

# LINK

## ISSUE FOR MAY 2021

### DELIVERY OF THE LINK

After many months of Covid restrictions, we are now able to resume door to door delivery of the Link. Thank you in advance to our "volunteer army" of deliverers as we resume normal service and thanks also for all their efforts prior to the onset of Covid.

During the restrictions we have endeavoured to make the Link available to the community by different methods. Many thanks to all those (including local shops, individuals and community volunteers at the Victoria Institute) who have made the Link available as widely as possible during the various periods of lockdown.

### PARISH COUNCIL

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

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – Thursday 20th May, 6.30 pm, Station Road and Millennium Way junction

How "green" is your Parish? How can we make it greener? Your Parish Council already has plans to establish pollinator patches and areas of new tree planting in response to climate change concerns. We are asking residents to let us know what they think of these plans and whether they have other good ideas. We would also like your views on what other "green" initiatives might also be undertaken for the benefit of the Parish. Recycling? Energy? Sustainability?

One chance to have your say is the Annual Parish Meeting which this year will be held outdoors and will walk up to other parts of the parish including Beckside and Fell View and beyond. Councillors will be leading this meeting to talk about projects under way and, just as importantly, to hear your thoughts about what else might be done to tackle environmental issues. If you can't attend the meeting, or have ideas beforehand, please contact Judy Powell on 01524 771154 or Mike Wright on 07807 816201.

Of course, the Parish Council is accountable for all expenditure and activity undertaken on behalf of residents. A full annual report and accounts will be published on the village website, displayed in notice boards, or available on request from the Clerk.

BECKSIDE ASH TREES - The ash trees have now been felled. The Parish Council will prepare plans showing options for possible planting of trees, shrubs and other plants, and consult everyone in the village.

VACANCY - Cllr Huddleston is no longer serving as a parish councillor. We're grateful to her for her work, especially for the Play Park. If any local resident wishes to become a councillor, there is a procedure for co-optation. Contact the Parish Clerk if you might be interested.

The next PARISH COUNCIL MEETING is on Tuesday 11 May at 7pm. It will be held via Zoom. If you would like to attend please contact the Parish Clerk who will send you the link.

### CATON AND BROOKHOUSE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We have everything crossed that our trip out to Lytham and Dobbies Garden centre will go ahead on the 20th of May. The cost for the trips will be £10.00 for members and £13.00 for non members.

If the government road map from the 17th of May for travel, retail and hospitality has been successfully implemented we will be meeting our friends again and seeing the places we all enjoy.

We are not sure about face masks etc but we are used to being prepared by now. I am assured by Bibby's that every precaution for hygiene on the coach is taken care of.

Pickup will be from the Victoria Institute at 9.30am then on to pickup at Brookhouse. Other pick up points can be arranged by calling our secretary.

To book or for updated information call our secretary Benita on 01524 771943

### CATON THEATRE INTEREST GROUP

We give this information with a heavy heart. The current viability on the re-opening of theatre does not allow us the time we need to confirm our bookings and collect the ticket money.

As our theatre lovers know all this has to be done well in advance.

The performance of 'One man two governors' at the Octagon Theatre in Bolton on the 26th of June had to be confirmed and paid by May. We cannot guarantee that the theatres will be viable by May. They are heading in the right direction But not soon enough for us, sadly this leaves us with no other course of action but to cancel the theatre outing on the 26th of June 2021 before collecting any money.

Our pantomime booking at the Grand theatre Blackpool on the 1st of January 2022 we are certain will go ahead as planned and booked. More information as we receive it.

On a positive note we are receiving requests to make enquires for theatre performances in the Autumn when more information will be available. Please keep watching this space.

For further information please call Jean on 01524 770980 or Benita on 01524 771943

## LOCAL NEWS OF CATON & BROOKHOUSE

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*Saturday Evening 6.00pm*

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**CATON WITH LITLEDALE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN  
REGULATION 14 CONSULTATION, 7th MAY- 20th JUNE 2021**

The Neighbourhood Plan has been a long time coming to fruition. The Parish Council originally decided to proceed with the NP in May 2016 and here we are 5 years later ready to start a second formal consultation.

