

# LINK

## ISSUE FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

### LINK DELIVERY

On behalf of the Link team and the residents of Lancaster Road, Station Road and Ball Lane, many thanks to Louise Stafford who has delivered the Link to residents there over several years. Thanks also to Christine Lamb who has in recent times delivered to residents on Langdale. In both cases, other local residents have agreed to deliver the Link to those areas. We are always grateful for any volunteers. If you think you might be willing to volunteer please use the contact numbers for Link distribution at the bottom of this page.

### HELP YOUR VILLAGE HALL

The Victoria Institute is getting close to having sufficient funds to carry out the rewire project. Please help us to get to the finish line. If you would like to donate, our bank details are:- The Co-operative Bank; Account: VI General; Sort code: 089299; Account no: 65997365; Ref: Donation. Donations can also be made at the VI during the Library opening hours or by contacting the Community Centre Manager.

### TREASURER REQUIRED

The Victoria Institute is a charity and is run by a group of trustees, currently numbering 8 volunteers but we have space for more. If you would like to join this hardworking group, please contact Peter.

The Institute is looking for someone with financial experience to help with the day to day bookkeeping and accounts. Working with the Community Centre Manager, the key responsibilities are:- 1. To keep a record of day to day financial transactions 2. To issue invoices 3. To pay bills 4. To check bank statements and reconcile them with the Sage accounting system 5. To prepare (or have prepared) end of year accounts 6. To report the financial situation to the trustees regularly (at the monthly meeting if possible and at least quarterly) 7. To report on the end of year accounts to the AGM in co-operation with the Secretary to prepare the annual return to the Charity Commission. For further details, please contact Peter; admin@victoria-institute.org.uk or phone; 01524 771733

### FELL VIEW PLAY PARK: REFURBISHMENT AND FUND-RAISING

Caton-with-Littledale Parish Council is responsible for the maintenance and safety of our Play Park. The latest Safety Inspection flagged issues, and we have set about dealing with its recommendations. Some were tackled by volunteers working hard to tidy up, weed the ground, and prune the trees (88 hours so far). Others, such as replacing rotten decking, installing new swing seats, and ordering top up CushionFall material have been paid for from a reserve built up over the years. However, more than 12 years after the Play Park was built, we find ourselves facing heavy expenditure to replace some equipment and structures. The amount needed is more than the Parish Council had set aside for the purpose. Key items include £1500 to replace benches and tables, £6000 to replace rotting timbers in fences and banking, and over £7500 to remove and replace a much-loved play hut. So, we must ask local residents and businesses and charities for help to ensure this much-loved public amenity is available to our children for many more years to come. Our target is £10000, and you can contribute by paying direct into the Parish Council bank account: 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.

### FIRST SATURDAY LITTER PICK

A group of residents meet on the first Saturday of every month to pick up litter and tidy the villages. The meeting place is outside the Victoria Institute at 10.00 am, weather permitting. You decide how much time and whereabouts in the village needs some attention. Half an hour or an hour can –and does– make such a difference. If you have seen an area which would benefit from a tidy up, or have any queries, 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-vis vests (various sizes) also available on request. Next sessions: Saturday 2nd September.

### THE COMMUNITY HUB

We continue to meet on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month at Lune Valley Methodist Hub. We have a range of activities for all ages and it's the perfect chance to catch up with people from the village over a brew and a piece of cake. On the 2nd of September we are having a family fun day with an indoor bouncy castle, face painting and lots of fun activities for all. Come rain or shine the fun will go on. Free to all.

16th of September brings the return of the popular clothes swap, a chance to refresh your autumn wardrobe. Bring along your clean preloved clothes and swap them for good quality pre-loved items.

The Hub is open on Saturday 2-4 pm and is a friendly space for all and a chance to meet some of our Ukrainian friends who are staying in the area. Donations of cake are always gratefully received.

