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ISSUE FOR OCTOBER 2023

PARISH COUNCIL

Contact the Parish Clerk Gill Mason on 07882 949110 or email catonparishcouncil@gmail.com

Planter at top of Brookhouse Road Thank you to Chris Lennon who has made and installed a new planter near the bus stop at the Black Bull, on behalf of the Parish Council.

Replacement litter bins Some litter bins have been replaced, mainly with larger bins which should need to be emptied less often. The vandalised bin at the layby on Quernmore Road has been replaced too. We are identifying other bins which need urgent replacement, such as the one at the Sycamore Road bus shelter.

Footpaths The Parish Council wants to survey footpaths in the parish, and plan work to repair or replace stiles, deal with nettles etc. We need volunteers to help with this. Please contact Ron Gibbons in the first instance on 01524 770002 or 07732 543575. The Parish Council has just authorised work to replace the vandalised kissing gate at the eastern end of the Greenway.

Ginnel between Fell View and Broadacre The Parish Council is trying to get Lancashire County Council Highways to resurface this heavily-used path.

Solar-powered Speed Indicator Devices Councilors are exploring cost-effective ways of acquiring solar-powered SPIDs to replace or supplement the existing battery-powered kit.

Hornby Road Car Park The car park next to Boots has been partially resurfaced and some of the white lines repainted. We will try to get the rest done!

Union flag for the War Memorial A flag will be ordered in time for Remembrance Sunday.

Next meeting of the Parish Council Tuesday 10th October 7pm in the Victoria Institute. Residents are welcome to attend the whole meeting, and may use the Open Forum at the start of the meeting to raise matters of local concern.

Play Park at Fell View - Progress

The Parish Council is delighted to report that we have been given grants to help with the refurbishment of the Play Park. £750 from the Duchy of Lancaster Benevolent Fund and £1500 from the local volunteer group at BARN (for the replacement of the three picnic benches). We are very grateful for their support. We are also applying to the Lancashire Environmental Fund, but won't find out until December if we have been successful. Don't forget that you can donate too - Bank code 60-83-01, Account 20471622, Name Caton with Little Parish Council. Please enter PlayPark as the reference. Or if you would prefer to contribute cash or a cheque, money can be left with Peter Collins at the Victoria Institute. All donations will be used only for the Play Park. And our volunteers have now put in over 100 hours of work clearing encroaching vegetation, weeding and pruning. This phase is now complete, and we should be able to keep the Play Park tidy with monthly work parties. The next big job will be moving and spreading Cushionfall - no dates yet.

FIRST SATURDAY LITTER PICK

A group of residents get together on the first Saturday of every month to pick up litter and tidy the villages. The meeting place is outside the Victoria Institute at 10am, 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, or have any queries, please contact Judy Powell on 771154. Rubbish bags, bag holders, and litter pickers are provided, and it is a good idea to bring your own gloves. Hi-viz vests (various sizes) also available on request. Next session: Saturday 7th October.

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See BMC news for this month's
dates

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We had a fantastic time at our September meeting with a visit from Kate Bargh who gave us a talk and demonstration of how to make flavoured drinks, chutneys and jams. We got to taste gooseberry vodka, rhubarb and ginger gin, sloe gin and elderflower cordial. They were all delicious and all chose a favourite. She gave good tips on how to make jam successfully and we got all the recipes so hopefully you know someone in the WI who will make some and let you have a taste. Otherwise you'll have to join our group to get the secrets! Joining our group is easy. You can come to a couple of meetings without committing to join to see what they are like. We meet once a month (1st Thursday) 7:30pm at the Victoria Institute and our next meeting is on the 5th October. It's a great place to socialise and learn something new. At our next meeting we elect our committee members and will have a fun quiz but we are mostly looking forward to our competition: everyone will bring a sweet treat to show and, after we've chosen the winner, we will eat them! There will be sugar-free options too. Please check out our two other October events listed below.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Caton Women's Institute will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning at the Victoria Institute on Saturday 7th October 10.30-12noon. This is the perfect chance to catch up over a cuppa and a slice of something delicious for a great cause. The money raised will support Macmillan's vital work funding amazing Macmillan nurses, their Support Line, and their financial support service. The coffee morning is free for all to attend so bring your family and friends along. A donation box and card machine will be available. If you would like to bring cakes to donate on the day, or help, this would be very welcome.

