

LINK

ISSUE FOR NOVEMBER 2022

THE LINK

The Link Committee were very saddened to hear of the death of Pat Bainbridge. For many years she and David together with Chris and Eileen Hill organised the distribution of The Link throughout the villages.

We are all very grateful for the years of service she gave to the villages. We send our condolences to David and her family.

PARISH COUNCIL

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

ROAD SAFETY: There has been some monitoring of the zebra crossing in Caton; no indication yet of the results. Lancashire Highways are still working out how to deal with crash-prone bend east of the Bull Beck car park. And the 50mph limit from J34 to Kirkby Lonsdale is planned to be implemented earlier in 2023

HEDGES: Many thanks to all the residents and farmers who have cut back their hedges recently. Very good to have more pavements and roads clear for pedestrians, cyclists and other road users. Lancashire County Council is inspecting some problem trees and hedges encroaching on the A683 and other highways, and will be in touch with the property owners in due course.

BRIDGE OVER THE ARTLEBECK on the footpath near Caton Primary School The Public Rights of Way team at Lancashire County Council have been alerted (twice) to the poor condition of this popular footbridge. We hope there will be action soon.

CHRISTMAS TREE HELPERS NEEDED: The Parish Council provides the Christmas tree which is put up in the War Memorial garden. The councilors who do this would appreciate some help with erecting the tree. Usually first week of December. If you could help please contact Ray Elvis on 07947536569 or 01524 770969.

PLAY PARK: The Parish Council is getting a full safety survey done on the Play Park; meanwhile more Cushionfall is being ordered for areas which need a top-up, such as under the swings.

BUS SHELTER REPAIRS: Several bus shelters are missing window panels; the PC hopes to get them repaired this month.

POORS LAND: In 1724, Edward Fincham left land to be used to benefit people in need living in this parish. The land is let out for grazing and fishing, and the proceeds are distributed annually by the Parish Council. These small grants are distributed every December, in time for Christmas. The amounts given are usually around £40-£50. Application forms are available from 1st November and have to be returned by 30th November. The forms may be collected from the Cottam Room at the Victoria Institute or obtained directly from the Parish Clerk.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: *Tuesday 8th November at 7pm* in the Victoria Institute.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Sunday 13th November. Church service at Caton Methodist Church starting at 1015. Then across to the War Memorial. Please be in position for 10.55. After the Last Post, Two-minutes Silence and Reveille from Whitehall, there will be a wreath-laying ceremony.

Afterwards Brookhouse Community Church is kindly providing refreshments in the Victoria Institute.

CATON GALA

The Caton Gala Annual General Meeting took place on 5 October and we are very pleased to report that the 2022 Gala was a great success. We have received many positive comments in relation to the new location, the umbrella themed procession, the layout, entertainment, and stalls provided on the field.

Plans are currently underway for Caton Gala 2023, the date and location will be confirmed in the near future. The next meeting will take place at 8:00 PM on Monday the 7th of November 2022 at the Station Hotel, Caton. All are welcome to attend.

QUERNMORE CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Advance Notice - The Christmas Tree Festival will be held in Quernmore Church between Friday 2nd and Sunday 4th December. Come and see the Church beautifully lit with numerous Christmas Trees. Then sample some excellent cake with tea or coffee.

MOBILE DEFIBRILLATOR

The mobile defibrillator financed by the Cottam Trust has now arrived and can be borrowed by any village organisation to be available for activities, taken on trips, visits or sporting events. Unfortunately a cardiac arrest can be experienced by anyone of any age and fitness. Please do make use of the opportunity to have this vital equipment available for your group. Contact tricia@marybankfarm.uk to book the device.