## LOCAL NEWS OF CATON & BROOKHOUSE

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Linking Caton and Brookhouse  
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### Baptist Church Artlebeck Bridge

10.30am: Morning Service  
and Sunday School

6.30pm: Evening Service

### Lune Valley Methodist Hub Formerly Brookhouse Methodist Church

Monthly services at  
10.30am and 7.00pm

See BMC news for this  
month's dates

### Caton Methodist Brookhouse Road

10.30am: Morning Service  
and Junior Church

### Catholic Church Station Yard

Holy Mass Saturday Evening  
at 6.00pm

Holydays of Obligation Mass  
on eve of Holyday at 6.00pm

### St Paul's C of E Brookhouse Sunday Communion Service

at 10.00am

All Age Worship, read and led  
by children: 1st Sunday of the  
month

Sunday Club in the Church  
Hall, term time Sundays

except 1st Sunday of month  
1st Wednesday of the month

Holy Communion at 10.00am

### Brookhouse Community Church

held at the Victoria Institute  
10.45am: Morning Service &  
Junior Church

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**CATON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**  
 Would you like to make new friends from in and around the village whilst learning new skills? Drop in to our next meeting at the Victoria Institute on Thursday 7th September at 7:30 where we will be learning about homemade drinks, chutneys and jams flavoured with seasonal fruits and getting to try some samples with Kate Bargh from Overton WI. We are a very friendly group of all ages and all visitors are welcome - you don't have to be a member to join in. If you want to see more of what we do then check out our Facebook page.

**CATON AND BROOKHOUSE FRIENDSHIP CLUB**  
 The visit to the Piece Hall in Halifax was slightly hampered by the setting up of equipment for a live event but was enjoyable as was the stop at Hebden Bridge on our homeward journey. In July, we visited the Bowes Museum and Barnard Castle. The museum was very popular, with the majority of members expressing a wish for a return visit next year. A coffee morning was held at the Station Hotel at the beginning of August to help raise funds for St John's Hospice. On September 21st we shall be visiting York and in October a mystery tour is planned. For further information on upcoming events or on membership please contact Ally Whitfield on 01524 770827 or 07738 912923

**BROOKHOUSE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
**Meet to Eat** :- Friday 1st and 15th Sept. 12-30pm. £5-00  
**Coffee and Cakes** :- Wednesday 13th Sept. 10-00 till 11-30am. £1-50  
**Youth Club** for children in school Years 2 - 6. It will start again on Thursday 7th September from 6pm - 7pm. Please note the change of venue - we are now meeting in the sports hall at Caton Primary. For further details please email [brookhousecommunitychurch@gmail.com](mailto:brookhousecommunitychurch@gmail.com).



**'Tiddlywinks' Toddler Group** If your days are filled with 'Incey wincey spider;' pop up books; and Tommee Tippee mugs then this is the place for you! Come and join us at Brookhouse Church Hall, 10 - 11.30am each Thursday. £2 / family. Light refreshments served by Jim and ably assisted by Mary and sometimes Elaine. We start again on Thurs 7th Sept. Enquiries: [pottyheads@gmail.com](mailto:pottyheads@gmail.com)  
**FAMILY FUN DAY**, Sat. 2nd Sept at Caton Primary playing field. Summer holidays slightly dragging now? Visited every Play Zone/Theme Park/child friendly Museum in the area? Then trot along to our free Family Fun Day at Caton Primary playing field. 2.30 - 5.00pm. Bouncy Castle; fair games and stalls; races; BBQ (serving from 4pm) Fun for all the family (come on, one last gasp for summer!)  
 For more info. go to [brookhousecommunitychurch@gmail.com](mailto:brookhousecommunitychurch@gmail.com)

**ST PAUL'S CHURCH BROOKHOUSE COFFEE MORNING**  
 The 6th 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, 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 £114.60 for the Fairtrade Organisation. Thanks go to all those who helped to raise the money for this worthwhile cause.

**VILLAGE PASTORAL SERVICE 11 TH OF JULY 2023**  
 I am delighted to announce that the sum of £87.55 was raised for the Alzheimer's Society at the July Pastoral Service. Thanks go to both those who contributed to the success of the Service and to those who donated money to this important Society.

