

LINK

ISSUE FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

DELIVERY OF THE LINK MAGAZINE – September 2020

At the time of writing (early August) we hope to return to conventional door to door delivery of the Link beginning with the September 2020 issue. In line with recent national changes, organisations both locally and nationally have been returning to pre-lockdown delivery methods and therefore it now seems appropriate for us to do the same.

Thanks are due to many local shops and individuals who have ensured that under the most unusual of circumstances the Link has been made available to residents on a monthly basis during lockdown. This is greatly appreciated and has both contributed to the sense of community in Caton with Littledale and also ensured as many as people as possible have received local information.

Similarly, this is also an appropriate time to thank the large team of people who have consistently delivered the Link in pre-lockdown times and will now resume door to door deliveries. Many members of the team have been delivering the Link over many years. A very big “thank you” to all the team. Alan, Marilyn and Fiona.

PARISH COUNCIL

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

WILD FLOWER PATCHES IN OUR VILLAGES - The Parish Council is responsible for the roadside verges and for green spaces such as Beckside and Fell View playing field. In the past we have had a contract with Lancaster City Council to have them mown regularly. Now many local residents are wondering whether we could change the mowing regime, and allow longer grass and eventually more wild flowers to come through. An annual cut would still be required. Paths would be maintained to seats, such as the one at Beckside. The Parish Council will consider this again at its September meeting, and before that we would like your opinions, for or against.

Please ring Judy Powell on 771154.

FOOTPATH ACROSS STATION FIELD - The Parish Council is concerned about the loss of the unregistered footpath across Station Field from Artlebeck Road to the centre of Caton. If you can remember it being used years ago, we would like to know. Please contact Nick Heywood on with your comments on nicklanes2000@yahoo.co.uk.

CONTINUED PUBLIC USE OF STATION FIELD - The Parish Council is investigating the issue. Lancaster City Council has just adopted a Local Plan where this site is specifically designated as Open Space .

VILLAGE WEBSITE - The village website has been rewritten and looks different now, but the content has been carried over from the previous website. Our thanks to Matt McCabe of BayTech. Anyone can contribute material - just register as a user and post an event or a news item, or add your local organisation or business to the directory. If you run a local business or organisations do check your existing entry and see if it needs to be updated. Contact for website is Jenny Walmsley on jenny.walmsley1@btinternet.com or ring 771299.

MEETING - The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 8 September at 7pm. It may be held via Zoom, or be in person at the Victoria Institute. If you would like to attend please contact the Parish Clerk. The agenda will be posted on the parish noticeboards as usual, and on the village Facebook.

MACMILLAN NURSES - FUND RAISING

Caton Baptist Church are delighted to announce the fantastic sum of £5663 was raised for Macmillan Nurses by holding different events during 2019. Our thanks go to Zoe and Tina from Wavecrest for giving their time and talent by doing head shaves at Caton Gala also to Adele Marshall who did the same on another occasion. We are grateful for all gifts and donations given and collected from our Bonfire evening, Carol singing and our ladies meetings. Thank you one and all!! This year 2020 the charity we are raising money for is the Parkinson's society.

LOCAL NEWS OF CATON & BROOKHOUSE

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 Linking Caton and Brookhouse
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CATON AND BROOKHOUSE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The present unclear situation with the Corona 19 virus was discussed by the committee. Regrettably it was agreed the following events in the Victoria Institute should be cancelled; Committee meeting on the 29.10.20, the Hot Pot and race afternoon on 19.11.20 and the Christmas party on the 10.12.20.

The main concern has to be the safety of our members and social distancing could not be guaranteed.

We do hope to hold our A.G.M at 2pm on the 21st of January 2021 in the Victoria Institute, further information on this meeting will be given when the required information is available.

Further to the committee discussions it was agreed to roll our 2020 programme over to 2021 making small alterations to the dates and using the same membership cards. There will be free membership next year for all present paid up members and £5.00 for new members

For further information please call our secretary Benita on: 01524 771943

CATON THEATRE INTEREST GROUP

It is with regret that we have come to the decision that our theatre visits will not be going ahead for the rest of this year due to the 'Covid' 19 virus and theatres being unable to guarantee social distancing.

We are looking forward to being back with our theatre lovers, we know we will one day.

In the meantime we have refunds in full available for our members booked and paid for the matinee performance of 'Evita' on 02.05.20 at the Theatre by the Lake in Keswick.

