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## LOCAL NEWS OF CATON & BROOKHOUSE



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#### LINK DELIVERY

On behalf of the Link team and the residents of Low Mill, many thanks to David Sellars who has delivered the Link to residents there for many years. David is now handing over to another Low Mill resident to ensure continuity of delivery. We are always grateful for volunteers for our standby list. Please contact Link distribution at the bottom of this page.

#### PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Laura McGowan. Phone: 07394 060777. Email: [clerk@catonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@catonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

**Evening buses** Following pressure from your local councillors and the Lancaster Bus Users Group, an evening bus service between Lancaster and Hornby starts on 2 Sep. Mon to Sat, no service Sun or Bank Holidays. Full timetables will be available from the Victoria Institute. The additional buses will leave Lancaster bus station at 1952, 2052, 2152 and 2252 returning from Hornby, Swimming Pool at 2022, 2122 and 2222. Let's make sure these buses are well-used!

**Hedges** Residents and landowners are required to cut hedges and bushes back so they do not obstruct roads and pavements. This is so that pedestrians can walk safely along a pavement without dodging branches and brambles, and drivers can see well at corners and junctions. The Parish Clerk is writing to premises which are causing a problem. If there is no action, Lancashire County Council may get involved, and they have the right to carry out essential work and charge the property owner. Please inform the Parish Clerk of any overgrown hedges or bushes obstructing roads and pavements in our parish.

**Road safety** The Parish Council is working on a list of the main road safety concerns in our parish, intending to present them to Lancashire County Council as a package for road improvements and speed limits. We are assured that the accident black spot at Bull Beck will be addressed this financial year

**Fell View Play Park** It is hoped that the autumn will see work to remove the rotten timbers and replace them with a grassed slope and fence.

**Greenway** A surfaced path will be laid to improve access to the new picnic table at the bridge over the Artle Beck. Further work is planned in coming months to repair or replace gates, repair walls and cut hedges.

**Next Parish Council meeting** Tuesday 10th September, 7pm, Lune Valley Methodist Hub. Residents are welcome to attend, and may raise issues of local concern in the Open Forum at the start of the meeting.

#### COLLECT YOUR FRESH, LOCAL AND SEASONAL FOOD FROM LUNE VALLEY METHODIST HUB

Have you heard about Gather? It's the brand-new North Lancs Food Hub - so called because it brings together local, seasonal food in one place online, and then distributes direct to the doorstep or convenient pick up points in the community - and one of them is the Lune Valley Methodist Hub in Brookhouse. Currently there are ten fantastic local producers and growers selling their delicious wares from organic fruit and veg, to pasture-fed cuts of beef, raw milk from a cow with calf dairy, traditional sourdough bread, pure honey from the Lune Valley as well as relishes and jams. All the suppliers on the hub are fully signed up to the Good Food Manifesto, which means they produce and grow 'low-mileage' food in a way that is good for people, place and planet. The hub is a pilot set up with a UK Government grant from the Shared Prosperity Fund, coordinated by LESS CIC in partnership with eggcup and aims to help create a thriving local food system connecting local, small-scale producers with new customers. The shop opens weekly from 2pm on Fridays until 10am on Tuesdays with deliveries the following Friday. To find out more, visit [gatherhub.uk](http://gatherhub.uk)

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**PAINTING GROUP**  
 The painting group will meet on Thursday 5th & 19th September from 1.30 - 3.30pm at Lune Valley Methodist Hub. We are a friendly group and everyone is welcome whatever level of skill. If you do not have any equipment, please let me know and I can maybe help with this. We ask for a donation of £2.50 to cover costs. Tea & coffee is available. For further information contact Ruth 01524 770605

**CATON AND BROOKHOUSE FRIENDSHIP CLUB**  
 An interesting and exciting start to summer for the friendship club. An extraordinary meeting was called for May 23rd where members were informed that Ally's application for a National lottery award had been successful; we had been awarded £17,665.00. This means that the cost to members of all outings could be cut from £15 to £10, extras such as entrance fees would be covered by the club and there would be an increase in local get - togethers such as coffee mornings and lunches would be free to members. A buffet lunch was organised at the Station Hotel at the beginning of August which was well attended and very much enjoyed. We are planning two visits in September, on the 12th we will head to Keswick followed by afternoon tea at the Cumbrian Hotel in Grange and on the 19th a visit to Penrith and Lowther Park. October 3rd will find us back at the Station Hotel for a buffet lunch and on October 17th we will venture out on a Mystery Trip. For details of membership or further information please contact Ally Whitfield on 01524 770827 or 07738 912923