**What is a Neighbourhood Plan?**

Neighbourhood planning lets our community decide what our needs are and how we want Caton-with-Littledale Parish to develop during the next 10 years in order to meet those needs. This process includes housing, businesses, services, and leisure facilities alongside the landscape we live in.

A neighbourhood plan attains the same legal status as a local plan (and other documents that form part of the statutory development plan) once it has been approved at a referendum. At this point it comes into force as part of the statutory development plan. Applications for planning permission must be determined in accordance with the development plan, unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

Caton-with-Littledale is a very attractive place to live and we are all aware of the problems which can occur with large developments as can be seen across the river in Halton. There will always be a tension between permitting some development of the 'right' sort to allow the villages to change and progress in accordance with the needs of the population, and too much development which would spoil the character of the villages. Caton-with-Littledale sits within the Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and so development should be carefully controlled. At the same time Lancaster City Council has determined that Caton and Brookhouse are sustainable settlements which are defined in the Lancaster District Local Plan as 'settlements which will provide the focus of growth for Lancaster District outside the main urban areas (subject in the AONBs to the constraints of the protected landscapes where a landscape-capacity led approach will be taken)'. There is a presumption that development is possible within these particular settlements, subject to the proviso relating to the AONB.

The Parish Council determined in 2016 that a Neighbourhood Plan would be of benefit to the villages. They therefore set up a Steering Group, an autonomous group separate from the PC. The PC appointed Kirkwells Town Planning Consultants to assist in the preparation of the Plan. Funding for the Neighbourhood Plan has come from the government, not the Parish Council.

Work started with road shows in late summer 2016 when the views of residents were canvassed with regard to housing and green spaces. A survey for adults and children in the parish was carried out in 2016/17. The consensus regarding housing was that recent developments appeared to be unpopular. Most residents wanted smaller houses to allow for the younger people of the village to stay within the village and also houses or bungalows suitable to allow downsizing of older residents to free up medium size houses for families. There was general antipathy towards 4/5 bedroom executive homes as there was a fear that the villages would become dormitory settlements for Lancaster, Preston etc. It was also apparent at this early stage how much residents valued their green spaces, the situation of the villages within the landscape and the surrounding natural beauty and also the importance they attached to the area of separation between Caton and Brookhouse.

The Steering Group took all these points and worked them into our first Draft Plan. This was a criteria-led plan which went out to formal consultation in May-June 2017. In August 2017, Lancaster City Council made it clear that they felt that this was the wrong approach and that continuing with this would lead to the plan being 'exploited' by developers.

After much debate the Steering Group decided to move to a plan with definite Site Allocation. The decision was also made to align our Plan with the Arnsdale and Silverdale Plan as they also sit within an AONB and the similarities could be beneficial

The change in direction did lead to some delay. We were able to use the site assessments provided by Lancaster City Council and also we commissioned our own ecological surveys and a landscape survey by MOT MOT Landscape Consulting.

In September 2019, we held open events to discuss the housing sites under consideration, behind Hawthorn Avenue and off Quernmore Road. Residents were concerned about any allocation of sites for housing development, in particular the field behind Hawthorn Avenue. There was still general agreement about the green spaces and the area of separation. The green spaces which were of greatest concern were the Station Field and fields around Caton Primary School.

After assessing all the evidence we determined that there is only one site which is suitable for development. This is a narrow strip of land to the East of Quernmore Road.. We also agreed to include all the green spaces within the plan. In terms of a Neighbourhood Plan the definition of a Green Space is an area which has to be 'demonstrably special to the community'. When a site is designated a Green Space the area has a greater level of protection from development.

The Steering Group was almost ready to bring together the various strands of work when Covid and lock down intervened and so another gap in our preparations occurred. We have recently got back together electronically and have produced a document, which has gained the unanimous support of the Parish Council.

It is a lengthy document, but we believe very accessible and readable. On the village website there are supplementary pieces of information such as the full site assessments, maps and details of the green spaces.

You can download a copy of the Neighbourhood Plan from the website. Local residents may request a print out from Peter Collins at the Victoria Institute, at no charge.

The formal consultation period runs from Friday 7th May until Sunday 20th June 2021. If you wish to make a formal comment, please use the feedback form on the village website.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group hopes to hold a public event about the Neighbourhood Plan, once lockdown has eased. More details in the June issue of The Link. Meanwhile, residents may send enquiries to [catonneighbourhoodplan@outlook.com](mailto:catonneighbourhoodplan@outlook.com) or ring 771551.

