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ISSUE FOR MAY 2022

PARISH COUNCIL

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

PARISH CLERK - The Parish Clerk, Gill Mason has resigned due to persistent intimidation by one councillor.

Other councillors are deeply saddened by this development and wish Gill well for the future. She will be with us until late June. The Parish Council will now start the search for a new Parish Clerk.

If you are interested in the post please contact the Chair Nick Heywood in the first instance (07832 139548).

MEET YOUR PARISH COUNCIL - The PC will be on the field at Caton Gala. Come and find our gazebo!

PARISH MEETING ON THE ENVIRONMENT - The Annual Parish Meeting this year will focus on all aspects of the environment in our area. Topics covered could include tree planting, wild flowers, footpaths, the Millennium Way, cycling, public transport, energy.... The meeting will start with a short report on the PC's work this year, including the annual accounts.

Provided the weather is kind, we'll finish with a walk around the villages. **Tuesday 24th May 7pm**, in the Victoria Institute. Drinks and cake provided.

EV CHARGING POINTS IN THE VILLAGE -The Parish Council and the Victoria Institute have looked at whether EV charging points could be installed in their small car parks in the centre of the village, but they're not suitable. We hope that Lancaster City Council will consider providing them at the car park at Bull Beck. If any local businesses are interested in free-of-charge EV installations, please contact the Parish Clerk who can forward information.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - **Tuesday 10th May 7pm** in the Victoria Institute

CATON GALA IS BACK! - 21st MAY 2022

Three Weeks to go! Caton Gala is BACK!!

Caton Gala 2022 will be held at Elm Grove, the field located at the junction of the A683 with Low Road, (LA2 9HX) on the 21st May 2022. The gates will open at 11:30 AM. The theme will be "The Circus". The President for Caton Gala 2022 will be Jenny Walmsley.

We are pleased to announce that the following have been chosen:

Queen: Hollie Kilby Caton Primary School.

Page Boys: Kirk Sargent-Small Caton Primary School Dexter Willis Caton Primary School.

Attendants: Scarlet Till Caton St Paul's Primary School. Evie Croft Caton St Paul's Primary School.

The Picture Competition winners are:

Front Page: Evie Fort Caton Primary School.

4-5 Years old: Finley Mellor Caton Primary School.

6-7 Years old: Hannah Richardson Caton St Paul's Primary School.

10-11 Years old: Isla Capstick Caton Primary School.

As previously advised, the parade will be a walking, "umbrella themed", parade that will take place on the Gala field at 12:30. Fancy dress is not compulsory but there will be prizes for the best.

In addition to the fairground and a wide variety of stalls we are pleased to welcome the return of the Classic Motorcycle Display.

There will also be the "Fun Dog Show". This is a fun event for local canine characters. Doggies may enter on the day.

Full details of all of the events can be found on our website "catongala.co.uk" and on our Facebook page.

We are always pleased to welcome new members to the organising committee. We would also be very pleased to hear from anyone who may be able to spare an hour or so to help "on the day". If you can assist in any way, please contact Wendy Strickland (07855 590004) who can, as can all committee members, also be contacted by e-mail at "catongala@catongala.co.uk" or via our Facebook page.

The next meeting will be held at 8:00 PM on Wednesday the 4th of May 2022 at the Station Hotel in Caton. All are welcome.

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 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, please contact Peter Collins at the Victoria Institute (771733) and he will pass the message on to us. Last month we had a request to concentrate on the sports field area and ended up filling three very large bags with rubbish found around there – amongst other things, lots of bottles, crisp and sweet wrappers, sandwich packets, and a lacy red bra....

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

Next session: Saturday May 7th

LOCAL NEWS OF CATON & BROOKHOUSE

www.catonvillage.org.uk

 Linking Caton and Brookhouse
www.facebook.com/catonbrookhouse

Baptist Church Artlebeck Bridge

10.30 am:
*Morning Service and
Sunday School*
6.30 pm: *Evening Service*

Brookhouse Methodist Church Brookhouse Road

*Monthly services at 10.30a.m.
and 7p.m.*
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
Saturday Evening 6.00pm
Holydays of Obligation
Mass on eve of Holyday at
6.00pm

St Paul's C of E Brookhouse

Sunday Communion
Service 10.00am
All Age Worship, read and led
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the month
Sunday Club in the Church
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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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DEFIBRILLATOR FOR CATON GREEN

For a while now I have been aware that we are a fair distance to our nearest Defibrillator in Brookhouse so I am fundraising for a public access defibrillator for Caton Green, I'm delighted to say that the directors of Hillcroft Nursing Home have agreed to its installation on the front wall of their building which is central to the village and will be easily accessible at any time of day or night. Once it is installed, we will be provided with training on its use.

