

LINK

ISSUE FOR DECEMBER 2019

THE LINK

DELIVERY OF THE LINK MAGAZINE

The Link magazine is delivered across Caton and Brookhouse and surrounding areas by a team of volunteers. Many thanks to all of them for the work they do to ensure it arrives safely and on time throughout the year. From time to time there is a need to seek new volunteer deliverers. If you are willing to help with any of the following please contact Marilyn Davis on 01524 771146.

- After 30 years delivering the Link to Artlebeck Close, Road and Grove (rain or shine) Christine Ralston has decided it is time to "retire". Many thanks to Christine for ensuring that residents of those three roads have received their Link through the door. That's 92 properties x 11 months x 30 years! We now need a new deliverer (or deliverers) for that round as soon as possible please.
- We also need a deliverer for the new houses on the Sycamore development in Brookhouse. Currently there are approximately 14 occupied properties and that number will obviously increase in the near future.
- A deliverer is also needed for the new houses on the Aughton Wood Park development on Hornby Road (the former Bargh's site). Currently there are only a small number of properties occupied but this too will also increase over time. Please help to ensure that Link deliveries continue.

PARISH COUNCIL

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

SYCAMORE ROAD - Lancashire Highways are monitoring the condition of Sycamore Road as the building work draws to a close. They would welcome "before and after" photographs of the condition of the roads and pavements. Please contact Jenny Walmsley 771299 if you have such photos.

TRAFFIC MONITORING - Lancashire Highways have installed cables to count the traffic on the A683 near The Ship.

REPORTING BLOCKED RAINS AND HIGHWAY FAULTS - We encourage local residents to tell Lancashire County Council about problems on the roads, such as potholes and street lights not working. And to report blocked drains. However we hear that sometimes no action is taken on these reports. Please let us know if this has happened to you, and you have the report number. We can then collect the information and take this up with Lancashire County Council. Please contact Jenny Walmsley 771299.

FISH STONES - We have recently undertaken work to repair and strengthen the Fish Stones in the heart of Caton.

PLAY PARK - We have carried out repairs at the Play Park and endeavour to keep it clean and tidy. Please don't let dogs foul the Play Park and the field at Fell View - our children need a clean space to play!

Next meeting of the Parish Council is on **Tuesday 10th December** at 7.15pm in the Victoria Institute. Residents are welcome to come along and may raise issues of local concern in the Open Forum at the start of each meeting.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Over a hundred local people came to our Remembrance Sunday, in Caton Methodist Church and at the War Memorial. Thanks go to the WI for providing refreshments afterwards. The Church collection raised £439.50 which will be split between the Royal British Legion and Combat Stress. Caton Community Primary School pupils created an interesting and inspiring display about some of the people listed on the War Memorial, and the material will be fed into the new permanent notice board at the War Memorial. Thank you to Keith Akrigg for designing and making and installing the notice board. We're also grateful to Brookhouse Methodist Church for a donation towards it. We plan to lay a stone path across the grass to the notice board.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS AND PARTY

The lights on the Christmas Tree at the War Memorial will be switched on at 5pm on **Saturday 7th December**. Please meet beforehand at 4.45pm for a short ceremony with carols and readings (weather permitting!). Afterwards please come to the Victoria Institute for hot drinks, cold drinks and refreshments. There'll be Christmas crafts for the children and warmth and company for all!

FATHER CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

Wednesday December 11th - Caton: Thursday December 12th - Brookhouse

Each journey starting at 5.30pm. As always listen for the music which tells you that Father Christmas and the sleigh are approaching. Please do come out to greet him and say "Hello". Proceeds from all these collections go to deserving local causes.

VARIETY SHOW

On **Saturday 7th December** there will be a variety show at Brookhouse Methodist church at 7pm.

Come and enjoy a mix of entertainment. Refreshments will be served and there will be an opportunity to give towards work with poor families in Albania.

LOCAL NEWS OF CATON & BROOKHOUSE

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2nd. David Dale: 'A Christmas Box'. Performance storyteller David Dale and musician Ian Midgley make a return visit with 'A Christmas Box' A festive recipe of Advent and Christmas stories, songs and poems. Let's fill our hearts with sparkle, joy, magic and good cheer.

9th Christmas Party. Members Only. This year the party will be held in the main hall from 11.00-1pm note: the later start time. The food will be provided by Cracking Spreads and The Barton Community Choir has been booked to sing for us. The cost is £5.00.members only.

There will then be the Christmas Break and we will return on January 6th when we welcome our first speaker of the new year, David Talbot with a talk on 'Falkland islands & Antartica' Focused particularly on the wildlife of the Southern Ocean and the Falklands, intertwined with the story of Shackleton's 1914-17 Trans Antarctic Expedition and the journey from Elephant Island to South Georgia.

Caton Short Mat Bowls meets on Thursdays at the Victoria Institute 10.00-12.00. during the Winter months (October – April), in the Main Hall. New members always welcome. If you would like to join us then contact David on 01524 812342 or just turn up.