**ST PAUL'S CHURCH**  
**3rd September, at 10am**, we are having a **Welcome to School** all age service - especially welcoming and praying for all those beginning reception in the term ahead. We'll be joining together for cake, drinks and games after the service in the Church Hall. ALL WELCOME, whether in Reception or not. Our new youth group, **St Paul's Youth or 'SPY'**, is beginning in September, open to young people from year 6 upwards. We will be meeting on **Thursday 21st September** at the vicarage, **153 Brookhouse Road**, from 4 pm onwards (just come when you can) until 6 pm, every two weeks. Parent/carer permission forms can be downloaded from [www.stpaulscaton.org.uk](http://www.stpaulscaton.org.uk) or e-mail Rev Helen Scamman at [vicar@stpaulscaton.org.uk](mailto:vicar@stpaulscaton.org.uk). We look forward to seeing you!  
 Services at St Paul's are held every Sunday, at 10am. Our all age service is on the first Sunday of the month. Following Sundays are Holy Communion, with Sunday Club for children. In September our Wednesday communion will be on 6th September at 10am in the church. All are welcome.

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**Opening Days and Times** Monday & Wednesday 10:00am to 12:00 noon & 1:00 to 3:00pm: Tuesday & Thursday 10:00am to 12:00 noon. The IT ‘Drop In’ facility, offers 4 computers, all with Internet access and Microsoft Office software. **COMPUTER USE COSTS** £1.50 per hour, 75p for ½ hour & minimum charge of 50p Cost per copy: - Scanning 10p

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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; You can email us on: [admin@victoria-institute.org.uk](mailto:admin@victoria-institute.org.uk); website: [www.victoria-institute.org.uk](http://www.victoria-institute.org.uk); Facebook.

### PARISH COUNCIL

**Hedges** Thank you to all the farmers and residents who have already cut back their hedges. Please make sure that hedges, trees and bushes on your land do not hang over the pavement or make it hard for drivers to see the road clearly.

**Bench on Brookhouse Road** Thank you to Trevor Renninson for repairing and refurbishing the popular wooden bench close to the Black Bull bus stop. Much appreciated!

**Artwork on the Greenway** (Millennium Way) At Caton Gala, there were comments about the artwork on the Greenway needing cleaning. So three councillors got together and washed the "Easel" at Artlebeck Bridge.

**Parking on pavements** was raised at Caton Gala and at our public meeting on highways and road safety. Whilst parking on pavements is a nuisance there is currently no legislation (outside London) to prevent it, providing that the footpath is not obstructed. Obstruction of the pavement is a subjective measurement but the police would normally interpret it as to prevent a person, whether walking, in a wheelchair or pushing a pram or buggy, from safely walking along a designated footpath. If a vehicle is judged to be either parked dangerously or causing an obstruction the registered keeper could receive a Fixed Penalty Notice. Report problem vehicles to the police on 101 - always give the registration number - and take a photo.

**EBikes and EScooters** At Caton Gala, residents asked the Parish Council about EBikes and EScooters on Caton Greenway (Millennium Way) and on pavements. A councillor has investigated, and very briefly EBikes are treated in traffic law in the same way as pedal bikes. So are fine on the Greenway. EScooters, Segways and such like are treated as motor vehicles and so are not legal on the Greenway. For more details of the legal position, see the village website. If you are concerned about illegal driving on the Greenway or elsewhere please contact the police.

The September PC meeting is on Tuesday 12th September at 7pm in the Victoria Institute. Residents are welcome to attend and in the Open Forum at the start of the meeting may raise local issues which need attention.

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## BROOKHOUSE BADMINTON CLUB

Fancy taking up a new sport, or maybe reconnecting after time out from playing? We are a friendly club always looking for more players, both for social games and match competition teams. Our venue at Ripley St Thomas Sports Hall in Lancaster has four courts so there will be lots of opportunities to play mixed, mens and ladies doubles, singles, and even just practise certain shots. Our new season starts on Wednesday 6 September, 7pm – 9pm.

Our two competition teams enjoyed a full season of matches in 2022/23 in the local Lancaster, Morecambe, and District Badminton League. There will be three selection evenings for players for the two teams, starting on Tuesday 5 September, 7.00 – 9.00pm.

Whether you are interested in playing for our match teams, or just want to play socially on a weekly basis, why not ring Glenys: glenysknowles@talktalk.net / 0795 275 3047

## CATON ST PAUL'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

We had the usual exciting end-of-term, as we waved goodbye to our fantastic Y6s in style. A lovely Church service was followed by lunch with parents and finished off with the traditional parade through Brookhouse and Caton – thank you to everyone who came out to line the streets and cheer our children on to the next step of their journey. We are very proud of the well-rounded, caring children they have become and wish them well as they start high school.