In just two weeks I have been pledged £1215 by my friends and family. (£1500 is needed for the initial purchase.) They are supporting me to complete a 25k Trail run from Keswick in May. You can search on Facebook for 'Defibrillator for Caton Green' to support me - or if you would rather not do this through Facebook you can donate in person at Marybank Farm (Cheques to Mrs P Griffiths) or contact me to arrange another method. Any donation will be very gratefully received as there are additional ongoing costs for maintenance and replacement of pads etc.

Obviously, for all our sakes, I hope this equipment will never be needed!

Tricia Griffiths 07775 802676 tricia@marybankfarm.uk

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 will be £2.50 per session. Please note there is now a waiting list. If you are interested and keen to join please contact Laura at the above email address or on 01524 771371, she will be very pleased to chat with you and keep you informed.

The dates for May - 13th and 27th.

CATON PRIMARY SCHOOL

On 18th March, to raise funds for Comic Relief, many of our pupils (some as young as 4) took part in our very own 'Caton's Got Talent' competition. They provided a feast of entertainment including comedy, magic, singing, dancing, poetry, skipping, playing various instruments, roller skating, football skills and even a combat scene! Well done to everyone who took part!

The children enjoyed learning from our many visitors in March, including Debbie Green (NISCU), Alan Wadsworth and three scientists.

We have been busy making preparations for our move to expand to four classes after the Easter break. The new class structure comprises: Reception; Year 1/2; Year 3/4; and Year 5/6. We are thrilled that our Reception children will be in a very small class, providing a fantastic flying start to their school career. We warmly welcome Mrs Kate Lee, who joins the staff team as a Class Teacher and the school's Inclusion Lead and Mrs Sarah Bullock who joins us as a full time Classroom Assistant. We are also delighted that Mr Mike Wright, who lives locally, has joined our Governing Body.

Our annual PTA Easter Bingo event takes place on Thursday, 21st April. Food is available from 5:30pm with eyes down at 6pm. Everyone in the community is very welcome to come along and join in with the fun!

Our large, detached sports hall is available to hire on a regular basis or for one-off events. It has a fully-equipped kitchen, pleasant meeting room and toilets. For further details, contact the school office (01524 770104).

SPORTSREACH SOCCER AND NETBALL SCHOOL

SportsReach, in conjunction with the local churches, will be hosting a soccer and netball school at Caton St Paul's School field/church hall from Wednesday 1 June to Saturday 4 June. From 10am to 4pm. Football is open to children aged 7 to 14 and netball to children aged 9 to 13. The cost is £45 per child, additional siblings £40.

For further details or an application form please contact Amelia Preece on 01524 771682.

GARDENS OPEN FOR CHARITY IN JUNE IN TATHAM

You will be sure of a warm welcome when visiting any of these gardens. Home made refreshments will be available and plants grown in the gardens will be for sale. Children admitted free.

Clearbeck House, Mewith Lane. Tatham. LA2 8PJ - June 2nd & 3rd for the Jubilee Holiday and June 26th 11am to 5pm - Admission £4

Mill Croft, Spout Lane. Wennington. LA2 8NX - June 19th; 10am to 4pm. Admission £4

Raw Ridding, Monks Gate. Tatham LA2 8NH - June 19th; 10am to 4pm.

Raw Ridding and Mill Croft share a joint entrance fee of £6

LUNESDALE LAWN TENNIS CLUB,

Ball Lane, Caton, LA2 9QN we are having Open Days on 1st and 8th May from 2pm come along and play some tennis with members on our grass courts. We welcome new members of all levels. We have social tennis nights and enter men's, women's and mixed teams into the local League. Come and enjoy our lovely friendly tennis club. Junior, couples, individual and family memberships available.

Website: clubspark.lta.org.uk/LunesdaleLawnTennisClub for more details.

PAINTING GROUP

The painting group will meet on Thursday 12th & 26th May from 1.30 - 3.30pm at Brookhouse Methodist Church. We ask for a donation of £2 to cover costs. It is a friendly group and everyone is welcome whatever level of skill. Tea/coffee included. For more information contact Ruth, 770605.

