, together with good company, in a warm and friendly atmosphere.

LVCS HORNBY POOL - SWIM THE LUNE!

The lovely little community pool in Hornby continues to thrive and during 2022 we welcomed over 28,000 users. This is massive increase over 2021 - when we were closed for 3 months! 250 children swim every week plus all who attend with their schools. Other groups include: Lunesdale Divers, Lancaster Sub Aqua, Cubs and Beavers and our famous family party bookings.

We are pleased to confirm that Scott Townend and Georgia Tazzyman were promoted to Pool Managers in 2022 and they are introducing new sessions such as Splashball and many more.. They are also organising a 'Swim the Lune' - Swimathon in March and all details are on line - Swim the lune - not literally, just the 53miles distance from source to sea!

For 2023 we have commissioned an energy audit of pool plant and building. This will assess efficiency and make recommendations on improved operation and upgrades. This will help us pull together an investment programme, with projected energy savings for the future..

This is great local community success story -and to celebrate we are holding a 'thank you' Coffee morning on Saturday April 22nd at 10.30 in the Hornby Institute, where you can enjoy cake and coffee and have a chat with the team. We are continually reviewing the timetable and welcome all ideas and suggestions..

The Coffee morning will be followed by an AGM at 12.00 which you may also wish to attend, It's optional! Further details will be available shortly.

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

Website- www.lunevalleypool.com; Facebook – lune valley swimming pool.

Email poolmanager@lunevalleypool.com Direct line pool telephone. (01524) 805666.

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JAZZ IN HORNBY

Reason for this early reminder is that to my surprise and delight the first record played on jazz record requests (BBC radio 3) on Saturday was from Gaz Hughes's new c.d. "beboptical illusion which is the music we'll hear here. And as of now you'll be able to have a pre listen. It is very exciting. Pianist Andrzej Baranek, who has been here many times, has reached a new and astonishing level of invention which should not be missed.

Saturday 4th March Usual venue: the Village Institute, Main Street A683) Hornby LA2 8JR.

Tickets; £15, on the door or ring 015242 22227. Doors & Bar open at 7.30, music from 8 p.m.

Hope you can be with us.

LUNESDALE TENNIS CLUB

Lunesdale Lawn Tennis Club is introducing Pickleball - we are having a taster session with a Pickleball Coach on Tuesday 21st March 2023 at 7pm - 9pm.

This game is suitable for all ages young and senior! Come along and give it a go - membership forms will be available on the evening if you wish to sign up. The Club is situated in Ball Lane, Caton, LA2 9QN for more information please contact Helen email: hbramley@hotmail.co.uk

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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 2 Eat :- Friday 3rd and 17th March.

Coffee & Cakes :- Wednesday 8th March.

Friday Friends :- Friday 24th March.

If you would like to get in touch with someone from the church please contact Jim Hutchinson at pottyheads@gmail.com. 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.

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ST PAUL'S CHURCH BROOKHOUSE COFFEE MORNING

The next Coffee Morning will be at the Parish Hall on the 1st of March at 10.30. The March Coffee Morning is in support of Univida, who as we know work to help the street children in Brazil. As usual there will be a raffle, a quiz, as well as several stalls displaying a range of produce.

The Coffee Morning gives people the opportunity to meet friends and neighbours for a chat.

You are most welcome to join us for a coffee, tea or cold drink as well as biscuits.

The February Coffee Morning was a great success and raised £112 for the Children's Society.

Thanks go to everyone who attended to help support this invaluable organisation.

LENT LUNCHESES AT ST PAULS BROOKHOUSE

There will be a series of lunches held during the Lent period. These will take place in the Church Hall at 1.00pm on the following Wednesdays; 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th of March.

Do come and join us for a delicious soup lunch, with a short thought for the day, and the opportunity to see some friendly faces. Each lunch will cost £4.00 and the money raised will be given to Samaritans. Everyone is invited to attend to enjoy a period of fellowship and reflection, as well as supporting this worthy cause.

CHURCH'S TOGETHER

The Lent Studies are back and held every Tuesday evening in March at 7.30pm in Caton Baptist Church.

The dates are 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th. There will be refreshments at the close. All very welcome.

WARM WELCOMES

Several village organisations are offering places where residents can come to keep warm and socialise if they wish.

Caton Baptist Church every Tuesday 2-4pm with hot drinks provided.

Lune Valley Methodist Hub every Wednesday 2-4.30pm, with tea and toast.

And you are welcome to come into the Victoria Institute and use the Cottam Room and the Library/IT Room when it is staffed - usually Monday 10-12 and 1-3, Tuesday 10-12, Wednesday 10-12 and 1-3, Thursday 10-12.

WARM SPACE

Every Tuesday afternoon from 2 - 4pm Caton Baptist Church will be open as a warm space for you to come and enjoy a cuppa and informal chat.

Please come and stay the whole time or come and go as you please but you are very welcome.

VOLUNTEERING IN THE VILLAGE CHURCHYARD

The churchyard at St Paul's is an area for the whole village, for villagers from all churches, and none.