**CATON LEISURE CLUB**  
 Summer may be over BUT Caton Leisure Club re-commences on Monday 2nd September at 10am with the AGM. Each Monday you can be entertained, educated and enlightened at 10.15 for 10.30. with the following Speakers:- 9th Sid Calderbank Talks in Lancashire Dialect; 16th Norman Harris Aspects of India; 23rd Stephanie Webber Animal Care; 30th Graham Ransom Rambling Numbers. Annual Membership is just £5 with each talk costing £3 (Including Tea/Coffee, biscuits and friendship)  
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**SATURDAY 13TH JULY REOPENING CELEBRATION** A big thank you to the High Sheriff of Lancashire Helen Bingley for officially re-opening Caton Community Centre (Victoria Institute) following the closure for the rewire, also thanks to Lizzi Collinge MP for Morecambe and Lunesdale for attending the event and to everyone who came along.

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**GET IN TOUCH** For all enquiries contact Peter Collins the Community Centre Manager 01524 771733 Office Hours as library above. Email: [admin@victoria-institute.org.uk](mailto:admin@victoria-institute.org.uk).

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### 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 September**

### JOIN THE HARVEST WITH FOODFUTURES!

FoodFutures invites local groups to join this year's harvest activities. You can host events like fruit picking, apple pressing, preserving workshops, and harvest celebrations. Volunteers from the North Lancashire gleaning network will assist in harvesting fruit trees, and you can borrow telescopic apple pickers and apple presses for free. Community groups can also apply for grants to support their events. Key events include Lancaster's Harvest Market on Sep 13, a fruit picking day with Lancaster and Morecambe College, and apple pressing at schools with a mobile apple press. Excess fruit from private and community gardens can be dropped off at Eggcup's warehouses in Lancaster and Morecambe. Contact Jay Godden at [jay\\_CL@eggcup.org](mailto:jay_CL@eggcup.org). More information can be found at FoodFutures Share the Harvest.

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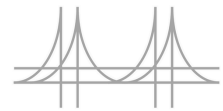
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We were blessed with dry weather for our summer fair and it turned out to be a brilliant community event. The playground was packed and we managed to raise about £1500 for our PTA, mostly through people throwing wet sponges at Mr Gittins. A huge thank you to all involved for organising this, especially Julie Pearson who works tirelessly for our PTA. Our Y6 children thoroughly enjoyed their cultural experience in Edinburgh on their residential. They visited a museum, a science exhibition, Edinburgh Castle and watched 'The Life of Pi' at the theatre. Our summer production of Let Loose was fantastic with the children singing, dancing and acting their hearts out – the atmosphere was amazing with lots of laughter amongst the audience. We don't charge for parents to watch their children perform but instead, raised around £240 which was donated to the Foodbank in Morecambe Bay.

Over summer, we are having a full replacement of our pitched roofs above Sapphire, Emerald and Topaz classes. These roofs have been brittle for a while and will be given a lift with new slates, fascias, soffits and pipes. This work will begin over summer and should be completed by the end of September. All classes will be ready for when the children return to school on Tuesday 3rd September. As some of our Pre-school children have now left to start school, we have some spaces available in our Pre-school for September. If your child is 3, or turning 3 in the Autumn term, why not come and have a look to see what we can offer? We are a small Pre-school with two full-time members of staff, meaning children are able to develop in a supportive environment. If you want a tour of school, and to see what Pre-school can offer, please email [head@stpauls.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@stpauls.lancs.sch.uk) or ring 01524 770241.