Our production of 'Goodbye My Friend' was a great success with full audiences and plenty of laughs and tears. Our Y5/6 children performed brilliantly!

We have a couple of opportunities to join our fantastic staff team. We are looking for someone to work in our after school club for 7.5hrs a week. We also need welfare hours – we can be flexible about which day. For both of these roles, please email head@stpauls.lancs.sch.uk for more information.

We held our summer fair just before the end of term – the awful weather meant we had to set up inside but this didn't stop over 150 parents and children having a wonderful time and raising over £1000 for our school PTA. Thank you to everyone involved and a special thanks to our PTA, especially Julie Pearson, who work tirelessly for our school.

We continue to promote sporting opportunities for our children and we finished the year in style at the Lancaster and Morecambe district athletics tournament at Salt Ayre. As the smallest school competing, finishing 3rd is a wonderful effort by all of our children. We also ended up with many medals, including district champions in 6 events!

Our Y6 residential to Edinburgh was a great success: we visited Edinburgh Castle, the National Museum of Scotland, Dynamic Earth, Camera Obscura and had an open-top bus tour, as well as eating out as a group and travelling by train from Lancaster. A great cultural experience.

We continued to enhance our curriculum with many other activities towards the end of term: Pre-school enjoyed a visit from Superball Paul, Reception and Y1 visited the Lakes Aquarium and Haverthwaite railway, Y3/4 went to Lancaster archives, as well as the climbing wall at Salt Ayre and Y6 attended the Lune Valley transition day at Arkholme School. Staff, children and parents have definitely earned their rest over the summer holidays! Our new playground and car park should be looking lovely by the time term starts.

**Caton St Paul's Pre-school:** our Pre-school children moving into Reception had a great end of term with photos, gifts and a party to celebrate. We wish them well as they move into our Reception class. This means we have spaces for new starters from September. Children can start as soon as they are 3 years old – please get in touch for more information and a tour of the facilities.

## TATHAM CHURCH

GRAND JUMBLE SALE Sat. 16th September 2pm at Hornby Institute. An event not to be missed. Bric a Brac & Bargains Galore. Contact: Linda Kirkby 015242 21486.

## HALTON PARK GARDEN OPEN DAYS

Come and see the colourful garden, enjoy the wonderful view over the Lune Valley and wander through the woodland walk on Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th September 2023 11am–4pm. Cream Teas and cakes, BBQ from 12-2.30pm, cake stall and plant stall. Admission £5 (children free and dogs on leads welcome). Halton Park is situated between Halton High Road and Low Road, 1/3 mile from the Crook o' Lune LA2 6PD. Proceeds to the National Garden Scheme and the NSPPC.

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### CATON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our pupils enjoyed many exciting trips towards the end of term. As part of their study of rivers, Years 3 and 4 carried out some excellent fieldwork at the Crook O Lune. The whole school had a very interesting trip to the Science and Industry Museum in Manchester. Key Stage 1 was especially busy! They had the privilege of taking part in the Halle Orchestra's Animal Magic concert at the Bridgewater Hall. They went on an animal safari, inspired by Saint Saëns "Carnival of the Animals" and sang their hearts out. It was an experience they won't ever forget! Dressed in Victorian costume, Key Stage 1 also took a step back in time to Victorian Morecambe. They visited the lifeboat centre and learnt about their work now and in the Victorian period. They then explored the beach and were amazed by the sea potatoes and jellyfish that they found. They enjoyed ice lollies and had fun on a history scavenger hunt around the town, where they showed off their knowledge of Victorian beach holidays. Their final trip was to Coniston where they had a marvellous time ghyll scrambling with The Big Adventure. Key Stage 2 also enjoyed the beautiful Lake District scenery on their hike at Whinlatter Forest and their trip was complete with a visit to the Castlerigg stone circle. Other events we've been involved in include: our choir singing at St Paul's Church pastoral service; our rounders team taking part in the Lune Valley schools tournament; and our Year 6 pupils enjoying a transition day at Arkholme, where they had lots of fun alongside other children heading off to the same secondary schools.