The mowing and maintenance is covered by a rota of very willing volunteers and we all very much appreciate their contribution to village life. Thank you!

However we would welcome another couple of names to go onto the rota; all tools and protective equipment are provided. As with all jobs, the bigger the team the smaller the role for each individual. We are particularly looking for someone to do some regular strimming - could that be you?

Please contact pprawsthornt@hotmail.co.uk if you would like more information.

DOGS IN THE CHURCHYARD

A polite request please to keep dogs on a lead while in the churchyard and always to clear up after them.

It is not pleasant to find their droppings on a family member's grave. Thank you.

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CATON ST PAUL'S

Our new vicar, Rev Helen Scamman, invites you to join in a service of Holy Communion at 10 am on Wednesday, 1st March, giving an opportunity for quiet reflection and worship before coming along to the Coffee Morning.

CATON METHODIST CHAPEL

Weekly Sunday Service: 10:30am We will worship at Caton apart from Sunday 5th March, when we will be at Brookhouse. Everyone very Welcome

Saturday Soup: Saturday 11th March. 12:30pm. Meet up with friends for soup & homemade cakes. £3.00 per person

Crafts @ Caton: Thursday 30th March between 10-12pm. Bring your craft items and have a chat over coffee

Bible Study Live and via Zoom. Fortnightly 7pm is held at The Lune Valley Methodist Hub with Rev Emma. Wednesday 1st, 15th and 29th March 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 5th March - Rev Emma Holroyd

10:30am - Sunday Service finishing with refreshments

Free Tea and Toast - Every Wednesday between 2 - 4:30pm - all ages welcome 'Creating a Warm Space'.

Book and Jigsaw Exchange - Saturday 18th March - 10am-12pm. With Coffee and biscuits choose a book or jigsaw, any donations will go to St John's Hospice this month.

Bible Study Live and via Zoom - Wednesday 1st, 15th, 29th March 7-8pm with Rev Emma and also via zoom

'Caton and Friends for Ukraine' continue to meet each 1st and 3rd Saturday afternoons between 2-4pm, For coffee, Cake, English lessons and children's activities.

Everyone is very welcome to any of the above events

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If you would like to contact Rev Emma Holroyd - Emma.holroyd@methodist.org.uk

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.

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 March are -

8th Dawn Clark (Street Pastors) 22nd Mrs Chris Cuthbertson.

We look forward to seeing you.

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Alas, time is taking its toll and the Institute needs a complete electrical refurbishment in order to meet the required standards. Some of the electrical infrastructure for the VI is over 40 years old and beginning to degrade, and in general cabling, emergency lighting, distribution panels and switch gear need bringing up to today's standards.

We have received 3 tenders for a full rewire all coming in at around £230,000.

The trustees would like help from anyone with expertise in fund raising: identifying sources and submitting applications.

Please contact Peter Collins or David Oliver (<http://www.victoria-institute.org.uk/contact>).

Of course personal donations are welcomed any time.

BUSES AND SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Some buses on the route up the Lune Valley change their timings according to the school holidays. Please note that this is the Cumbria (QES) holiday pattern, not the Lancashire pattern. The display at Lancaster Bus Station is not to be relied on!

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THE ROTARY CLUB OF LUNESDALE

To date this year cub members have welcomed some excellent speakers covering a variety of very different topics. These have included "The Life and Times of a Banker", "Army Service Across The World", "Across India in a Tuk Tuk" and "Barrow Shipyard".

In the past few months Club President Dave Tuohy has welcomed some new members. When the club welcomes new members traditionally, after they have settled in, they will give a job talk which reveals a fascinating insight into their professions.

In future months we look forward to hearing many more interesting speakers. These will include an update on the school in Kitale, Uganda, the restoration of an old car named Ruby Vi and The Ascent of Kilimanjaro. If you would like to come along to listen to any of these talks you will be welcome.

On a monthly basis the Rotary organisation publishes a magazine entitled, not surprisingly, "Rotary". All clubs are encouraged to submit articles re their current projects/activities within their community. It makes for fascinating reading to realise just how much support clubs do provide within the various Rotary Districts across the country and indeed worldwide. The next paragraph is from the RIBI website and tells how Rotary responded quickly to the earthquake disaster in Turkey and Syria:

"The Rotary world responded to this catastrophe immediately. RI President Jennifer Jones activated our disaster response efforts, communicated with the affected districts, and encouraged governors in those regions to apply for disaster response grants and share information about their relief efforts so that Rotary can amplify the calls for support." In recent days many people have said to me how lucky we are to live where we do.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

FLETCHER - Thank you. To Pastor Alan, Caton Baptist Church for his Church Services and kind support for me at this time. To Robert Caunce, undertaker for his arrangements and kind support.

To all members of Caton Baptist Church for their excellent buffet - Delicious.

My thanks to everyone for their cards, visits and help around the house, especially Angie for her kindness and support.

Thank you all. I have been so grateful for your visits, cakes, cards and thoughtful kindness. Thank you. Joan Fletcher.

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