MACRAME WORKSHOP

Following on from our recent meeting, where Louise Stevens gave an excellent demonstration of Macrame, the Women's Institute are pleased to be having a workshop with Louise to make either a candle holder or candle holder. The workshop will be held in the Victoria Institute on Saturday 7th October from 11-1pm. The cost will be £10 (£12 non-members) for the candle holder and £12 (£14 for non-members) for the plant hanger to cover room hire and materials. Louise is a very clear teacher so fingers crossed we get all our knots in the right places and enjoy a craft that was popular when some of us were younger and which is currently back in fashion. If you would like to attend, make sure you book your place with Ruth 07711 366597.

AFFORDABLE CHRISTMAS FAIR VICTORIA INSTITUTE, CATON

Tables available for the Affordable Christmas Fair on Saturday 25th November 10am-5pm. If you're an artisan with a business, a craft hobbyist who just likes to spread joy with the things you make, or you want to raise money for your favourite charity with handmade things, get in touch. Please note, all items MUST be priced at £10 or less for the Affordable Christmas Fair. Items for sale must be new and handmade. Tables £7 each. We're also looking for volunteers to make lovely cakes for our refreshment stall. Monies raised will go towards the Victoria Institute. Call Alison: 07359135612

CHRISTMAS DINNER

MONDAY 25TH DECEMBER 2023, 1.30 PM AT THE VICTORIA INSTITUTE Brookhouse Community Church invite any Senior Citizens who live alone and will be spending Christmas Day on their own to a Christmas Meal at the Victoria Institute at 1.30pm. The cost will be £10 per person which will include a 3 course meal followed by coffee and tea. (If you have any specific dietary needs, please let us know when booking). Booking and payments are to be made by the 30th November. Please speak to Peter Collins at the Victoria Institute on 01524 771733 to book and obtain a ticket. (If paying by cheque please make it payable to Brookhouse Community Church). Transport can be provided if necessary. Please note that there will be limited places.



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The Trustees would like to thank the individuals who have kindly made donations towards the rewire project. We are nearly there with raising the required funds, details are available on our website, further donations are still very welcome. The work is planned to take place April 2024.

THIS MONTHS HIGHLIGHTED GROUPS

HEALTH & FITNESS

- Chair based exercise Monday 9:00-10:00
- Pilates with Carol Monday 6:00-7:00 & Tuesday 9:00-10:00 & 7:00-8:00
- Pickleball Monday 7:30-9:00 & Thursday 7:00-9:00
- Circuits & Pilates Wednesday 6:45-8:00
- Hot Cat Pilates Thursday 9:30-10:30
- Dru Yoga Thursday 10:00-11:00

CATON COMMUNITY LIBRARY & IT ROOM

Holiday Closure Dates

The Library/IT will be closed from 12noon on Thurs 5th October and reopen on Mon 16th October.

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

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FREE TO ADVERTISE 'FOR SALE' BOARD Sell items for free on the noticeboard in the Victoria Institute. Collect a form from Peter in the Library/IT Room to advertise your items.

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 Tuesday & Thursday 10:00am to 12:00 noon You can email us on: admin@victoria-institute.org.uk Further information can be found at www.victoria-institute.org.uk or follow us: <https://www.facebook.com/victoria.institute.caton/>

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School is in full swing at the start of term with lots of exciting learning taking place. Our 25 Reception children have settled beautifully and it's great to see them joining in with worship, taking part in PE sessions and exploring their new outdoor environment. Our first community event is the harvest festival on Friday 29th September at 9:30am in St Paul's Church. This year, we are focusing on courageous advocacy, exploring food miles and celebrating people who have made a difference with their actions. Each class will deliver an input and there will be school's artwork displayed in the Church.

We have again signed up to the Lune Valley sports partnership, as well as Lancaster and Heysham. This gives all our children the chance to represent the school at sporting events. Our outdoor-ed calendar is set with Y6 starting us off caving in Long Churn in October. The choir are meeting twice a week and preparing to go to perform at the Manchester Arena in February. Our extra-curricular clubs are up and running with 14 on the timetable; sports clubs, music clubs, eco clubs, computing clubs and wellbeing clubs seem to be the most popular.