Our summer production of The Wizard of Oz was a huge success. The children performed to packed audiences, made up of parents, friends, the local community and even the Mayor and Mayoress of Lancaster. Thank you to everyone who came to support the children. We have had such lovely comments about the children's performances and these are 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 will be holding an open afternoon on Friday, 15th September when visitors can tour the school and see the children in action. Visit our website or Facebook page, or call the school office for more information. The open afternoon will be followed by a PTA family summer gathering and barbecue. All welcome.

### SUSTRANS GREENWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – SEPTEMBER 2023

Sustrans are the charity who aim to make it easier for everyone to walk, wheel and cycle. We are currently working with a range of local partners including Lancashire County Council to explore the feasibility of extending the Lune Valley Greenway to Wennington, and ultimately through to Kirkby Lonsdale. Caton-with-Littledale Parish Council are currently represented on the project steering group which ensures the views of local communities are heard. As a precursor to the extension, Sustrans have secured grant funding awarded by the Department for Transport to undertake upgrades to the existing section of greenway between Caton and the eastern terminus of the path. The works aim to enhance the route user experience and ensure compliance with national guidance for accessibility. The designs will shortly be finalised and provided to the Parish Council for review. Further information will be published on the parish webpage in due course. Paper copies will also be available at the Victoria Institute. It is likely that the works will begin in late September. There may be some disruption in access to the path during the works. Sustrans will publish further information in due course once dates have been confirmed with the appointed contractor.

### TROPIC BEAUTY EVENTS

Friday 8th Sept 7-8.30pm at Victoria Institute - Victoria Room 'Friday Facials' Workshop. 12 spaces available £3 per person to cover room hire and refreshments. Come and have some TLC meet some other ladies and learn about your skin and how to look after it. This is a practical session using 100% natural (Vegan) Tropic products perfect for all skin types including super sensitive skin.

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### HORNBY PENSIONERS

EVENTS DURING SEPTEMBER: **Dominoes Evenings** on alternate Saturdays (2nd, 16th and 30th) on the ground floor of The Institute, beginning at 7 p.m. No previous experience of the game is needed, and everyone is welcome. **Coffee Morning:** Saturday 9th September. This will be held 10-12 noon in Hornby Institute. **Hornby Pensioners Trip:** Tuesday 12th September. This excursion will be a shorter one, to Grange. There will also be a stop in Arnside on the way back. The first pick-up point near Hornby Bank will be at 10.00 a.m. and our return will be no later than 5.00 p.m. £12 for members and £14 for non-members. Payment can be made to Kath Helme at the Institute on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.

### THE ROTARY CLUB OF LUNESDALE

A date for your diary is Saturday 28th October when North West Cancer Research will hold its annual coffee morning at The Highwayman at Burrow. The Rotary Club has supported this event in the past and we hope many of you will find the time to attend.

Members have enjoyed some really interesting talks at recent meetings. John Natlacen from The Churchmouse at Barbon was extremely knowledgeable and he distributed samples 4 cheeses during his talk. He had also brought portions of the cheeses to sell which were quickly purchased. One of our newer club members on 3rd August gave a thought-provoking talk about his working life in the police force. Another of our members gave a talk entitled "La Guerra Civil" about The Spanish Civil War July 1936-April 39. There were lots of questions at the end of both talks, always a good sign of interest in the subject.

Finally, our Rotary District is asking if anybody has spectacles and/or hearing aids which are no longer in use to donate them to South Africa. Please tel 015242 73166 if you can donate.

### LUNESDALE HORNBY PROBUS CLUB

Water, water everywhere! After the soggy Summer break Lunesdale Probus Club meetings begin again iwith two very topical and fascinating subjects - Water and Climate change!

On Mon 4th Sept speaker Lionel Wilson will pose the question- How much water is there on Mars and should we care?. Bearing in mind the current planned Mars missions this talk is well timed.

On Monday 18th Sept Robin Mcilveen will be speaking on Weather and Climatic Events, past and possible future. Robin has visited us previously to discuss weather and environmental issues and on this occasion he will also address extreme weather and climate change. Subjects much to the fore these days ensuring lively discussion.

Two very interesting presentations, not to be missed. Guests are always very welcome.