CATON LUNCH CLUB

Caton Village Lunch Club is increasingly popular. You are most welcome to join us. The May meal will be at the Ship Hotel in Caton 12.00 on Thursday 12th May. To book a place or to arrange transport phone Sue on 01524 771559

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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: -
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QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE
PLATINUM JUBILEE LUNCH - Platinum Jubilee Lunch, Saturday 4th June. A reminder that there will be no charge for the lunch, which is particularly for older residents and those who would otherwise be alone for the Jubilee celebrations. It should be possible to arrange transport for those who need it. If you would like to come, please give your name to Peter Collins at the Victoria Institute by 25th April. Phone number 771733.
If there are more residents who wish to attend than places (70), seats will be allocated by ballot.
CHURCHES TOGETHER - A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - To commemorate our Queens Platinum Anniversary we are having a picnic on the grass behind St Pauls Church Hall on Sunday 5th June after our own church morning services. Please bring your own picnic and we will enjoy this special occasion together.
JUBILEE BEACONS - In celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Jubilee Beacons will be lit on Thursday 2nd June throughout the UK (and Commonwealth.) A village jubilee beacon/bonfire will be lit at the top of Littledale near the public car park(LA2 9ET).
Bring your own picnic to enjoy from 7.30pm onwards. Ample, if somewhat uncomfortable seating available - it's a large but rocky field! Lighting of beacon, along with the rest of the country, at 9.45pm.
For further details, nearer the time, check the village website
PLATINUM JUBILEE STREET PARTY - If you are planning a street party to mark the Platinum Jubilee, remember that you need to apply eight weeks in advance for permission to close your street. The form is on Lancaster City Council's website.

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CATON AND BROOKHOUSE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our first trip in April was changed from Fleetwood to Blackpool for logistical reasons.
 Also PLEASE NOTE all the trips for the rest of the year advertised to start from Caton at 9.00am have been changed to 9.30 AM . This now changes other pick up points such as from Hornby from 8.30AM TO 9AM
 I will be reporting back on the first trip in the next issue.
 The trip on the 19th May is to Chester, pick up from Brookhouse at 9.30am then on to pick up at the Victoria Institute. Other pick up points can be arranged. The cost for the trips is £10.00 for members and £13 00 for non members. For further information or to book please call our secretary Benita on 01524 771943

CATON THEATRE INTEREST GROUP

We are off to a flying start with our first theatre visit. Our members have missed the opportunity to have a day out and take in a show. Just a reminder we have booked seats in the dress circle at the Grand theatre Blackpool on Saturday 25th of June for a matinee performance of 'Boogie Nights'.
 The cost for the coach and a theatre seat is £27.00. Pick up as usual is 10am from the Victoria Institute then on to pick up in Brookhouse. Other pick up points can be arranged.

This musical tells the hilarious and heart warming story of Roddy, a jack the lad whose life of birds, booze and boogie is about to be turned upside down. His girlfriend Debs is in love with Roddy. Through their laughter and tears can they both find what they are looking for. Packed with the greatest 70's disco classics, you'll be dancing in the aisles. For further information or to book call, Benita on 01524 771943 or Jean on 01524 770980

PLANS FOR CYCLING AND WALKING IN LANCASHIRE

Lancashire County Council wants to join up the gaps in our existing network of footpaths and cycle routes and provide safer, direct and more convenient routes. Working in partnership with Blackpool Council, they are developing Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans, providing long term solutions for our future cycling and walking networks throughout Lancashire, including around Lancaster. They are asking for feedback from across the county on current cycling and walking provision. They want to know what the gaps are in the network and what facilities would enable people to walk and cycle more.

The survey will be available on the council's website until 5 May 2022. Additional design and feasibility work will be needed to take any of the proposed schemes forward. You can find out more about the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans, and take part in the survey at www.lancashire.gov.uk/activetravel

LUNE VALLEY SWIFT GROUP

Its May at last, the month that sees our Swifts return after a 6000-mile flight from southern Africa. Keep an eye out for their high-speed aerobatics where insects are plentiful, such as along the river. And we'll soon see them flying low around buildings, staking their claims for nest sites once again.

As many of their nest sites have been lost, installing nest boxes is one of the best ways you can help our Swifts, and there are a few golden rules for doing so: boxes should be on east or north facing walls (or elsewhere if in shade all day) to avoid chicks dying from overheating; and they need to be a minimum of 4-metres above the ground with a clear flyway in front -no obstacles such trees or buildings close by.