Our **Pre-school** continues to flourish with our new 3-year olds settling well. The outdoor area has been tarmacked and they now have a new stage, as well as other exciting outdoor equipment to play with. Both our staff have a strong knowledge of phase one phonics and are experienced in helping children to settle quickly. If you are interested in a Pre-school visit, please ring 01524 770241 to book.

COMMUNITY CHOIR

The Lune Valley Voices meet weekly on Wednesdays in the Victoria Institute, 7pm-9pm including tea break. Singing is good for you, no experience necessary, all songs taught by ear so no need to read music. Everyone can sing, even those that believe they can't. First session free - £7 thereafter. Just turn up or email anni.tracy5@gmail.com

CATON AND BROOKHOUSE FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Our August coffee morning raised £110 for St John's Hospice; well done everyone. The visit to Southport and Southport Flower Show was enjoyed by gardeners and shoppers alike and everyone is currently looking forward to visiting York on September 21st. The October outing is now a mystery tour as the visit to Keswick will now be in December combined with a cream tea in Grange. There are currently no spaces on any of the outings this year, if you would like to join us from January please contact Ally Whitfield, 01524 770827 / 07738912923 for a membership form. We are a friendly and welcoming group with village events as well as monthly coach outings.

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CATON PRIMARY SCHOOL

At the beginning of September, we welcomed fourteen new children into our Reception class. They settled into school life seamlessly and we could not be more proud of them! They are certainly loving our fabulous, newly-refurbished early years outdoor area. The window for applications for Reception places for September 2024 is now open. It was wonderful to see so many people at our open afternoon on 15th September. If you have a child of pre-school age, didn't make the open afternoon and would like a tour of the school, just call the school office and this can be arranged.

We have an excellent range of enrichment clubs for our pupils to enjoy this term including: multisports and Parkour, run by professional coaches; Key Stage 2 forest schools; girls' STEM; school band practice; Lego club; eco club; chess club; running club; and choir. Year 5 will be completing Bikeability training at the end of September, and Reception and Key Stage 1 are enjoying weekly Forest School learning in our very own amazing forest.

Our teachers have planned lots of exciting learning for the first half of the Autumn term. Topics include: Class 1 - All about me; Class 2 - Our local area and the human body; Class 3 - Stone Age to Iron Age and rocks, fossils and stones; Class 4 - the Vikings and materials. Class 3 are also benefiting from weekly ukulele lessons, provided by the Lancashire Music service and the whole school is enjoying PE lessons provided by professional coaches. Our oldest children are attending weekly swimming lessons at Hornby pool and in French, they are learning about the weather. They will be recording weather forecasts that they will share with their friends in Socx. At the time of writing this, Year 6 are preparing for their very exciting residential trip to France. Watch out for more news on their adventures in November's edition of the Link or follow us on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/CatonPS> for regular updates.

Our PTA's first event of the year was a family 'Adventure Quest' around the village, followed by a barbecue. Lots of families took part, new families met existing families and it was a brilliant start to the PTA's social calendar. The start of term was tinged with sadness as we said goodbye to Mrs Smith. Suzanne has had a very long association with our school as a parent, a governor, welfare assistant, after school club leader and volunteer; her contribution has been immense. She has touched the hearts of so many in our school community with her kindness and care and she will be sorely missed. We wish her all the very best in her retirement.

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

INFINITY PRE-SCHOOL

We have welcomed our new children who have absolutely loved joining in with all the fun activities and spending time with their new friends. Children have been so excited, exploring with great intrigue and happiness. Our children returning after the summer break have all grown so much! They have welcomed each other after being apart for a few weeks over the summer. Children have returned to Pre-School with confidence and their usual eagerness to learn and to enjoy themselves.

We currently have a couple of spaces in our Outstanding Pre-School and are currently booking places from September 2024. Free spaces are available for eligible children to join us for 15 or 30 hours per week. Details about funded places and tax-free childcare can be found via www.childcarechoices.gov.uk. Contact Claire on 07746 857904 to enquire about joining Infinity.

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Coffee and Cakes :- Wednesday 11th October. 10 till 11.30am. £1.50

CATON BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Alan Wandsworth - Tel 01524 771371

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

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

Our Youth Service is on Sunday 8th October at 6:30pm The speaker will be Sam Hogarth with the usual brews and doughnuts served at the close. All very welcome.