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Library and IT Resource Room

The Library and IT room is planned to reopen on Monday 17th May, under the following conditions: -

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• All visitors to comply with the Victoria Institute Covid-19 conditions, including; not entering the building if you have the Coronavirus symptoms, wearing of face covering, use of hand sanitiser, social distancing, following of the one-way system and use of toilets

## KITCHEN & DROP-IN REFRESHMENTS

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

## ROOM HIRE

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

## COMMUNITY PANDEMIC SUPPORT

For help with shopping and prescription collection please contact our Community Support Worker during the hours of 9.30 am – 3.00pm.

## CATON WITH LITTLEDALE PLAY PARK ACTION GROUP

It's ready! .....the survey to find out what new outdoor facilities and improvements you would like and where. It will help grant funding.

Are you a young person looking for something for you? You can have your say! Would you like free fitness equipment for you and your friends? Let us know! Do you like to enjoy tranquillity, views, and quiet walks? Your suggestions can help protect and improve access to what we enjoy. Do you have lively toddlers raring to get up and go? - let us know what fun items they would race to around the village! Have you other bright ideas? This is a chance to make them happen!

Everyone, including each person from every family, and all ages are invited to do the survey (the very young are invited too, with parental etc help). You can answer just the bits that interest you. And suggest where to site new facilities.

The online link to the survey is

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSce1ZdbSXbeVinDDgSkBIAtMU0px3Ma55wczZHNJpat16SLZw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSce1ZdbSXbeVinDDgSkBIAtMU0px3Ma55wczZHNJpat16SLZw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

The survey link is also on our facebook page, the village website, and elsewhere.

Responses are confidential (encrypted by google forms) and cannot be linked to individuals. We just get the totals and grouped comments. We will let you know the results in the LINK, on the village website and our facebook page.

If online is not for you, paper copies will be at the Victoria Institute. Or you can get help with the online survey in the IT room. If you would like a paper copy sent to you please give your address to Peter and we will arrange this.

## GRESGARTH GARDENS

The gardens are reopening from Sunday 9th May. Thereafter the second Sunday of the month, from 11am. Admission £10 per adult, children free. Please observe current CoVID guidelines during your visit.

## CELEBRATION BARBECUE AT BROOKHOUSE METHODIST CHURCH

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More details will follow in the June Link.

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**LUNE VALLEY SWIFT GROUP**

Firstly, a huge thank you to all those that have been in touch with us over the winter to ask about installing Swift nest boxes. Alongside protecting existing nest sites within buildings, putting up nest boxes is the best way we can help our breeding Swifts, so it's been great to see such a positive response to this.

Our Swifts are now returning, after a 6000-mile flight from southern Africa. Swifts feed in flight, so keep an eye out for their crescent-shaped wings and high-speed acrobatics where insects are plentiful, such as along the river. We'll then see increasing numbers flying low around the village as they stake their claims for nest sites once again. Do let us know if you see Swifts flying low around buildings (often screaming as they fly).

Over the summer we will continue surveys of breeding Swifts around local villages (done simply by walking areas on warm evenings). And we'll continue to provide advice to home-owners on how to protect and create Swift nest sites. So please get in touch if you would like to join our little community of volunteers, either in helping with surveys, or for advice on how to install a nest box. lunevalleyswifts@gmail.com

**CATON ST PAUL'S COF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**

It has been an incredibly exciting start to term at Caton St Paul's CofE Primary School. All our KS1 children enjoyed outdoor education experiences in the first week back.

Reception class enjoyed their river adventure at Denny Beck. Year 1 had a lovely rocky scramble in Silverdale and Year 2 had a great explore at Warton Crag. A big thank you to Phil from Big Adventure for leading these trips.

We have also started our enrichment clubs for the summer term - there are 15 in total split across our three bubbles! Children can take part in a range of activities including sporting clubs, musical clubs, computing clubs, spiritual clubs and mental health and wellbeing clubs.

In school, our over-arching theme this half term is 'What a Wonderful World' and the children are learning about the history and geography of the local area, as well as of far-flung places.

Our wonderful PTA have met and planned a series of events to engage our school community and raise money for the education of our children - watch this space!