Our message to you all is keep well and stay safe and watch this space for our next theatre visit.

For further information contact Jean on 01524 770980 or Benita on 01524 771943

CATON LEISURE CLUB

Regrettably the committee has agreed that due to the current situation regarding Covid -19 the Leisure Club will be suspending its meetings until the New Year.

Consideration was given to the vulnerability of our members, and at the time of writing restrictions imposed mean that members would be unable to enjoy the social aspect of our meetings

We appreciate how much everyone enjoys our meetings and we will be reviewing the situation for the New Year.

Chair exercises returned on 3rd August 9.00-10.00 with the re-opening of the Victoria Institute. We will continue to meet weekly unless government restrictions mean that we are unable to do so. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the exercise but had to take it easy due to the length of time since the last meeting! Regrettably we are unable to accept any new members, at this time, as there are no spaces available whilst we are having to observe social distancing but do please join us if you are already registered. The cost is still £2.00 per session.

CATON SHORT MAT BOWLS. At the time of going to press, no decision has been made about Short Mat Bowls returning in October. However if you require further information you can contact David on 01524 812342

Look after yourselves, keep safe and we hope to see you all soon.

In the meantime if you have any further questions /comments you can telephone:

David 01524 812342 - Susan 01524 771862 - or Jan 01524 770925

FIRST SATURDAY WORK PARTY

A group of residents are getting together on the first Saturday of each month to pick up litter and tidy the village.

Meet at the car park next to Boots in Caton at 10am. Weather permitting. Bags, gloves, litter-pickers available. Perhaps for just half an hour or an hour - could make a big difference!

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The Victoria Institute reopened for room hire bookings on the 3rd August. The special conditions for hire during Covid-19 can be seen on the website or by contacting our Community Support Worker. As of the 8th August face coverings are required to be worn in the building. We very much look forward to welcoming the return of our regular groups and occasional bookings.

Considering the ongoing situation that surrounds the Coronavirus pandemic, we plan to look at reopening the drop-in services such as the Library and IT at a later date.

The Council of Management continues to hold its monthly meetings using 'Zoom' to conduct the business of running the Institute. Thanks to the tremendous support from the Cottam Trust we are able to have new flooring laid in the Cottam room, which will be improve the entrance to the building and provide be more suitable for the room. We are also most appreciative to the Co-op 1% fund, that along with money from the Cottam Trust will enable us to replace the carpets in the Victoria room and the Library/IT room.

Although mainly working from home at this time, Peter Collins, our Community Support Worker, has been looking after routine essentials such as fire and other safety checks, dealing with communications, and managing work done by contractors. In addition, Peter is also co-ordinating the efforts of the Caton and Brookhouse Community Pandemic Support Group.

UPDATE ON THE COMMUNITY PANDEMIC SUPPORT GROUP

The Council of Management would like to thank Peter Collins for all his hard work in coordinating the service, and for all the extra time that he is giving in order to make sure everyone is being cared for.

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Since the start of the lockdown, the team has delivered the service to over 300 calls.

Special thanks goes to all of the volunteers for their help and support. They have been truly outstanding.

The service can be accessed via the Victoria Institute telephone number: - 01524 771733, the phone number has been redirected and the email is being monitored.

CORONAVIRUS: THANK YOU TO LOCAL WORKERS

Many residents would like to thank the staff of local shops, the pharmacy and the Victoria Institute for their exceptional service to the community during the lockdown period and whatever follows it. We felt that a gift of money would be appropriate so they can treat themselves to something they would like. The Parish Council has agreed to administer a collection. Donations can be made by cheque or cash at the Victoria Institute. For other ways of paying, contact the Parish Clerk.

PAINTING GROUP

Unfortunately we are still unable to meet together because of social distancing etc. I hope you have all had a good summer in spite of all the restrictions. I know some of you have been busy painting. Hopefully, it won't be too long before we can meet again, but at the moment it doesn't look too promising. Best Wishes, Ruth 01524 770605.

INFINITY PRE-SCHOOL

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CATON WI

The committee have been thinking about when we might meet again and are hoping it might be in October. By the time you read this, members should have been contacted to get their feelings about meeting under social distancing conditions – assuming they are still in place. If we did meet, we would not have a speaker, nor hold our AGM as would normally be held at our October meeting, but rather, just update everyone on the latest news both locally, county wide and from national head office as well as discussing our next moves. Caton WI will celebrate its 100th birthday in 2021 so we need to be thinking how we might mark this achievement.