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 Meeting - 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 all 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 require a lift. For any other enquiries or help with any matter phone Judith on 01524 770872. The speakers for October are - 4th Gina Ramsden Cornstone Church. 18th Rev Helen Scamman, St Paul's Church

We look forward to seeing you.

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 18months+. Come and join us for crafts, stories and singing with a brew for the mums (and dads). The cost will be £2.50 per session. For more information or to book your child's place please email - catoncraftytots@gmail.com. The date for this month is 13th October.

Advanced Notice

Saturday 9th December - Live nativity - Caton Baptist Church

Come and explore the Christmas story as you are led through the busy market place of Bethlehem during the time of the Census. Experience the sights and sounds of the night Jesus was born. With live animals, food, carols and a visual Christmas message. There will be five showings at 2.15pm, 3.00, 3.45, 4.30 and 5.15pm. No need to book. Open to all ages. Free entry.

THE LUNE VALLEY METHODIST HUB, BROOKHOUSE

Sunday Service 2nd September 10:30am - finishing with refreshments

Book and Jigsaw Exchange Saturday 21st October 10am-12pm With Coffee and biscuits choose a book or jigsaw, any donations go to charity.

Bible Study 7pm Wednesday's 11th and 25th October, (2nd and 4th Wed of each month).

Childrens Crafts are back for half term Wednesday 25th October 10-12pm, lots of craft activities with tea and toast.

Caton and Friends for Ukraine/Community Hub Meet on 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month 2-4pm. 7th October - Local Nature walk. 21st October - Repair café and basic bike maintenance.

Room Hire Main hall (12x10.5m) £18 per hour. Discount £13. £175 per day (3 rooms). Small room (6x4.5m) £10 per hour. Discount £8. Kitchen: Refreshments £10 per hour; Full use £15 per hour. £20 per session if using other rooms. If you would like to hire the building, please contact lunevalleymethodist@gmail.com or visit www.northlancsmethodist.org.uk.

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

CATON METHODIST CHAPEL

Weekly Sunday Service 10:30am We will worship at Caton apart from 1st October when we will be at Brookhouse. Everyone very Welcome.

Harvest Weekend Saturday 7th October 7pm, Andy and Keeley Lund. Followed by Supper.

Sunday 8th October 10:30am, Denis Yates. With coffee and cake.

Saturday Soup There will be no Saturday soup this month due to our Harvest

Crafts @ Caton Thursday 26th October between 10-12pm. Bring your craft items and have a chat over coffee.

Bible Study Live Fortnightly, 7pm is held at The Lune Valley Methodist Hub. Wednesday 11th and 25th October (2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month).

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

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On Saturday afternoon the 21st of October we will be holding a Family Party with a Bouncy Castle, party games, music, a picnic tea and so much more. There will be an 'Under the Water' themed fancy dress with a prize being awarded to the child with the best costume!

And in the evening of Saturday the 21st of October we are having a 'Sounds of the 70's' Party Night for 'grown ups' with all of your favourite hits! Dig out your 70's outfit and come and join the party with great music, licensed bar and a grand raffle!

Both of these events will be taking place at the Hornby Village Institute.

Tickets for the Family Party are available at the swimming pool reception and tickets for our 'Sounds of the 70's' Party Night can be bought online via our booking system

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

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

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

WRAY OVER SIXTIES will be organising a trip to Carlisle & Houghton Hall Garden Centre on Tuesday 17th October leaving Wray Institute at 9am, Brookhouse 9.10am, & Caton 9.15am. Returning to Wray approximately 6pm. Ring Margaret on 01524 770755 to book. Non-members are very welcome. Cost £15.

HORNBY PENSIONERS

Dominoes Evenings will be held on Oct. 14th, 28th on the ground floor of The Institute, beginning at 7pm. **Hornby Pensioners Trip** Tuesday 10th October. It is an Autumn tints excursion, stopping for coffee at Dobbie's Garden Centre at Dalton in Furness. This will be followed by a stop for lunch in Keswick, before an enjoyable sightseeing journey on our way back to Hornby. The first pick up point near Hornby Bank at 10am and our return will be no later than 6pm. £12 for members and £14 for non-members. Payment can be made to Kath Helme at the Institute on Tuesdays at 10-11am and Wednesdays from 10am until 12noon.