**CATON PRIMARY SCHOOL**

We hope you all had a lovely Easter and that you managed to look at the crosses that our children made to decorate the railings of Caton Baptist Church.

Our pupils have really enjoyed sending letters and pictures to people in the community - you may have seen our posters around the neighbourhood. If you know of anyone or if you are someone who would like to receive a friendly message from the children, please contact the school office on 01524 770104. We would love to get in touch with you!

We are recruiting a lunchtime Welfare Assistant to start in September and to work five lunchtimes per week. Contact the school office for an application pack. The closing date for applications is Friday, 21st May. We are also delighted to be in the process of recruiting an additional class teacher as our school is expanding rapidly.

Since returning to school after lockdown, our Key Stage 2 pupils have really enjoyed their weekly rugby lessons with Kirkby Lonsdale RUFC. They have also benefited from a water efficiency workshop run by United Utilities, linking to their topic of water. Key Stage 1 pupils are going to be planting and growing this term - if anyone has any seeds or seedlings to spare, they would be gratefully received.

Our fabulous sports hall and grounds are available for hire. Please contact us if you would like to make a booking now (subject to Covid restrictions) or to plan ahead for June when we hope all restrictions will be lifted. All enquiries to bursar@caton.lancs.sch.uk

**FIRST SATURDAY LITTER PICK**

A group of residents get together on the first Saturday of every month to pick up litter and tidy the village. Meet outside the Victoria Institute at 10.00 a.m., weather permitting and in line with social distance guidance. Bags and litter pickers provided, and it is a good idea to bring your own gloves.

You decide how much time and whereabouts in the village needs some attention. Half an hour or an hour can - and does - make such a difference. This isn't the only litter picking going on - thanks to all who regularly 'do their bit' whilst out on walks in our lovely surroundings. Wouldn't it be nice if people just took their own litter home!

Next session:- Saturday 1st May

**LUNESDALE TENNIS CLUB**

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### EASTER DISPLAY AT CATON BAPTIST CHURCH

Caton Baptist Church would like to thank all those who got involved in designing and making the beautiful crosses to decorate our railings over the Easter period. It reminded us of the real meaning of Easter.

The winners were -

1st place - Freya Till from Caton St Pauls 2nd place - Adam from Caton Primary

3rd place - Evie W from Caton Primary 4th place - Jacob Sutton from Caton St Pauls

They were given some lovely chocolate for prizes - Well done

Head on over to our Facebook page to see the winning entries and the beautiful display.

### HORNBY PENSIONERS

A slightly belated Happy Easter to all our members. Like me, I know many of you have now had both vaccine jabs and are hoping for a happier time over the summer. At the time of writing this it looks as though things might be beginning to improve. And so, over to Kath for some . . .

. . . GOOD NEWS: Our first trip is going ahead as planned on Tuesday 8th June, to Carlisle. Unfortunately social distancing will still be a feature, so numbers are limited and masks or visors will have to be worn. I'm taking bookings now; call me to book on either 015242 21845 or 07597774681. We'll leave at 9am, with the usual pick-up places, and there will be a stop somewhere on the way & somewhere on the return journey. We'll be back around 6pm, barring hold-ups. The cost is £8 for members & £10 for non-members, and it will be on a first come first served basis, due to limited numbers. Looking forward to seeing you all again. It's been a long haul. Regards - Kath.

### HALTON GARDENING GROUP PLANT SALE

The Plant Sale is on Saturday 22nd May 2021 on the field at the Centre, Low Road, Halton, from 2pm to 4pm. There will be a range of plants including summer bedding, perennials, vegetable seedlings, houseplants etc.

The group's project this year is to refurbish the Memorial Garden, on the corner of Low Rd and Foundry Lane, Halton. Money raised from the Plant Sale will go towards this project and also the planters and various sites around the village.

Social distancing will apply when queuing. Please bring bags/boxes and plenty of change as they won't be handling money. Payment can also be made by cheque and BACS, details will be available on the day.

If the Plant Sale is curtailed by Covid-19 or other unforeseen circumstances, an alternative date will be advertised.