## CATON AND BROOKHOUSE GARDENING CLUB

We all enjoyed a wonderful trip to Iddons in August. The weather held out for us and we were hosted to a most entertaining visit. A guided tour of the garden and its amazing creations, a sculpting demonstration, fresh scones, plants for sale, good company and a free raffle were all on the menu. Exhausting but so enjoyable. On Thursday September 12th we kick off our Autumn season with a talk by Steve Garland on insects in the garden. This will be a blockbuster start to our speaker season as Steve has credentials as long as your arm. He is the ex chairman of the Lancashire Wild Life Trust and the current chairman of the North Lancs Wild Life group. His knowledge of insects is amazing, his enthusiasm is infectious and we are very lucky to have him come and speak to us. All are welcome, members and non-members (£1/£2 entry respectively) so please do consider coming along - you are sure to enjoy a convivial evening with refreshments provided. The venue is St Pauls Church Hall and we begin at 7pm.

## GROW CATON

The summer weather arrived in August and we finally admitted that it had been a rubbish growing season up till then. Now with more warmth and light our veggie plants have started to grow and do what they are meant to do, produce! Some have struggled and never quite got there, but the later sown ones are happily catching up. Our group has been comparing the joys and challenges of what we were growing and unanimously agreed that slugs are on top of the bad list this year. If you have been growing things for the first time this year then take heart, it usually is a lot easier and more fun. The challenges have meant though that every tomato, cucumber, bean and pea we've picked has been appreciated more than before. Our group is looking forward to harvests and we have been happily swapping the first windfall apples and jam jars in anticipation of more to come and preserve some for winter. To make up for the lack of own grown produce, it is great we now have locally grown, seasonally fresh produce delivered weekly to the village. It is worth checking out what you can order through <https://foodfutures.org.uk/gather/>. To join us on WhatsApp, learn more or offer fruit for picking: email [growcaton@outlook.com](mailto:growcaton@outlook.com), contact Anne 771470 or Brigitte 770771

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September marks the **50TH ANNIVERSARY** of the school. We are planning a special celebration event and **OPEN MORNING** for pupils past, present and future which will take place on Saturday, 5th October from 10am to 1pm. Tours of the school will be throughout the morning and there will be an exhibition of the school past and present. Cream teas will be served, there will be fabulous entertainment for all and a special visit from the renowned artist Chas Jacobs! Check out our Facebook page nearer the time for more information. In advance of the event, we would love to hear from anyone who has attended or worked at the school so that we build our exhibition of memories to share on the day. Please do get in touch as soon as possible! We hope to see lots of people there, including families who are considering schools for their children in September 2025.

Exciting trips last term: Year 3 and 4 carried out some excellent fieldwork at Bowness, Reception Class had a very enjoyable trip to Leighton Moss Nature Reserve and Class 2 and Class 4 had some very exciting and fun-filled days ghyll scrambling, paddling and canoeing at The Big Adventure in Coniston. Year 6 pupils very much enjoyed their transition day at Arkholme. Sporting success: Key Stage One orienteering teams gained gold and bronze medals and our Key Stage Two cross country team were placed 2nd overall and brought back two gold and two silver medals. We took full advantage of the General Election to deepen our children's understanding of democracy. Year 5 and 6 pupils analysed the various political parties' manifestos and then devised their own. They formed their own political parties, delivered very impressive speeches at a whole school hustings and canvassed support in the playground with persuasive literature. We then held our very own election with voting booth and official count! Congratulations to the winning Bright Party. Policies and manifestos on the school website. In June, 3-1-5 provided a water-safety workshop for the whole school. Our choir enjoyed singing at St Paul's Church pastoral service in July. As the theme was 'hope' it was a good opportunity to perform 'Any Dream Will Do' from our summer production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat. The production was a great success and the children performed to packed audiences, including the Deputy Mayor of Lancaster. Thank you to everyone who came to support the children. We have received such lovely comments about the children's performances and these are greatly appreciated.

We closed our doors for the summer with our end of year assembly in which we presented trophies for achievement in various aspects of school life and said goodbye to our wonderful Year 6s. We're very proud of each and every one of them. They now move on with confidence and a sense that they are unique and precious individuals who have something to share with this world. They will take with them their academic achievements but, more importantly, happy memories of trips and of playing on the field, of performing on the stage, of learning with laughter and of friendships. We wish them luck in their secondary school adventures.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our new Reception starters in September. They settled in brilliantly on their induction afternoons and we have no doubt that they will do just the same in September. Our PTA summer fair will take place on Friday, 13th September from 3:15pm until 7pm. Everyone welcome.