PAINTING GROUP

The painting group will meet on 3rd & 17th November from 1.30-3.30pm at the Lune valley Methodist Hub. Everyone is welcome whatever level of skill. 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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Baptist Church Artlebeck Bridge

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

Lune Valley Methodist Hub

Formerly Brookhouse

Methodist Church

*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
by children – 1st Sunday of
the month
Sunday Club in the Church
Hall, all term time
Sundays except 1st Sunday of
month
1st Wednesday of the month.
Holy Communion 10.00am*

Brookhouse Community Church held @ Victoria Institute

10.45 am
*Morning Service & Junior
Church*

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CATON & BROOKHOUSE FRIENDSHIP CLUB NEWS

Lytham & Lytham Hall September 15th

Well, this was quite a surprise for most of the members that went on this trip. A lot of us hadn't even heard of Lytham Hall so it was nice to find out a bit of the history. The Hall itself is open to the public for a very small price, and it is a stunning building. The gardens were lovely as was the café and a little garden centre. The little shop sold branded goods as well as other interesting items. An Antique dealer was on hand too! Afternoon tea can be booked although on this occasion we travelled into the town for lunch and shopping. Another good trip out.

Upcoming trips are a Mystery Trip on Thursday October 20th and Manchester on Thursday November 17th which is the final one for this year. Bookings are coming in already for these trips so to be sure of a seat please call as soon as possible on the number below. In December we will be holding our members only Christmas Meal. As always with all our activities, first come - first served.

Looking further ahead, we have now got next year's membership form ready. Members will get one automatically but if anyone else would like one please give me a call. Thank you. Ally Whitfield (01524 770817/07738 912923)

CATON AND BROOKHOUSE GARDENING CLUB

Our next meeting is on Thursday 10th of November at 7pm in St Pauls Church Hall. It is our annual DvD evening and this time we will be showing a film called 'The Queen's Garden'. The film is about a year in the life of Buckingham Palace gardens, has vintage footage of the Queen and shows how she interacted with the palace gardeners. It is a lovely film based around the silver jubilee of 1977.

All are welcome. Entry is £1/£2 for members/non members respectively and this includes refreshments.

Do come along and enjoy a convivial evening.

BURNS NIGHT FRIDAY 20th JANUARY

This popular village event will take place at 7pm at the Victoria Institute. A classic haggis supper, with vegan and gluten free options available followed by traditional Burns Night speeches and, most importantly, a lively evening of dancing accompanied and Called by Caton Folk Band. A tot of whisky to toast the haggis is included in the £25 ticket price, all other drinks are Bring Your Own. There will be a raffle and a Whisky Roll competition. Places are limited so please contact tricia@marybankfarm.uk to book your tickets. All profits will go towards paying for children's places on our next Twinning Group visit to Socx in 2023.

INTERESTED IN A VISIT TO SOCX, FRANCE?

Next year it will be 5 years since our last visit to Socx. Incroyable! I know that there are families and new members of our village who have expressed an interest in getting involved, so we would like to invite everyone who wants to learn more about Twinning to join us in the Barn at the Station Hotel on Thursday 10th November from 6.30pm to find out about the trip to France and what it entails. In the past we have been able to offer free children's places but obviously this depends on how many families join us for the trip but their costs would be heavily discounted. We look forward to seeing you for a drink and a slice of pizza!

If you can't make the evening but are interested in Twinning please email tricia@marybankfarm.uk Merci beaucoup!

STATION HOTEL BOWLING CLUB.

The AGM is planned to take place this year on **Thursday 1 December 2022 at 7.30 pm** in the Station Hotel. All members are asked to attend.

There is uncertainty about the future of the Club as Trust Inns Ltd, the new owners of the Station Hotel would like to turn the Bowling Green into a Beer Garden which is sad as the green has been in use for over 70 years. The Club is opposed to this and have applied to Lancaster City Council for the area to be listed as an "Asset of Community Value". A decision will be made in the next few weeks.

We want to increase membership of the Club for all ages, gender and abilities and will offer coaching sessions next spring for anyone interested. We have a group of 20 primary school children attending an introductory session on 20 October 2022 from Caton St Paul's School. Hopefully they will return next year for more sessions - and bring their parents or grandparents.

Reg Robinson (Chairman), Keith Hudson (Secretary) and Ged Nicholls (Treasurer & Safeguarding Officer).