One thing which does seem to be going ahead is Lancashire Federation of Women's Institutes' Blackpool Illuminations Big Switch on of Centenary Bench on Friday September 25th on Blackpool Promenade (within the Cliffs Tableau on North Promenade) at 7.00 pm (switch on 7.30 pm). Social distancing will be observed and possibly face masks will need to be worn. The switch on of the lights surrounding the LFWI bench will be done by Valerie Stephens from Treales WI and LFWI Chairman Jackie Hobson. The main Illuminations switch on is now to be done virtually but this will be real!! If you think you would like to attend but would need transport please contact Ruth on 770002.

LUNE VALLEY SWIMMING POOL TO RE-OPEN SOON..

LVCS is delighted to announce that the Lune Valley community swimming pool in Hornby is scheduled to re-open with a new timetable on Monday 31st of August.

Subject to current legislation the pool will be open for school lessons and pre booked public use. During lockdown essential work to bring the pool up to the high standards necessary to provide a Covid 19 safe environment for all was carried out and advanced staff training and social distancing protocols introduced.

Please help us get our community pool back in the swim, please check our website Facebook page etc. for further details or give us a call on the direct line .

We'd love to see you!

A message from Phil Mugford. Chair of lune valley community Society Ltd.

Following enforced shutdown of all swimming pools in the UK, permission was given to re-open in August. We decided to hold off until August 24th in order to provide the safest possible environment and guarantee the financial viability of the pool.

It is clear that when we open swimming will not be the same in the immediate future as it was. All sessions must be booked in advance and new procedures will be in place. All are on our website and Facebook page, please read this before booking. The rules are designed to make your swim as enjoyable as possible and most importantly – safe!

There will be a reduced timetable from 24th August and a full programme from 31st when we welcome back our school partners. The new guidelines reduce the volume of swimmers we can have in the pool at any one time to ensure social distancing. This is all on the website and Facebook page and if you can't find a slot for your particular requirements let us know and we will try to assist

All this places pressure on the finances of the pool and although we have been successful in stabilising the finances since the new Trustee team took over at the end of 2019, the Covid-19 hiatus hit us just as we were building momentum. There are some historic debts to overcome but the pool will be viable going forward. This is thanks to the support we have had from Lune valley communities, while the trustees, volunteers and staff have all pulled together to ensure that we will come back stronger than ever.

As always we are focusing on making sure that swimming continues to be available for all please check out our website and the revised operating guidelines and timetables, as well as a very special offer for families. Above all come back and enjoy your pool again.

Phil Mungford..Chair LVCS

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HORNBY PENSIONERS' ASSOCIATION

A Message from Kath: Hi Everyone. Hope you are all well. I have what I think is good news. I have spoken to Chris Bibby and, if there is enough interest, the Autumn Tints trip on Tuesday 13th October can go ahead. There will be restrictions – face coverings MUST be worn at all times on the coach, and there will be a maximum of 24 people on a 48 seat coach, to keep to social distancing regulations.

I would welcome members' comments on whether they feel they can go on this trip, so please call me on 015242 21845 any evening except Thursday. If I happen not to be in, leave a short message with your name & phone number and I will call you back. On this occasion I will take bookings over the phone, and if necessary collect payment from your home. The cost will be £6 p.h., as usual.

The trip will be to Swaledale, on Chris Bibby's advice. We will stop for lunch and tea at quiet places, and Chris has said he will call the owners of cafes he knows, so they will be expecting us.

I think this trip has been made as safe as it can be for us all, and Chris could not have been more helpful. Long live Bibbys! Hope to see some of you soon. - Kath Helme.

'THE PHOENIX PROJECT'

A new visual arts mental health & wellbeing programme

Thanks to emergency grant funding from Arts Council England, Green Close are offering a series of accessible creative art workshops in partnership with the Lancashire Recovery College.

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CATON AND BROOKHOUSE GARDENING CLUB

Hello everyone. We hope you are all well despite the hazards lurking about us all. We give very grateful thanks to all carers and key workers who must by now be thinking when will this end. Our heartfelt condolences go out to all who have lost loved ones and lost their jobs.

These are trying times.

We in our turn have lost Joan Laynton, although not to coronavirus. Joan was a staunch supporter, committee member, tea lady and helper of the Gardening Club for many years. She will be sadly missed and our thoughts go out to her family and friends.