We will be at the Caton Gala this month, so come and see us. And over the summer we will continue surveys of breeding Swifts and providing advice to home-owners on how to protect nest sites. We can also supply nest boxes at cost for £24. So please get in touch if you would like a nest box, some advice or to join our friendly group of volunteers.
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CATON AND BROOKHOUSE GARDENING CLUB

We had a successful AGM on the 14th of April. Thanks to all the members who turned up. We are delighted to announce that Rebecca Cottle is the new chair of the Gardening Club. Thanks to Rebecca John Cooper can now take a well earned rest and be comforted by the fact that the Club will now continue for another two years at least.

We have to thank John, who remains on the committee, for his stint as Chairman which was only supposed to be two years but stretched to six. We also welcome Tricia Fletcher to the committee. With this injection of youth we hope that this 140 year old club will continue to be an asset to the community. We have a full committee and a full programme for next year.

Our next appearance is at the Gala where we plan to sell open gardens programmes, memberships and maybe a few plants.

On August 11th we are tentatively planning a coach trip to RHS Bridgewater to make use of our RHS membership benefit whereby a gardening club can take its members once a year to an

RHS garden and enjoy free entry (normally £12.50)! So members will only have to pay for the coach. We have costed a coach and it looks like if we can fill a 33 seater we can get the return trip to Manchester for £15 each. Please let Graham know if you are interested. It seems like a good deal and a chance to see this newest of the RHS gardens.

We are also soon to be in possession of a Garden Entry Card. Members can borrow this card and gain entry for two at an RHS garden for 30% off. So if you are planning to go to Harlow Carr for instance do ring Graham to borrow the card (providing you are a member of course!)

CATON WI

Did you know that May 20th is designated as World Bee Day? Bearing this in mind, the WI has invited a local bee keeper to be the speaker at our meeting on May 5th.

If you have ever thought about keeping bees or just want to know more about attracting bees to your garden, why not come along to the meeting which will be held in the Victoria Institute starting at 7.30pm.

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HORNBY PENSIONERS

Events During May

Dominoes Evenings: Alternate Saturdays on the ground floor of The Institute, beginning at 7 p.m. Those evenings being on May 14th and 28th. If you are tired of having little to watch on T.V. on Saturday nights, or you are in need of some company for a natter and a laugh, why not come along. The evenings are lighter now and venturing out is not quite so daunting. No previous experience of the game is necessary and everyone is welcome.

Tuesday May 10th Talk 2.30pm: Our speaker, Joanna Halliwell, will be giving a talk on the life of a scullery maid. We hope to see everyone there and to enjoy a cup of tea together, following on from Jane's entertaining and informative presentation.

Saturday May 14th 10a.m. until 12 noon Coffee Morning: Another chance to meet up and have a chat together. We can all put the world to rights over a lovely cup of coffee! If only the world would take notice!

LUNE VALLEY SWIMMING POOL- 'SPLISH SPLASH' PARTY NIGHT - RE SCHEDULED..

LVCS would like to apologise to all supporters and friends who planned to attend the party night at Arkholme Village hall on April 2nd .Unfortunately one of the members of The Jetsons tested Covid positive a couple of days before the event and we had to cancel. However, we have been able to re-book for the first available date of July 30th at the Hornby Village Institute. All tickets sold for Arkholme will be honoured for the new date or fully refunded if this not convenient. We have been asked , why Splish Splash ? This was the promotional fun theme we used to raise money at events for reopening the pool. It's a 1958 novelty hit song written by Bobby Darin , sung by Charlie Drake and played by the Jetsons to get our fun nights going! Sincere apologies to all concerned! Further details of the Hornby Institute party night available shortly.

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HORNBY LUNESDALE PROBUS CLUB

The club is now back up and holding regular meetings following the Covid hiatus.

On **Monday May 16th** Jane Tarlton, one of our new members, will give an illustrated talk about clearing bush and setting up cattle farms in Cameroon.

Hornby Probus Club meet at 10.30 am in the Hornby Village Institute on the first and third Monday of each month. Guests and visitors are always welcome and for further details or any information please contact - Roger Carter. Hon. Secretary; Hornby Probus Club 015242 22283

THE ROTARY CLUB OF LUNESDALE

CONCERT IN AID OF NW CANCER RESEARCH.