### CATON SPORTS ASSOCIATION/CATON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

Prize draw results... Congratulations to the following for winning recent draws. June '24 - Iain Lightfoot - £50 July '24 - Greg Brayshaw - £50 August '24 - Fiona Hodgson - £50 Gift of Sight Appeal - As you may have seen in previous additions of the Link that We have been raising vital funds for the Gift of Sight Appeal and the club by walking up Helvellyn at the start of June. The page was closed recently and a grand total of £2456.37 was raised! Thank you for your kind donations! Sponsorship - We offer pitch side advertising at £150 per 12 months. We have teams from Cumbria to Manchester visiting Caton throughout the season... why not advertise your company with a pitch side banner. Email [info@catonsports.co.uk](mailto:info@catonsports.co.uk) for more information. Volunteers - We are on the look out for more help in around the club, and would love to welcome more volunteers. Please get in touch if you are interested!

### LEIGHTON HALL APPLE DAY

Family Fun Day Celebrating National Apple Day Sun 20th October 2024 10am - 3pm Activities, tastings, crafts, demonstrations, stalls, refreshments, makers and marketplace Family Friendly Pricing: Accompanied children: preschool (0 - 4yrs) free, primary (5 - 11yrs) £2, over 11yrs - adult just £4. Event will take place rain or shine. Leighton Hall, Carnforth, Lancs, LA5 9ST

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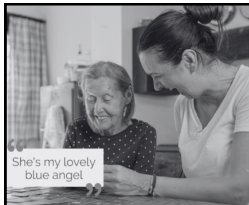
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The 4th of September sees the return of the monthly Coffee Mornings at St Paul's Church Parish Hall. This will start at the traditional time of 10.30. The Coffee Mornings give people the opportunity to meet friends and neighbours and exchange news and views. There will be the regular attractions of a quiz, a raffle and a number of stalls. The September Coffee Morning is to support the work of the St John's Hospice Movement which helps people who have a terminal illness. You are most welcome to join us for coffee, tea or cold drinks and biscuits. The July Coffee Morning raised £94.50 for the Fairtrade Organisation. Thanks go to all those who helped to raise the money for this worthwhile cause.

### ST PAUL'S CHURCH BROOKHOUSE

Come along to our **Welcome to School All Age Service, on 1st September at 10am**, where we will be especially welcoming all those in our village who are starting at primary school in the next term. We will be sharing in all age worship, giving out storybooks to our new starters, and finishing with cakes and games in the Church Hall afterwards. All are welcome of whatever age! You are welcome to come to St Paul's for our services **every Sunday at 10am**. The first Sunday of the month is All Age Worship, led by the children, and the following Sundays are Communion Services, with Sunday Club for the children (except during school holidays). All are welcome to join us for our services and for refreshments afterwards. **St Paul's Youth Group 'SPY' will be starting up again on 19th September at 4pm in the Church Hall**. SPY is open to all those in Year 6 and above. If you would like to come along, please can parents fill in a registration form, available from Helen Scamman. Our **Harvest service** will be held on Sunday, 6th October, at 10am so do come along! If you would like to get in touch with Helen Scamman, the Vicar, for any reason, please contact her on vicar@stpaulscaton.org.uk or ring 01524770300. **Our Village Graveyard** We have received agreement from Blackburn Diocese that we can do some works in the graveyard, including remodelling the graveyard wall, and removing the excess stone. If we have enough finance, we also hope to lay a new path in the lower part of the new graveyard. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of this, we would love to hear from you. For any donations, please make reference to the fact that this is for graveyard upkeep, so that we are able to allocate your gift accordingly. Payments are payable to Caton St Pauls PCC, Charities Aid Foundation, Sort Code 40-52-40, Account No 00036642, cheques payable to Caton St Paul's PCC, and can be put in the small safe in the church, or posted to Rev Helen Scamman, 153 Brookhouse Road, Brookhouse, LA2 9NX.