Lunesdale Probus Club meetings are held on the first and third Monday of each month. (except August) Guests, friends and visitors are always welcome to join us at the Hornby Village Institute at 10.15 for coffee and chat before each meeting. No obligation to join - just come along and enjoy a friendly social break. For further details please contact - Roger Carter. 015242 22283 or Email - hornby.carts@ic24.net

### GROW CATON

Growing food crops teaches us to never take things for granted. As soon as we put seeds to soil in spring, we look forward to harvesting and eating what we've sown. This year has been a very challenging one with some of our hopes not being met. It has been great being able to discuss and compare with others in the village how their gardens have done and to find reassurance that it is not our skills but the season that could do better. Courgettes which usually do well have not been as prolific and we have concluded this is probably due to poor pollination. Sharp frosts last winter, a cold spring and then a long dry spell have meant far fewer pollinating insects around this year, and thus fewer courgettes and squashes. Potato crops were affected by the dry spell, whereas peas and beans have enjoyed the colder rainy summer. If you have been looking to find surplus veggies on our shelves, we must apologise for any disappointment. We have our hope set on fruit when this is ready. There are plenty of fruit trees in the village and it will be great to not let any go to waste, but to share the surplus. If you need a hand picking or collecting, then please do give us a shout.

The time for sowing veggies is finished, but we will top up the seed swap box with flower seeds. Please do pick up some seeds in September, in readiness to sow pollinator friendly plants next year. Contact via Peter at the VI, via Brigitte 770771 or email growcaton@outlook.com, via Anne 771470.

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**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 September are - 6th Rev Kath Willis; 20th Rachel Lawrence

We look forward to seeing you.

### CRAFTY TOTS

Our fortnightly toddler group is 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). The cost will be £2.50 per session. For more information or to book your child's place please email - [catoncraftytots@gmail.com](mailto:catoncraftytots@gmail.com). The dates for this month are 15th and 29th.

### CATON BAPTIST CHURCH HARVEST CELEBRATION WEEKEND: SATURDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER

We have decided as a church for our harvest celebration to think once again of the desperate situation in the Ukraine. We thank God for all the many blessings of this life here in the UK that we are able to enjoy but we are conscious of many countries that are worse off than ourselves. So this will take the form of a Ukraine support weekend starting on Saturday from 11am - 4pm when the church will be open to accept goods for the Ukraine including - Clothes, Kitchen Items, Blankets/Bedding, or for other items please call pastor Alan on 07971634330.

Sunday 24th at 10.30am we will have an All Age Service including updates of the amazing work of International Aid in the Ukraine. Followed by a harvest lunch to which you are all invited.

**Advanced Notice** Just to let you know Caton Baptist Church plan to hold another Live Nativity on Saturday 9th December 2023 so you can keep the date free!

### WHAT'S ON AT CATON METHODIST CHAPEL

**Weekly Sunday Service** 10:30am. We will worship at Caton apart from 3rd September when we will be at Brookhouse. Everyone is very welcome.

**Saturday Soup** Saturday 9th September 12:30pm. £3.00 per person. At Brookhouse, all monies raised will go to the Victoria Institute rewiring project.

**Crafts @ Caton** Thursday 28th September 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 13th and 22nd September (2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month) and also, by Zoom.

**Harvest Weekend** Saturday 7th October 7pm Andy and Keeley Lund. Sunday 8th October 10:30am Denis Yates

If you would like to contact Rev Emma Holroyd - [Emma.holroyd@methodist.org.uk](mailto:Emma.holroyd@methodist.org.uk)

### THE LUNE VALLEY METHODIST HUB, BROOKHOUSE

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

**Book and Jigsaw Exchange** Saturday 16th September 10am-12pm With Coffee and biscuits choose a book or jigsaw, any donations will go to Victoria Institute rewiring project.

**Bible Study Live 7pm also on Zoom** Wednesday's 13th and 27th September

**Caton and Friends for Ukraine/Community Hub** will meet on the 1st and 3rd Saturday in the month between 2-4pm for coffee, Cake, English lessons and children's activities. Everyone is welcome to pop in, keep an eye on Facebook for what's on.

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If you would like to contact Rev Emma Holroyd - [Emma.holroyd@methodist.org.uk](mailto:Emma.holroyd@methodist.org.uk)

Got an event coming up that you would like to see in the Link? It's free to send in your details to the editor by the 15th of the month [catonlink2021@gmail.com](mailto:catonlink2021@gmail.com).