As I write this article the Club is looking forward to hosting an evening featuring the well known and popular group "The Defenders" at The Hornby Institute on Saturday, May 14th at 7.30pm. Tickets, priced £12.50, are on sale at the Tourist Information shop in Kirkby Lonsdale or from John Clare tel 07841 428301. Cheques to be made payable please to The Rotary Club of Lunesdale. All profits from the evening will be donated to NW Cancer Research.

We look forward to another great evening featuring the Rock & Roll years with the music of Cliff & The Shadows, Elvis, Gene Vincent, The Beatles, The Kinks and many more. Drinks will be available from the bar operated by Institute staff. Do come along let your hair down enjoy a dance, a great evening and support a worthy cause. Keep safe, keep well. Lilian

CATON AND BROOKHOUSE OPEN GARDENS

This is the last call for anyone who wants to volunteer to be part of Caton and Brookhouse Open Gardens on the 25/26 June 2022. We go to press with the programme in time for the gala on 21st May. You will be opening for a worthwhile cause - Morcambe Homeless Action, who will receive half of the proceeds. And you will be invited to a pudding party after! What's to lose especially as you will have a lovely weekend with people enjoying seeing your garden however big or small. Ring Graham on 770919.

THE GEORGE AND DRAGON ANGLING CLUB WRAY

The George and Dragon Angling Club have vacancies for junior (5 – 16 yrs) and senior (16+) members for 2022.

The junior section concentrates on coarse fishing at our own coarse fishing lake near Arkholme. Coaching is provided for newcomers to the sport and basic fishing equipment can be provided if required. We are hoping to commence with the junior section in June 2022. Please note that junior fishing events require parental/responsible adult supervision.

The senior section covers coarse, game and sea fishing.

The club prides itself on being a family friendly club and has a number of social events throughout the year.

For more information please contact:

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ST PAUL'S CHURCH COFFEE MORNING

The next Coffee Morning will be in the St Paul's Church Parish Hall on the 4th of May 2022 at 10.30. The May Coffee Morning is to support the work of St Paul's Church. The Church is involved with a range of activities, including working with the uniformed organisations, youth groups as well as toddler and children's groups. There are also a number of pastoral events which take place throughout the year.

At the Coffee Morning there will be the usual raffle and quiz. There will also be a number of stalls, including a cake stall. The Coffee Morning gives people the opportunity to meet friends and neighbours for a chat. You are most welcome to join us for a drink and biscuits.

The April Coffee morning raised £92.80 for the NW Air Ambulance. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this event, the proceeds from which will go to help this important voluntary organisation.

LENT LUNCHES AT ST PAUL'S 2022

The Lent Lunches at St Paul's raised £310.01 for the Samaritans. Thanks go to all those who attended these events and thanks also to those who worked so hard to make them successful.

FRIDAY FRIENDS

From the team that brought you the 'Oasis Cafe', 'Meet to Eat' and now 'Coffee and Cakes' comes our new venture 'Friday Friends'. As mentioned in last month's 'Link' we're inviting people who live with dementia or memory issues, to come along with their carers to enjoy a sing-along, followed by a light lunch.

All happening at the Victoria Institute and starting on Friday 27th May, then every 4th Friday of each month.

Time: 11.30am - 1.30pm Cost: £2.50 per person. No need to book, but for further details please contact Pete Legg on plegg822@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you!

CATON AND FRIENDS FOR UKRAINE - MONTHLY UPDATE

We're pleased to announce that we've already welcomed first Ukrainian families into the village! Thanks to your continued support, the group has already raised over £4,500. We're currently working with sellers to purchase much needed essential items and medical supplies. On the 30th of April we're also launching a community space in the Lune Valley Methodist Hub in Brookhouse. The venue will be open to all who wish to support Ukrainian guests and their hosts, regardless of religion, ethnicity, sexuality, gender, age or social background. For details, please contact Miriam Lee on 07939519903. On the 13th of May we're also doing a cake sale in Lancaster - please come along to enjoy delicious, home-made cakes and support a worthwhile cause. Details of the event can be found on our Facebook page.

If you'd like to get involved in the work of the group, there are plenty of opportunities. Please post any messages in the Facebook group or contact Anna (07305773004), Maciek (07418089089) or Miriam (07939519903) directly.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/catonandfriendsforukraine>

THANK YOU!