LUNESDALE PROBUS CLUB, HORNBY

On **Monday 2nd October** Sarah Drake from Cancer Care in Lancaster will talk to us about The Work of Cancer Care at Slynedales Lancaster. On **Monday 16th October** Roger Jump of the Lancashire Beekeepers Association will talk on Bees and Beekeeping. Guests always welcome, 10.15am at the Hornby Village Institute. Contact - Roger Carter 015242 22283.

GROW CATON

The lovely warm spell this month has given the gardens a bit of a late boost. The plants destined for winter crops have been able to establish well, and summer crops ripened ready for harvest. We are very grateful for those who contacted us to pick apples and damsons. There was a plentiful fruit harvest, and it has been a delight to share with neighbours and friends and leave some on the produce shelves. It has also been fabulous to see 'help yourself' boxes with produce popping up across the village. I hope that those of you who attended the preserving talk from the Gardening Club have been able to put the new skills into practice. We are hoping to help plant the orchard trees in the next few months, which will be our last activity before we start our winter rest.

There will be no more sowing this year and the seed swap box will overwinter at home and return next spring. A thank you to those who helped keep it topped up this year.

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B4RN NEWS

Our B4RN local volunteer group were able to receive 'Dig Grants' from B4RN for properties where volunteers dug through gardens and fitted house kits. From these dig grants we have distributed funds to a number of groups and causes in the village. We still have funds available and are looking for more local community groups to apply to us to help fund small purchases for their group. As an example, B4RN recently commenced providing a free service to St Paul's Church Hall and our group bought and fitted Wi-Fi equipment to cover the main hall. We're also funding benches for the Play Park. Please address all requests by email to b4rn4catonandbrookhouse@gmail.com
The group meet regularly throughout the year to consider requests.

CATON LEISURE CLUB

Following on from our fascinating 'Talks' last month we have another programme of stimulating speakers for October. Not only will you enjoy the 'Talks', but tea, coffee, biscuits and good company are on offer. If you haven't been before, do come along. You will be most welcome to join us. The programme for October is as follows:

2nd Brian Topping – Tales of a Customs Officer

9th Andrew Lowe – Lakeland Villages

16th Karen Stennet – The Hospice and YOU

23rd To be announced

30th Peter Logan – The French Riviera **PUT THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY NOW!**

Every Monday morning at 10.30am in the Victoria Institute. Members £3 Visitors £4

Chair Exercises continue with a slowly expanding group of energetic ladies taking their instructions from Norma, and thoroughly enjoying themselves. Come and join them! You don't need gym kit just turn up in loose fitting trousers and top, plus soft shoes; you will be doing a bit of 'shuffling'. It really works and you will soon see the difference. Every Monday morning from 9am to 10am Club membership £5 - Chair Exercises £2. Come along, join the Club and have the first session free.

Indoor Short Mat Bowling commences on Wednesday 11th October and runs weekly, every Wednesday until 12th December. This will be followed by another season in the New Year. From 10am to 12noon in the main hall of the Victoria Institute. With new mats, and bowls supplied it promises to be a good season. £3 per session for members. If you are not a member of the Club, come along, join the Club for £5 and have the first session free.

Poetry Reading. Sadly, this event was not a success. Only two members of the Club, and one non-member, turned up. Clearly Caton residents are not keen on Poetry; but what other leisure activities would they like to see taking place in the Victoria Institute? Drop a note into the office and it will be passed on.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I'd like to express my thanks and appreciation to the library volunteers in the Victoria Institute. Over the past year or so it has become a truly exceptional resource, with new books identified, book reviews, a very clear and helpful layout and a great children's section too. We are very lucky to have this resource and it is all down to the knowledge and hard work of the volunteers who are often around and happy to have a chat and make book suggestions. If you haven't used our library, please do visit - you're in for a treat. Kate Houghton

VILLAGE WEBSITE

The village website is provided by the Parish Council. Local organisations are invited to provide contact information and details of their activities. Local firms can have a listing free-of-charge. Please check what - if anything - we have for you already. If you need updating, please contact the web content administrator. To create a completely new entry, you can register for an account or else get in touch with the web content administrator through the contact tab on the website.



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