As for the Gardening Club itself we have decided to hold fire until the new year when we will re-evaluate the situation. We know that many of you are very keen to resume our meetings from a point of view of morale if nothing else. But quite rightly the Institute has to be very circumspect in what it can allow to happen there at this time. Our meetings would hardly be the social events we all like when social distancing is observed and we would not be able to use the kitchen. So all in all, despite having exciting speakers, we need to postpone our restart.

Constitutionally of course we are now in unknown territory having had no AGM. All we can do in these odd times is accept that the club is in suspension pending a return to normality, and that we are in a frozen state as existed at our last meeting in March.

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THE ROTARY CLUB OF LUNESDALE

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The club has supported the Morecambe Bay food bank with a donation of £700 and a donation of £100 worth of food to each of the local food banks in Kirkby Lonsdale, Bentham and Ingleton.

If anybody would like to have more information about the Rotary Club with a view to maybe joining or to be a Friend of Rotary then please tel 015242 73166

The future is still looking decidedly uncertain yet in these extremely difficult times so many people are volunteering their time and resources to ensuring help reaches those who are in need. We owe them a huge thank you.

Stay well stay safe.

SATURDAY MORNING SOCCER AND NETBALL

Due to the ongoing restrictions of Covid 19 Saturday morning Soccer and Netball will not be resuming in September as usual. Please keep checking out for details for start dates. We are looking at the New Year but are not at all certain.

The team are very sorry - we are missing you all.

Keep safe and well!

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And as I drink my coffee
Or enjoy a cup of tea
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ST PAUL'S CHURCH BROOKHOUSE COFFEE MORNING

We are sorry to have to relate that due to the current situation the September Coffee Morning at St Paul's has been cancelled. Hopefully circumstances will allow us to restart in October.

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Sadly as of 17th August our parish priest Canon Luiz Ruscillo has moved to a parish in Carlisle and we welcome Father Michael Docherty as our new parish priest.

Our churches are now open for Mass with government guidelines in place and details can be found on our website www.lunevalleycatholics.org.uk

CATON BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Alan Wadworth 01524 771371

At the time of writing Caton Baptist Church are still unsure when our church will be open for worship.

Please keep updated by visiting the church website, Facebook and the weekly services on YouTube. We are really missing meeting together but know our Saviour is with us each day.

As we have mentioned before if you would like to learn more about our Christian Faith or need someone to talk to please do get with touch with our pastor Alan on 01524 771371 and we look forward to being back at church very soon.

CHURCHES TOGETHER

Please find below some links to some of the local churches and their activities.

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<https://www.facebook.com/Caton-Baptist-Church-353898628118923/>

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However, this will only happen if we have a strong interest from the community. This may be the best opportunity to see the B4RN service expand quickly throughout the village. We need you to do two things...

1 - SIGN UP FOR A CONNECTION!

This can be done by searching "GetB4RN" in a web browser (or visiting b4rn.org.uk/getb4rn), entering your postcode in the page that comes up, and filling in the form! The page also gives more information on the project. (If ANY kind of business is run from home please register as a business, because more government money is available) Connections can be deferred if you are tied into a contract. The initial contract is for 12 months (these are rules that go with the government voucher scheme) but B4RN DO NOT charge any leaving fees! B4RN will need to see a large amount of interest in the village before starting build, so SIGN UP TODAY!

You MUST fill in the "GetB4RN" form even if you have filled in other forms in the past.

Filling in this form does NOT obligate you to anything, it is an expression of interest that can be turned into a voucher for government funding. Please do this even if you're in contract with another provider or only think you 'might' take a B4RN service in the future.

2 - INVEST IN SHARES.

Shares can be allocated to the project build and go toward the cost of roll out. At present, 5% interest is paid on all shares from day one. Shares must be held for three years before they can be withdrawn. A £1,500 shareholding will see the B4RN connection fee (£150) waived. With harder financial times looking likely ahead it is imperative that Caton Village grabs this opportunity to install world beating, future proof, full fibre Gigabit broadband NOW.

SIGN UP TODAY! - "GETB4RN" -

INVEST IN YOUR FUTURE! - INVEST IN THE FUTURE OF OUR VILLAGE!

Other news - Throughout June B4RN carried out research and held a competition to understand how individuals, families and businesses used the B4RN service and were interested in your lockdown stories. We are delighted that the Humprey family from Brookhouse won 1st prize in the competition with their 'Lockdown Family' poem and video. Their prize was an Amazon Alexa. You can see their fantastic poem here b4rn.org.uk/news

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