LEISURE CLUB

Everyone is invited to join our group for talks (see below) on a variety of interesting topics

Included in the cost for members of £1.50, non-members £3.00, (Annual membership £5.00) is the talk tea/coffee and biscuits, and of course friendship. We meet at the Victoria Institute Caton for a 1030 start and usually finish at about 1215. Do please come along. You will be most welcome

November

7th - Elizabeth Roberts; Working class Mariages: 14th - Colin Penny; History of The Scolds Bridal:

21st - Janine; Her film work during the Pandemic: 28th - Phil Rawsthorne: The Most Important Event in History?

Due to unforeseen circumstances on some occasions the speaker may change at short notice

Chair Based Exercise continue throughout the year every Monday 09.00-10.00

Bowling continues either outdoor or indoor Please contact David for further information Tel 01524 812342

101ST BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS!

At the next meeting of the WI on Thursday 3rd November we will be marking our 101st birthday. This is a remarkable achievement, only possible because of those members, past and present, who have helped to keep our WI running and also making it relevant for women of today. We will also be making presentations of cheques that evening to representatives of the Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue team and North West Air Ambulance, from funds raised at our Open Garden Day at Gresgarth Hall in September. Our meeting starts at 7.30pm in the Victoria Institute. If you would like to know more about WI or these organisations you would be welcome to join us.

Ruth Gibbons, President.

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Kitchen - Beverages only £5, Caterers £20, Full cooking £30, charged per session

Special rates are available for extended functions, please see the Schedule of Charges on our website.

BUSINESSES, TRADES & SERVICES - The Victoria Institute has a display board for businesses, trades and services to promote themselves. Please leave your poster, business cards etc. with Peter at the Institute.

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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

Office Hours; Monday & Wednesday 10:00am to 12:00 noon and 1:00 to 3:00pm

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You can email us on: admin@victoria-institute.org.uk Further information can be found at our website: www.victoria-institute.org.uk

Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/victoria.institute.caton/>

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 where abouts in the village needs some attention. Half an hour or an hour can - and does - make such a difference. If you have seen an area which would benefit from a tidy up, 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 November 5th.*

NOVEMBER 22 GROW CATON

The produce shelves at Beulah Lodge have been popular and busy. We have decided to keep them there over winter, even though we are not expecting a glut of things anymore, there may be the odd item that we bought too much that can be shared there. It is also a great place to drop off your empty glass jars (with lids) which we will recycle by preserving food in them. We are still harvesting those last few beans and squashes from our plots and giving the gardens that final tidy. Plans for the village orchard are developing steadily and provide another opportunity to get involved in growing food in the village.

I spotted an advertisement for an event coming to Caton which sounds interesting and a few of us are hoping to attend: The FoodFutures Closing Loops project is hosting four world cafe events in communities across North Lancashire. Join in for a relaxed evening of delicious food and inspiring conversations about food, reducing waste and creating a more regenerative local economy. Find out more and register: <https://bit.ly/world-cafes>. The date for Caton is 19th November at The Victoria Institute, start at 6pm with food served at 7.15pm.

Get in touch with Grow Caton through Peter Collins at the institute or by email to Brigitte via growcaton@outlook.com

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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 happy to chat with you and keep you updated.

The dates for November are 11th and 25th.

LITTLE STARS TOTS GROUP

We usually meet every Wednesday in the month, so the dates for November are 2nd, (not the 9th) 16th, and 23rd. We meet in St Peter's, Quernmore at any time from 8.45 -11.00. All welcome!

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 17 Sept to 3 Dec 2022 but not on 22 and 29 Oct (half term). Netball is open to children aged 9 to 13. The netball dates are 5 Nov, 19 Nov and 3 Dec. £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 ST PAUL'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

It has been an exciting, busy and vibrant start to the term at CSP. There is lots of learning happening, as well as a range of additional opportunities for our children.

We continue to develop our curriculum to ensure it is exciting and meets the needs of our children. Our children have been learning about the Stone Age, Egyptians, Social History, North and South America, the local area and much more.