### ST PAUL'S CHURCH HALL UPDATE

As some of you will be aware there have been many developments at St Paul's Church Hall recently. BARN have kindly installed the internet which is free to Hall users. The Hall has been redecorated and the building has been reclad and insulated. Money from the CO-OP Local Causes initiative enabled us to purchase a full set of new chairs. In March the floor was relayed so that overall the interior of the Hall has now been completely renovated. Courtesy of the Cottam Trust a mobile defibrillator has been placed within the Hall in case of emergencies. All these improvements make the Church Hall an ideal place for children's parties, private functions or social groups. For Hall Hire email phrawsthorn@hotmail.co.uk

### CATHOLIC CHURCH STATION YARD

Holy Mass Saturday at 6.00pm. Holydays of Obligation Mass on eve of Holyday at 6.00pm.

### THE LUNE VALLEY METHODIST HUB, BROOKHOUSE

Sunday Service 10:30am 8th Sep with Barry Catlow This is an All-Age Worship Services - followed by refreshments. Please contact lunevalleymethodist@gmail.com for Hall Hire  
Saturday Soup 7th September 12:30pm Homemade soup and cakes £3.00 per person  
Book and Jigsaw Shop Saturday 21st September 10am-12pm With Coffee and biscuits  
Bible Study Wednesday 7pm 11th and 25th September, (2nd and 4th Wed of the month)

### WHAT'S ON AT CATON METHODIST CHAPEL

Weekly Sunday Service 10:30am, Except on 8th September, when we will be at Brookhouse  
Saturday Soup 7th Sep 12:30pm Homemade soup and cakes Lune Valley Methodist Hub £3pp.  
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Pastor Alan Wadsworth - Tel 01524 771371 Church Website - [catonbaptist.org](http://catonbaptist.org). We continue to meet for worship on Sundays at 10.30am and 6.30pm. Sunday School and 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 number above.

**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 a biscuit afterwards. All ladies from the village and further afield are welcome to join us and transport can be arranged if you need a lift. For any other enquiries or help with any matter phone Judith on 01524 770872. We look forward to seeing you. The speakers for this month are :- 4th Pastor Alan Walworth, 18th Dawn Eccleston (Street Pastors).

### Ukraine collection day at Caton Baptist Church.

Sadly the needs in certain parts of the Ukraine are as bad as they were at the beginning of this dreadful war with Russia. We have decided to hold another collection day for the Ukraine at Caton Baptist on Saturday 7th September 10am - 2pm. We are looking for goods that can be distributed immediately on the front lines, Practical Aid Priorities List - Food: Pasta, rice, tinned meat, tinned fish, tinned veg, flour, cooking oil, salt, biscuits (with 1 year's best before date) Medical: First aid kits, plasters, bandages, dressings, gauze, surgical gloves, masks, antiseptic creams, paracetamol, ibuprofen, Calpol etc. Toiletries: Soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, flannels, shampoo, sanitary towels, nappies, incontinence pads. Clothing and Footwear: for all ages, new or used but clean please. Camping Equipment: sleeping bags, tents including small two man tents, camping stoves and cylinders, camping cutlery, torches, batteries, LED lights, candles, generators, power packs. Household Items: cutlery, crockery, kettles, towels, bedding. For more information please contact Pastor Alan 07971 634330 or Stephen 07585 440563.

**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](mailto:Catoncraftytots@gmail.com). The cost will be £2.50 per session. The dates for this month are 13th and 27th.

**Coming soon** - Come along and enter our Harvest Bake Off on Saturday 5th October. Details not quite finalised at time of print for the Link, please see our Facebook/instagram for more info. On Sunday 6th there will be a special all age visitors service.

### BROOKHOUSE COMMUNITY CHURCH

**Sunday Worship:** 10:45 at the Victoria institute. Junior church and crèche at the ready.

**Meet to eat:** ready, steady, cook- it's back! Friday 13th September 12:30 at the Victoria institute £5 per person. **'Tiddlywinks' Toddler group:** put away your shades and sunscreen (you didn't need them anyway did you) and toddle back to Tiddlywinks to be greeted by the sunny smiles of those golden oldies...Elaine, Jim and Mary. Starting again Thursday 5th September 10-11:30am at Brookhouse church hall £2:50 per family.