A massive "Thank you" to all who responded, at very short notice, to the appeal in April's LINK for food, nappies, blankets, toiletries, warm clothes etc. for the people of Ukraine. On Tuesday 5th April, a Luton van was taken to Swindon to Barnabas Fund, a Christian charity, who repacked and dispatched all of the donations to Romania the next day, to be distributed through local churches there to people fleeing Ukraine, to help and serve them as best as they can. It was a fantastic effort, many thanks again.

From Suzanne Smith (770106).

RESOURCES FOR UKRAINIAN REFUGEES AND THEIR HOSTS

The village website is developing a webpage listing useful websites for Ukrainians in our area and their hosts. Please submit additional sources of information if you would like them included.

CATON WITH LITLEDALE PLAY PARK ACTION GROUP

It's consultation time for the survey report on 'Outdoor Facilities - have your say'! Thank you so much to everyone who responded! We now have a better picture of what you, friends or family like to do outdoors, and why. The consultation is for your feedback and to look at 'what next'. The draft report should be on the village website and elsewhere over the summer. You can comment through our facebook page, and at the Gala.

At last we can use the covid delayed Co-op grant for village events. We would love to hear from you about what event you would like and if you would like to help! (Chris 01524 771744 or message the facebook page)

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CATON ST PAUL'S

May services at St Paul's

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Sun 8th @ 10am - Holy Communion with Sunday Club

Sun 15th @ 10am - Holy Communion with Forest Church

Sun 22nd @ 10am - Holy Communion with Sunday Club

Sun 29th @ 10am - Holy Communion with Sunday Club

A weekly online service on Weds mornings at 9:30am is also being held, please contact Paul for login details.

Monthly prayer meeting

Sat 21st @ 10am in the church hall - all welcome to come and pray for our church and community, with refreshments afterwards

CATON METHODIST CHAPEL

Weekly Sunday Service:- 10:30am

Chapel Anniversary:- Saturday 30th April 7pm with Bentham Praise. Supper at the close

Sunday 1st May:- 10:30am with Rev Keith Borwick. With Cake and Coffee

Saturday Soup:- Saturday 14th May at 12:30pm. Enjoy a bowl of soup and homemade cakes with friends. £3.00 per person

Crafts @ Caton:- Thursday 26th May between 10-12am. Come along for a coffee and chat

Bible Study Live and via Zoom:- Wednesday 4th and 18th May at 7pm

A zoom link will be available from Emma if you would like to attend virtually.

If you would like to contact Emma:- Rev Emma Holroyd - 01524 941266 - Emma.holroyd@methodist.org

THE METHODIST CHURCH - BROOKHOUSE

Sunday Service - Sunday 15th May 7pm, with Coffee and Biscuits with Rev Emma Holroyd

Book and Jigsaw Exchange - Saturday 21st May 10am-12pm. With over 400 books and jigsaws Come for coffee and biscuits and make a donation to charity.

Caton and Friends of Ukraine - We are looking forward to working with 'Caton and friends of Ukraine' who will be using the Church as a meeting place/drop in centre for Ukrainian families and their hosts.

If you would like to contact the Minister Rev Emma Holroyd 01524 941266 Emma.holroyd@methodist.org

If you would like to hire the building, please contact: circuit@northlancsmethodist.org.uk

CATON BAPTIST CHURCH

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Church Website - catonbaptist.org

More details on our website and Facebook page.

We continue to meet for worship on a Sunday 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, coffee 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 and speakers for May are:-

4th; NISCU - Debbie Green speaking about their work amongst our local schools. 18th; Joyce Park.

We look forward to seeing you.

BROOKHOUSE COMMUNITY CHURCH

We meet in the Victoria Institute every Sunday morning at 10.45am. There is always a 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 very warm welcome.

Coffee and Cakes at the Victoria Institute is on the second Wednesday of every month. Wednesday 11th May is this month from 10am-11.30am.

Meet to Eat - Meet to Eat this month will take place on Friday 6th May and 20th May. (1st and 3rd Fridays of every month.

Tiddlywinks Toddler Group - will be held each Thursday during May as usual at St. Paul's Church Hall 10am-11.30am. £2 per family.

Hopefully we'll be meeting every Thursday in May, 10 - 11.30am in St Paul's Church Hall. £2 per family. So sorry for the disruption of the last 3 weeks, but that nasty little Covid test just kept being positive! Please check each Wed. late afternoon, to see if we are going ahead. The contacts are: Linking Caton and Brookhouse OR Lune Valley Life.