Our wide range of enrichment clubs are up-and-running. Children from Reception class to Year 6 have the choice of many different clubs to choose from: relaxation club, girls football, recorder club, book club, craft club, tag rugby, running club, gardening club, computing club, choir, KS1 multi-skills, KS2 multi-skills, wake up and shake up and eco-committee. We have managed to take part in some sporting events, with our Y5/6 children competing in the indoor athletics at Lancaster and Morecambe College, and our Y6 children enjoying a crown green bowling lesson, leading to a further link with the bowling club at The Station. Outdoor Ed has also begun with our Y6 children facing their fears and going caving in Long Churn.

As part of our commitment to involving our community in school life, we invited parents and Grandparents to our harvest festival. We then held a coffee morning in school after this to raise money for the foodbank. Overall, we raised £170 and donated 100kg of food to Morecambe Bay foodbank. We have also opened our doors to Samaritan's Purse to be able to pack their shoeboxes in our school hall. This year, we have set up an ethos group who will work with children, families and the community to embed our Christian values across school. They are busy organising a litter pick - watch this space.

Open Day was a great success and it was lovely to show so many prospective parents around our school. If you couldn't make open day, but have a child starting school in September 2023, please contact school and we will happily show you around.

Our Pre-school continues to grow; if you would like a look round, please ring 01524 770241 to set up a visit. We have a few spaces available. We are also still looking for welfare staff to assist with supervising the children at lunchtimes. Please let us know if you are interested. Our Wrap Around Care club continues to be busy, catering for children from 7:45am to 5:30pm.

Finally, we are still looking for a Foundation Governor to help with the strategic vision of our school: please contact school for more information.

CATON PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have had a very exciting month in school. Our Reception children enjoyed a walk around Caton, learning more about our village and then constructed their own amazing village in their classroom, using their own ideas. To complement their learning in history and science, Class 2 had a fabulous time at the Lakes Aquarium as well as riding on the steam train from Lakeside to Haverthwaite. They also had a visit from Velvet, the reading therapy dog, whom they absolutely loved! Class 4's trip to London was a huge success. We watched Frozen the musical at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane; toured the Houses of Parliament; flew on the London Eye; cruised on the River Thames; visited Buckingham Palace; and toured the National Gallery where we saw many famous works of art, including Van Gogh's Sunflowers. The children were fantastic ambassadors for our school throughout the trip and have made memories to last a lifetime. Class 3 are looking forward to their trip to Quarry Bank Mill after half term.

It was lovely to meet so many new families at our Open Day in September. If you didn't make it but would like to have a tour, please contact the school office on 01524 770104 and this can be arranged. Also, follow us on Facebook to see daily updates of all the wonderful things our children get up to. https://www.facebook.com/Caton

PS - The PTA is as busy as ever. Our family treasure hunt at the end of September was great fun. Thanks to The Ship Hotel for putting up with our tower-building competition at the end of the trail! Well done to the Capstick family who won four tickets for the Little Mermaid at The Grand Theatre, Lancaster in November. The next event is our Bonfire Bingo night on Thursday, 3rd November. As always, everyone from the local community is welcome to join us. Food is served from 5:30pm and it's eyes down at 6pm.

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

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EVENTS DURING NOVEMBER

Dominos Evenings will be held on alternate Saturdays on the ground floor of The Institute, beginning at 7 p.m. Those evenings being on November 12 th and 26 th .

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

Potato Pie Lunch - This will be held in the Institute on Tuesday 8 TH November at I P.M. and will be followed up by entertainment, from “Maurice the Postman and friends”.

Tickets for this occasion will be at a cost of £9 and will be available from Kath Helme, at the Institute, on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. If you have difficulty in getting to the Institute, in order to book, please ring Kath on 07597774681.

LVCS HORNBY COMMUNITY POOL

Kirby Lonsdale Winter Warmer Party night! Like everyone else we are working hard to save energy without affecting services to our community. To help raise money to meet further expenditure we have a Winter Warmer party night on Saturday 19th November. Starting at 7pm in the Lunesdale Hall, Kirby Lonsdale and featuring the fantastic Jetsons playing hit songs of the 1950s and 60s . With bar and grand raffle enjoy a great night out, sing along and keep warm on the dance floor and help keep our lovely family-friendly pool afloat. All proceeds to the Lune Valley Swimming Pool. 'NRG' Fund.