For more information about the group or the plant sale please contact Anne Snowden, Secretary HGG, 07523 182617, or email: haltongardeninggroup@gmail.com

### HORNBY LUNESDALE PROBUS CLUB

Lunesdale Probus club has been keeping in touch with members via Zoom meetings during most of lockdown but the novelty has worn off and we are looking forward to the time when we begin to properly emerge from Covid restrictions, hold our delayed AGM and plan for the future..

Then we can all meet up again and enjoy our social events and the usual informative and entertaining speaker programme.

For further information please contact.

Roger Carter.Hon.Secretary.Lunesdale Probus Club.015242 22283

### LUNE VALLEY SWIMMING POOL.

The Hornby pool re-opened to the public as a planned on Monday 12th of April and is proving to be very popular. It is of course currently operating under Covid roadmap schedules with social distancing and advance booking procedures in place. But moving forward we plan to be able to offer adult exercise classes - Aqua fit/Swim for Fitness and Gentle Exercise from 17th May.

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### CATON AND BROOKHOUSE GARDENING CLUB

At the time of writing the famous roadmap seems to be holding up. So although we are not out of the woods yet all looks set for a September re-opening of the Gardening Club. A proposal at the moment is to wait for the next series of relaxations on the 17th May then if all is going to plan re-book our speaker for September 9th. Put it in your calendars! Hooray.

In the meantime it is Spring, the grass is growing, the birds are singing and the sun is out (well it is now!). Enjoy your gardening.

Remember the Chinese proverb: if you want to be happy for a short while get drunk, if you want to be happy for a long while fall in love, if you want to be happy for ever take up gardening.

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### FELL VIEW PLAY PARK

There is a lot of discussion on Facebook about what a certain group of people want to see added to the Fell view play area.

May I remind those people that Fell View is a residential area, and scooter rails etc. are not appropriate equipment for such a small village green as Fell View is. Those types of activity equipment are available already on a much larger purpose built play area at Halton, which is a short distance for those who want to use them. In contrast to what is put on Facebook, this is NOT something the vast majority of residents want!

Caton and Brookhouse has grown over the years, with pockets of new builds in both villages. In consequence the number of children/teens has vastly increased and Fell View hasn't the capacity to support this increased number. How big does the Parish Council think Fell View play park is??? Therefore other more suitable areas should be sought for these extra activities.

Visitors that arrive in cars cause parking problems for residents and also contribute to pollution from car fumes causing health problems. And visitors who arrive by car do not respect residents parking rights.

Noise is also a problem, with extreme screaming and shouting, which makes it impossible to enjoy gardening in peace. We residents have a right to a more peaceful existence. And putting more equipment onto the play area would impinge on our peace.

Before anything is decided may I ask the Parish Council to please consider and respect the wishes of the residents and not pander to a few. This kind of filling up the play park with equipment such as skate and scooter rails would also have a detrimental effect on resale value to those residents who have bought their home.

Yours sincerely A concerned resident.

If anyone has any comments they wish to add please send them to the Parish Council or the Link.

### CATON LEISURE CLUB

No general club meetings are scheduled. Members may be contacted individually but should check 'The Link' regularly for update

Chair Exercises will start again on Monday 17th May 9.00-10.00 in the main hall. All Covid rules will apply. Members who regularly attend will be contacted individually. If you are new to these classes and wish to attend please contact the number below.

**NEW** - We are starting Dru Yoga classes on Thursdays in the main hall from 10-11. First class is to be held on 20th May 2021. The cost will be £5pp per class. Pre booking is required due to Covid as numbers are limited.

Don't delay booking your place as we already have a lot of interest. You are required to provide your own mat and any other equipment.

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A typical Dru Yoga class will involve gentle activations to get the body moving, asanas (postures), breath work, occasional meditations and will always finish with a relaxation. There will be music playing throughout the duration of the class. There will be guidance on modifications for any part of the class and you will be guided to work with your own body at all times. There is no competition with any other members of the class, or with yourself.

The teacher is Jean Nelson who has been leading classes since 2010, this is what she says about herself.

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Please do 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.

The Ladies Fellowship will meet on Wednesday May 12th and the 26th at 2pm. The usual restrictions which we have all come to know will of course be observed but we are so looking forward to seeing you all.

### CATON METHODIST CHAPEL

We have resumed worship on Sunday Mornings at 10:30am

This is a slightly shorter service than normal and social distancing, wearing of masks and a one way system is in operation We have also opened the balcony to ensure that we have enough space for all attending.