Thank you from the (presently) bright-eyed and bushy-tailed Elaine and Jim and Mary

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CROOK O LUNE CARAVAN PARK

Development Forest of Bowland AONB. REF 22/00341/FUL

This article is to raise public awareness that the Crook O Lune caravan park has applied for planning permission for the siting of 19 Caravans. Planning reference 22/00341/FUL. This is despite the first application being quashed by the courts and the second application being refused. Nothing materially has changed. Natural England have designated EAGLE'S NEST WOOD to be ANCIENT

The new development will impact on the Parish in the following way:

- 1) The Lancaster development plan seeks to protect the AONB and states that suitable caravan site provision already exists.
- 2) Visual amenity will be affected for road users and local path users. Residents and visitors of the local area will be greeted by a caravan site at the gateway to the Forest of Bowland adjacent to the A683. This is not what the AONB promotes or deserves.
- 3) The woodland on the site is designated ANCIENT. Critically, changing the drainage, landscape, and not to mention the increase in pollution will result in the destruction of precious ancient and veteran trees and the wildlife they support.
- 4) The development is touted as a sustainable development. Sustainable developments are not propped up at the cost to local communities. The Sites 19 caravans will take from the local community in the form of services (Caton surgery, Schools ect) without payment in the form of Council tax. The community is left to subsidise profits.
- 5) Increase in sewerage from an area that already suffers from long term sewerage issues.
- 6) Road safety on the A683 due to the access and egress to the site. Increased standing water adjacent to the site and increased surface water running across the A683 poses a danger to road users. The site access has no pavement and is a single track blind road. This is extremely dangerous to pedestrians and impossible for disabled people to access.

It is important to protect the natural environment and encourage bio diversity for future generations not damage it for unsustainable development where there is no gain for the public only short term profit for the developer.

In addition the site has been badly damaged due to breach of planning conditions from the previous applications with many habitats destroyed.

The actual site is within the Parish of Quernmore, but some of the effects will be felt in Caton with Littledale.

If you feel that you wish to pass comment you can provide comments on the NEW application at Lancaster planning portal using reference 22/00341/FUL or alternatively email dconsultation@lancaster.gov.uk quoting planning reference 22/00341/FUL (By T.Mellor)

CATON YOUTH CLUB TRUST

As a result of the sale of the old youth Club centre on Copy Lane a number of years ago, the trust now invests the proceeds every year and uses the interest earned so that each year we can help in Youth projects around the community. In the last few years (apart from the last two years) we have been able to help by providing thousands of pounds per year to help with these individual opportunities so that young ones can achieve their dreams to do some really amazing things both in the UK and abroad.

The Caton Youth Club trustees will again have money available in July to help young people whether individuals or groups with the leisure time activities. This is on offer to young ones living in the Caton with Littledale parish and those interested should ask for details and obtain an application form from:

Stephen Talbot -01524 812274. talbotshome@gmail.com

Or Andy Smith 41 Fell View Caton. andrew@catonsmiths.plus.com

The application forms will be available from the 1st June 2022 Closing date for applications is 30th June and decisions will be made early in July 2022.

THE EDWARD & ALICE COTTAM TRUSTS

The Trustees would like to make another distribution from the trust funds held on the trusts of the Wills of the Edward Cottam and his sister Alice.

The Trustees are required to use the trust income for the benefit of:

'poor and deserving persons aged 50 years or over who have resided within the parish of Caton with Littledale in the County of Lancaster for at least five years and are still resident at the date of the application'.

These charities are open all year round and the Trustees welcome applications for funds at any time from anyone who considers that they fulfil the above criteria (taken from the wording in the Wills of the late Edward and Alice Cottam) and also any organisations where the majority of its members fulfil the criteria.

The Trustees also make an appeal for applications once a year in order to distribute what income they can as well. During the charities' last financial year (which ended 11th September 2021) the distributions to various individuals amounted to £16,600 and for organisations in Caton and Brookhouse amounted to £8,300.

This year, application forms will once again be available from the Brookhouse Post Office during the month of May and the postmaster has kindly agreed that completed forms can be left at the Post Office for us to collect. Alternatively, you can post them directly to Emma Edwards at BSG Solicitors LLP of 3 & 4 Aalborg Square, Lancaster LA1 1BJ telephone: 01524 386500. All applications will be welcomed and treated with strict confidentiality. It is hoped that the distributions of trust money will be made before the end of July.

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