Tickets are just £10.00 from Tourist Information Centre, Kirby Lonsdale or Hornby Swimming Pool reception.. Our last Splish Splash fundraiser sold out very quickly- - Don't miss this one -we'd love to see you.

Kirby Lonsdale Tourist Information - 29 Main Street - Tel 015242 97177..

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

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LUNESDALE PROBUS CLUB - NOVEMBER

Lunesdale Probus club continues its programme of interesting and entertaining speakers and subjects over the winter months.

On Monday November 7th we will welcome back Sam Ashton - Growing up in Hornby. This will be a real living history experience and we invite anyone interested to come along and join us for this keynote session. We are sure Sam will have plenty to say about past, present and future of rural life in the lune Valley.. Monday November 21st Another returning speaker Steve Halliwell - My life as a history detective. How to research local history featuring the life and times of Moses Holden. 1771-1864 a self-educated genius.

Guests very welcome to all our speaker sessions .

Lunesdale Probus Club meetings are held on the first and third Monday of each month. Guests, friends and visitors are always welcome to join us at the Hornby Village Institute at 10.30 hrs for coffee and chat before each meeting. No obligation - just come along and enjoy a warm welcome and a nice social break from routine. For further details or any information on this or other Lunesdale Probus Club matters please contact -Roger Carter. Hon.Secretary; Lunesdale Probus Club. 015242 22283

JAZZ IN HORNBY - 19TH NOVEMBER

Thanks to everyone who came to see the annual reunion of the Chris Coull Sextet; the perfect example of what happens when six top class musicians listen to each other and respond. Thrilling magic.

I want you to be the first to know that I've just booked the Steve Andrews Quartet: Steve leading on tenor sax, with on piano Pete Major, one time pianist in Les Bull`s Jazz Band; Steve`s long time oppo` Roy Cansdale who has just successfully made the transition from double bass to bass guitar, and on drums Andy Smith, the only band member who has hitherto not been here.

The style of their jazz could be heard in the clubs in the 30s and 40s, and in Steve`s tone on tenor you will be reminded of the sax giants of that era; I`ll say no more.

Usual venue: the Village Institute, Main Street (A683) LA32 8JR. 19th Nov. Doors & bar open at 7.30, music from 8p.m. Tickets £16, on the door or ring 015242 22227. I hope you`ll be able to come.

CATON AND FRIENDS FOR UKRAINE

The group is still active and meets on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month at 2-4pm, in the Lune Valley Methodist Hub (Brookhouse). As we approach winter months, we're being asked to collect sleeping bags, sleeping mats, warm socks and gloves, waterproof coats, umbrellas and wellies. Monetary donations are also welcome. If you'd like to make a donation or help otherwise, please see us at the Hub or message us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/catonandfriendsforukraine/>

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BROOKHOUSE COMMUNITY CHURCH

We meet in the Victoria Institute every Sunday Morning at 10.45am. There is always a very warm welcome for anyone who joins us. Junior Church is available each week for the children. The service is always followed by refreshments and a chat.

Meet to Eat - This month Meet to Eat will be on Friday 4th and 18th November. This costs £5 per person for a two course lunch and a drink. All are very welcome.

Coffee and Cakes is on the second Wednesday of every month. Wednesday 9th November this month from 10.00am-11.30am. Come along and meet friends old and new and enjoy time and fellowship together.

Tiddlywinks Toddler group at St. Paul's Church Hall each Thursday during term time from 10am - 11.30am. £2 per family with refreshments served.

Friday Friends - Friday Friends is a group of members from Brookhouse Community Church who are getting together to sing familiar old songs and hymns. We would love to invite those living with dementia or memory issues and their carers, to come along and get involved in singing and playing percussion instruments. We believe that meeting together and singing promotes wellbeing and happiness.. Friday Friends meets on the 4th Friday of each month from 11.30am to 1.30pm at Victoria Institute. Our next meeting is on Friday 25th November. The cost will be £2.50 per person. This will include a light lunch and a drink. For further information please contact Pete Legg Tel:07434727620/01524771372 or email plegg822@gmail.com

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. The service is always followed by refreshments and a chat.