We would have been having our Anniversary weekend celebrations on 1st and 2nd May, when we normally have supper after the Saturday evening service. Unfortunately this cannot take place again this year.

The current Caton chapel building was built in 1891 130 years ago although the society was established in 1799. In 1876 the society bought from Mr T G Edmondson the orchard adjoining the present chapel as a site for a new chapel and burial ground.

The nearest Sunday to May 24th is Wesley day it commemorates a life-changing moment in the Christian journey of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism.

In May 1759 Wesley's Journal records that "at Lancaster we were informed that it was too late to cross the sands". This is the only reference to Lancaster in the Journal, Wesley was on his way to Whitehaven. He records a visit to Black Burton in June 1764, then through Long Preston to Skipton. These are the nearest points to Caton of which we have any record of the Founder's visits.

On this Sunday we will celebrate with a selection of Wesley hymns (of which there are many) unfortunately at the present moment we are unable to sing.

Extracts taken from 'The story of Methodism in Caton' written in 1936 by H W Baker

### CHURCHES TOGETHER

Please find below some links to some of the local churches and their activities.

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126. Return to Roeburndale

125. "Walking is not a Sport"

124. The Most Prominent Hills of North-West England

123. Over to Overton and Around Little Fylde 122. Walking Uphill and Walking Up a Hill

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**GIGABIT VOUCHER SCHEME** - The government have confirmed they will continue the scheme. This provides funding to enable B4RN to get their network into the village. Please register today at [b4rn.org.uk/getb4rn](http://b4rn.org.uk/getb4rn) - this helps us gauge interest and plan finances. Bear in mind that B4RN have secured sole provider access to the Gigabit Voucher Scheme for the village. Any other provider thinking about providing a full fibre service would have to bear the full cost themselves.

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**CATON NEWS** - Get ready to GO! Plans have been drawn up to connect the majority of Caton to the world beating, hyper fast (1Gb), fibre broadband provided by B4RN through a "hard" pavement dig. Contractors are expected to begin work at the beginning of June! If you haven't signed up yet, do it today. Search "GETB4RN", enter your postcode and fill in the form.

Volunteers are needed to help coordinate the roll out in each street and area. This is to help with all the pavement to house connections that will be our responsibility. B4RN contractors will bring the connection to a "toby box" at the boundary of each property. Everyone who wants a connection is then responsible for getting the connection from there into the house. We are hoping this will be a "community" venture and everyone in each area will help one another.

There will be some disruption around the village as B4RN gets installed and we do apologise in advance for this. However, the result of being a future proofed, full fibre, Gigabit enabled village will be worth it. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer to help, please get in touch at [cvb4rn@gmail.com](mailto:cvb4rn@gmail.com)

**BROOKHOUSE NEWS** - More customers on the edges of the village have got connected this month. Fibre has also been blown to some properties around Caton Green Road. The hard dig for Brookhouse, to reach all the areas surrounded by pavements is still in the planning phase.

Please register your interest at [b4rn.org.uk/getb4rn](http://b4rn.org.uk/getb4rn) - once we have sufficient sign up, we will then be able to provide an estimate of when the Brookhouse hard dig will commence

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The club continues to meet on line but Rotarians are now looking forward to when the national vaccination programme is complete and to when restrictions are eased enabling face to face meetings to take place. On 25th April David Hood was our speaker. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Wirksworth, a great supporter of his local community involved with Scouts, the youth club and as a trainer of a young rugby squad. He is an ambassador for Aquabox set-up and managed by his club. These boxes provide safe drinking water instantly and reliably without the use of chemicals through the use of aqua filter technology, plus other necessary items of aid to crisis zones around the world. On 1st April members watched a video featuring that well known personality Esther Rantzen famous for Childline and Silverline. She claimed to miss President Trump because he provided her with a laugh! Her greatest challenge and achievement was to have helped almost 5 million children who were suffering from abuse and neglect.

On 6th May the club celebrates its 46th Charter (birthday)celebration. This must also be on line using Zoom. The guest speaker is Paul Whittaker who has been profoundly deaf all his life. Despite his disability Paul is an inspirational musician, performer and workshop leader. Members look forward to inviting family and friends to share this special occasion with them.

Keep well, keep safe. Lilian

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