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### OCTOBER: 5TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS FOR THE LVCS HORNBY POOL.

Good news! It is almost 5 years since the Lune Valley Swimming Pool in Hornby reopened after being taken over and refurbished by the community. To mark this notable achievement there will be celebration parties held at the Hornby Institute on Saturday 21st October. There will be a family party in the afternoon and a 70s disco party for the 'grown-ups' in the evening. Fancy dress optional. For more details and tickets please speak to Georgia, Scott or members of the team on 01524 805666. Website-[www.lunevalleypool.com](http://www.lunevalleypool.com); Facebook-lune valley swimming pool. Email-[poolmanager@lunevalleypool.com](mailto:poolmanager@lunevalleypool.com)

### CATON LEISURE CLUB

Oyez! Oyez Oyez! Monday's the day when loneliness departs, and the Leisure Club re-starts. Our weekly talks will commence on Monday 11th September, in the Victoria Institute at 10.30am with a talk entitled 'Working for Ken Dodd' by Nigel Harratt. This will be followed on 25th September with a talk by Bernard Thompson on 'John Briggs'. A full programme is complete up to the end of the year. Jan Dobson would be pleased to hear of potential speakers. Could you be one of them? Have you had an interesting job, been to interesting places, have studied interesting people from the past, are you a retired University Professor with tales to tell, whatever? Jan Dobson would love to hear from you.

The Annual General Meeting of the Club will take place on Monday 18th September at 10.30am in the Victoria Institute. As the existing Officers are standing down this year, after sterling service, there will be a need to elect new Officers. The following have been proposed to stand for the coming year. Chairperson, Barbara Broadbent, Secretary, Roy Pallitt, Treasurer, Bill Scott. All members are encouraged to attend the AGM to meet the new Officers. A complete budget for the following year will be presented. Members will also be able, and are encouraged, to renew their annual membership, at the current rate of £5. We will be looking to introduce new leisure activities during the year and members are encouraged to bring their suggestions to the meeting.

Are you finding it more difficult to do things as you get a bit older? Getting up out of the chair, lifting the kettle, walking? It doesn't have to be like that, come and join Norma Williams and her group, who have a lot of fun, and keep strong and flexible by doing their exercises sitting in a chair. Yes, believe it or not, it can all be done sitting in a chair. Every Monday morning at 9am in the Victoria Institute. If you are unsure, why not come along and watch for the first time?

Indoor bowling will re-commence on Wednesday 11th October from 10.00 to 12.00 in the main hall of the Victoria Institute. We have brand new mats, and bowls are provided. New bowlers, male or female, will be made most welcome. David Ireland will continue to run the show, so give him a ring on 01524 812342, if you have any queries.

*The boy stood on the burning deck, A string of sausage round his neck*

*A squashed tomato in each eye, And there he stood prepared to fry*

I thought that might attract your attention! Just to let you know that Bill Scott will be reading poetry (proper poetry), from his school days, in the Victoria Institute on Tuesday 12th September at 10.30am to see if there is an interest in starting a 'Poetry Group' in the Leisure Club. Come along, bring your poems, especially if they are your own, and we can discuss the format. If you cannot come on that date but are interested in poetry give Bill a ring on 771240.

### CATON AND BROOKHOUSE GARDENING CLUB

Many thanks to all who supported our summer events. The garden party was a chance to show how resilient we were as we enjoyed socialising in the tent out of wind and rain eating cake and drinking tea. And then we had a lovely visit to Harlow Carr with no hold ups on the journey and the garden itself not too crowded with plenty of seats to sit on.

And so here we are again ready to launch into our Autumn programme. We kick off on September 14th with a talk by Ray Couldwell from Accrington on Bonsai. Ray has been involved in Bonsai for 30 years and is chairman of both the Accrington and District and the Fylde Bonsai Societies. He has been doing these talks for over 10 years to all sorts of groups. He will be bringing along a display of bonsai and will discuss the culture and horticulture of this fascinating hobby. The talk is very light hearted and so do come along and contribute with some audience participation. All are welcome, members and non-members (£1/£2 respectively) for which you get your refreshments. It should be a very convivial evening so we hope to see you there - September 14th, 7pm, St Paul's Church Hall.



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