**St PAUL'S CHURCH BROOKHOUSE
VILLAGE CHRISTMAS PASTORAL SERVICE**

This year there will be a Village Christmas Pastoral Service. This will be held on 6/12/22 at 11 am at St Paul's Church. It will consist of a short service with hymns and readings which will last approximately half an hour.

Afterwards we hope you will stay for a chat and refreshments. Everyone is welcome to join us for this short time of reflection and fellowship.

ST PAUL'S CHURCH BROOKHOUSE COFFEE MORNING

The next Coffee Morning will be at the Church Hall on the 2nd of November at 10.30.
The November Coffee Morning is in support of The Mother's Union Caravan, who as we know help to provide holidays for disadvantaged families. 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 October Coffee Morning was a great success and raised £112.89 for the MacMillan Nurses. Thanks go to everyone who attended supported this invaluable organisation.

COMMUNITY SHOEBOX PACKING DAY

The village Shoebox Packing Day 2022 is having a change of location. This year it's taking place at Caton St Paul's School Hall on Saturday 5th November at 10am. Everyone is welcome but please come early as we never know how many boxes we will be doing.

If you have anything you would like to donate you can either drop them off at 22 St Annes Close, Brookhouse leaving them in the front porch or you can call me on 07977279009.

Unfortunately we can't use anything containing liquid such as blow bubbles or shower gels or any food items, sweets or books. But we'd love to get small cuddly toys, soap, hairbrushes and combs, small toys (eg toy cars, skipping ropes, yo-yos, balls, dolls, puzzles), school supplies (pens, pads, crayons etc), hats, gloves, scarves, caps, hair accessories, jewellery and anything else you can think of that's fun.

If you have donations, or have done your own shoebox and want to have it collected with ours or have any other questions please call or message me (Sara) on 07977289009.

Thank you and hope to see you on the 5th November!
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CATON ST PAUL'S

NEWS FROM ST PAULS - The Churchwarden and the PCC are delighted to announce that Rev Helen Scamman will be licensed as our new vicar on 1st February. Helen is currently Associate Vicar at St Thomas's in Lancaster. We are looking forward to welcoming the Scamman family to our village.

SERVICES at ST PAULS

Nov 6th - All Age Worship at 10am led by the children and young people.

Nov 13th - Remembrance Sunday, no service in church, annual service at Caton Methodist following the act of remembrance at the War Memorial

Nov 20th and 27th - Holy Communion service at 10am, Sunday club will have their session in the church hall.

Other events - Coffee Morning in aid of Mothers' Union on Wednesday 2nd November

Advance notice of Pastoral service on 6th December.

CATON METHODIST CHAPEL

Weekly Sunday Service: 10:30am

We will worship at Caton apart from Sunday **6th November** when we will be at The Lune Valley Methodist Hub, Brookhouse. Everyone very Welcome

Remembrance Sunday - Sunday 13th November 10:15am. Followed by a short service at the War Memorial. And refreshments at the Institute

Saturday Soup - Saturday 12th November 12:30pm. Meet up with friends of soup & homemade cakes

£3.00 per person

Crafts @ Caton - Thursday 24th November between 10-12am. You may have found an Angel in the village last December. We have started our new project for this Year so if you would like to get involved do pop along

Bible Study Live and via Zoom: Wednesday Fortnightly 7pm is held at The Lune Valley Methodist Hub with Rev Emma, and also by zoom Wednesday 9th, 23rd and 30th November.

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

LUNE VALLEY METHODIST HUB - Brookhouse

Sunday Service: 6th November 10:30am. With Rev Emma Holroyd, with refreshments at the close. Everyone Welcome

Bible Study Live and via Zoom: Wednesday Fortnightly in October 7pm With Rev Emma and also by Zoom

Book and Jigsaw exchange: Saturday 19th November 10am - 12pm.

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Bible Study Live and via Zoom - Wednesday 9th, 23rd and 30th November at 7pm with Rev Emma and also via zoom

'Caton and Friends of Ukraine'. This group meet on 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month between 2-4pm for coffee and cake, offering support for both Host's and Guest's from Ukraine

'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

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

CATON BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Alan Wandsworth - Tel 01524 771371 Church Website - catonbaptist.org

More details on our website and Facebook page. Caton Baptist Church

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

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 and speakers for November are -

2nd Mr Andrew McMahon, a representative from SASRA (Soldiers and Airman Scripture Readers) telling of his work.