### ANIMAL CARE

Animal Care visited Caton St Paul's CE Primary School to deliver a session on the five welfare needs of animals. WCF Cloughton has nominated Animal Care to receive their WCF Community Awareness Partnership Award. A cheque for £250 was presented to Steph for Animal Care and Skye, the blue French bulldog. In June, Animal Care's supporters and staff enjoyed a rather wet but wonderful Cross Bay walk. More than £1400 was raised. **Animal Care Nativity and Carol Service on Friday 13th December at 6.30pm** in The Priory Church, Lancaster. It will be led by the Vicar of Lancaster and feature several local Primary Schools - and it promises to be a wonderfully festive and charming fundraising event. Tickets available in September. **Have you re-homed an animal from us?** Could you tell us what happened? We want to feature happy-ever-after stories in our first-ever Animal Care Nativity and Carol Service. We are looking for YOUR stories of how you and your beloved pet got together. We would love to see photos of your pet in their loving forever home. We will pick some of your stories to feature in the Animal Care Nativity and Carol Service - if your story is chosen you will receive TWO FREE TICKETS to the Carol Service. Send your story to [steph@animalcare-lancaster.co.uk](mailto:steph@animalcare-lancaster.co.uk) or write in to Steph Weber, Animal Care, Blea Tarn Road, Scotforth, Lancaster LA2 ORD with a contact name and number. Only 1000 words or fewer. Send your entry by 31st October 2024 midnight deadline.

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The consultation period runs until Friday 20 September 2024 and an online survey has been set up to capture people's views. To comment online, search on the Lancaster City Council website. Or come along to the exhibition and drop-in session at the Victoria Institute on Tuesday 10th September 3-7pm.

### LUNE VALLEY SWIMMING POOL- HORNBY GOOD NEWS!

After the summer refurbishment of the pool we are pleased to say that it is now fully open. This is a fully costed improvement plan with long term benefits and will ensure the building is sustainable into the future. We are also very pleased to announce that we have now recruited three new Trustees to join the LVCS team. They are Hazel Mee, Julie Thornhill and Paul Kenyon. Finally the Trustees, pool staff, supporters and pool users would like to pay tribute to David Collins who after many years as our 'technical' Trustee has stepped down. Dave was our longest serving trustee and became involved with the project to rescue and restore the pool for the community from day one, We thank him for his service and send him our sincere best wishes for a well-deserved retirement from active community service.

### HORNBY PENSIONERS

Dates for dominoes Sat 7th and 21st. Trip on Tues 10th Sep 10am start. We will travel to Lytham, where we can enjoy a wander around the many shops and cafes or take a leisurely stroll along the front. Later we will travel to Great Ecclestone, where we will be able to sample one of their renowned fish and chip teas. Coffee Morning on Sat 14th Sep 10am until noon.

### BROOKHOUSE BADMINTON CLUB

September sees the badminton season start once more. For anyone inspired by the sporting prowess of badminton athletes in the Paris Olympics, then I should warn you that Brookhouse isn't quite up to that standard, but we're a friendly club who all love our badminton and enjoy sharing it with folk who come along to our club nights. We meet up during term-time at Ripley St Thomas' Sports Hall in Lancaster (LA1 4RS) and our club night is on a Wednesday evening from 7-9pm. With four courts there is lots of chance to get games in mens and ladies doubles, plus mixed doubles too. All ages and abilities are welcome. Please note that under-18's must be accompanied by an adult throughout the whole session. First visit is free, and subsequent visits are £6 for adults and £3 for juniors. We also have two competitive teams playing regular doubles matches in the local league. If this appeals, then our team selection evenings also start in September 7-9pm at Ripley. Dates for your diary: match team selection begins on Tuesday 3 September, club night starts on Wednesday 4 September. Why not come down and have a go? Any questions, then do call Glenys on 0795 275 3047 or email glenysknowles@talktalk.net.

### BROOKHOUSE TAI CHI

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