16th: Mrs Debbie Fralick.

30th. Janet Chapman a representative from OMF (Overseas Missionary Fellowship)

We look forward to seeing you.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Tom Mason - I would like to thank all those who sent cards and good wishes on my 90th Birthday, 7th October

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THE ROTARY CLUB OF LUNESDALE

A note for your diary - on Saturday 10th December at 7.30pm the Club will host a Christmas Carol Concert by The Kendal Male Voice Choir in the Lunesdale Hall, New Rd, Kirkby Lonsdale, LA6 2BG, watch out for posters giving details.

One of the biggest problems the world is currently facing is protecting environments against global warming. We have all seen the dreadful scenes on TV of raging fires, devastating storms and huge areas suffering the effects of catastrophic flooding. These appalling events beg the question "What can we as individuals do against such overpowering forces?". At the club meeting on 6th October a discussion was held to examine this very question. Governments around the world are slow to take on board the huge but growing problem and some even seem unwilling to accept that it is happening. Rotary has, as a worldwide organisation, adopted the Environment as its 7th Area of Focus. With this very much as a priority the club has arranged a second public meeting (the first was held a year ago) to be held at the Hornby institute on Wednesday 15th February when environmental issues will be debated by agricultural and environmental experts. If you are interested then watch out for further details early in the new year. Meantime if you want to try a few simple ways to help eliminate these problems, if only in a small way, here are a few suggestions: Use reusable bags, cartons and drinks containers, recycle, save electricity especially by turning off unnecessary lights, save water - both of the latter will save you money. Walk whenever possible rather than take the car- another benefit from this saving is of course you will benefit from some exercise. Reduce the amount of printing you do or print on both sides of the paper. Take a look at "fast web.com" for the fast 8 simple ways to help the environment. These are just a few simple ways that each of us, as individuals, can do our bit to help save the environment and our beautiful planet.

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If you're new to the village and aren't aware of B4RN Community fibre broadband then please check out b4rn.org.uk If you're in an existing long-term contract with another provider with less than 12 months to run, you'll be able to get B4RN for £5 a month until that contract runs out with B4RN's Connect+. Note that your Connect+ application MUST be approved before you go live as you can't apply retrospectively.

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TREE FELLING ON THE CATON GREENWAY:

STATEMENT FROM LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

The trees along the Low Mill section of the Caton Greenway were planted some 40 years ago as part of the land reclamation scheme to improve the area. The County Council as landowners have a responsibility for public safety, and following a recent survey it has been recommended that the avenue of Italian Alders be removed due to their instability. A combination of tall, top heavy trees growing on thin soils makes them very vulnerable to gales, which seem to be becoming more frequent and increasing in strength.

During Storm Arwen of November 2021, six trees were blown over, hitting an adjacent property. Around 12 years ago the County Council had planned to thin out the trees by removing approximately one third of them. This work would have slowed the upward growth of the trees and we would have been left with shorter, squatter and more stable trees. However, this work was never carried out due to local opposition. Whilst nobody wants to cut trees down, there are occasions when, for good management purposes trees do need to be removed. Sadly the consequences of the local pressure led to a situation that was inevitable. The trees were not thinned out, they continued to compete with each other for light, they became very tall and became unstable on the thin, old railway line soil - and sadly they now all need to be removed. The Forestry Commission agree with our views and have subsequently provided us with a Felling Licence, the permission we need to deliver the works. The licence also includes a replanting plan which will see a mixture of native broadleaf trees planted, including oak, birch, cherry, hazel and mountain ash. This planting mixture will be more in keeping with the local landscape and provide greater benefits to local wildlife. The timber and brash (branches) from the felling operations will be chipped and used to produce renewable energy in sustainable wood fired boilers or made into panel-boards. Any income from the sale of the timber will be used to offset works costs and be used to pay for replanting.

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