Have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all again in the new year. If you have never visited us before then why not make it your new year's resolution? We are a happy, friendly group and you would be made most welcome. Membership is £5 pa then £1.50pw. Non members £3.00

CATON ST PAUL'S SCHOOL

We are extremely lucky to have a wonderful team on our Parent Teachers Association (PTA). They organise events such as school movie nights, disco evenings, our wonderful Christmas fair, Easter Bingo and creating the float for Caton Gala. They support school and the community by helping to create our outdoor learning area, digging for B4RN installation and recently they secured funding from the CO-OP to purchase benches for our school grounds. We are very pleased to announce the PTA have worked with the Parish Council to secure a defibrillator for Brookhouse, which will be positioned near the front entrance of school. We hope installation will be completed in the next few weeks and training will be organised for anyone in the community who would like to attend.

Our School Council are supporting the homeless this Christmas creating alternative advent calendars by giving an item each day in December. Items such as toiletries, non-perishable food items, gloves, socks, and treats will be collected for distribution at the Homeless Shelter before Christmas. If anyone would like to contribute please drop items into school.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS AT CATON ST PAUL'S SCHOOL

Christmas Fair - 6pm Friday 6th December. A super evening filled with stalls selling Christmas goods, children's crafts, refreshments, Father Christmas in his grotto, St Paul's choir singing (6.45pm) and much more. We have been kindly donated some fantastic prizes for the raffle including; an overnight stay at the Holiday Inn, vouchers for the Fenwick Arms, Dalton Square Florist, The Station Pub, Lancaster Brewery, The Flower Bank, Brookhouse Chinese and many more great prizes.

Infant Nativity 2pm/6pm Wednesday 11th December. Come and join us for a fun filled Christian celebration performed by our beautiful infants – "Higgledy Piggledy Nativity". Tickets on sale soon from the school office

Elf Run Friday 13th December 9.30am – a joint event with Caton Community School supporting St John's hospice. A festive run around our cinder track, raising sponsorship for St John's Hospice. Open to everyone, come dressed in a Christmas Jumper and an elf hat (not compulsory!) and join in the fun.

See our fantastic choir perform at Brookhouse Methodist Church, St Paul's church pastoral service and carol service, plus our school carol service. Details of dates and times on our website.

CATON PRIMARY SCHOOL

The closing date for primary school applications for entry in September 2020 is 15th January.

Visits to the school are welcome. We offer an exciting curriculum, small class sizes, wraparound care, forest schools, residential trips, performing arts and sporting success. Places are available in all year groups.

Our children's work on their local war memorial project is now on display in the Victoria Institute. The children have thoroughly enjoyed finding out more about our local heroes and sharing their findings with the community. Please drop in to see the fruits of their hard work.

As always, we have a number of community events in the lead up to Christmas:

Community Lunch and Nativity - Thursday 5th December. Enjoy a delicious Christmas lunch followed by a performance of the school's nativity - Lights, Camel, Action. There will also be an evening performance and tickets are available from the school office.

Carol Singing at The Co-op- Tuesday 10th December from 3:30pm. Come along and say hello!

Christmas Fair - Friday 13th December, 3:15pm - 5:15pm. Join us for mulled wine and mince pies, visit Father Christmas, enjoy the games room and buy your stocking fillers. Donations of raffle prizes or assistance with selling raffle tickets would be most welcome.

Christmas Service - Thursday 19th December, 9:30am at Caton Baptist Church. All welcome.

Elf Run - Finally, we are looking forward to our joint 'Elf Run' with Caton St Paul's on 13th December which is in aid of St John's Hospice. Watch out for lots of elves around the village!

On behalf of all our children, families, staff and governors, we would like to wish everyone in the community a very happy Christmas.

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COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT - The Council of Management would like to thank all those who attended the Annual General Meeting on Monday 4th November. The Council of Management, now has ten members, who were appointed at the AGM. The members of the Council of Management wish to thank the former trustees, for all their hard work and support, over many years, that has helped to make the Victoria Institute the thriving and vibrant place that it is.

The Council of Management would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS - The Christmas Tree lights will be switched on at 5.00pm on Saturday 7th December, with refreshments afterwards at the Victoria Institute.

CHRISTMAS FAIR - All occasions Caton, Christmas arts and crafts fair. Sunday 1st December 11.00am-4.00pm. Professional high quality products made by skilled men/women from the North West.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CLOSURE DAYS - The library and IT room will close at 3pm on Friday 20th December and re-open at 9:30 am on Thursday 2nd January 2020.

FLOODSAX FOR SALE - Floodsax are available for sale from the Victoria Institute. The cost is £5.50 per sack, £27.50 for a pack of five. The recommendation is for 5 floodsax per property, two each for the front and back door and one for use in the toilet. Please contact Peter for more information.

BUSINESSES, TRADES & SERVICES - The Victoria Institute has allocated a display board for businesses, trades and services to promote themselves. Please leave your A5 poster, business cards etc. with Peter at the Institute.

FREE TO ADVERTISE 'FOR SALE' BOARD - People are selling items for free on the notice board in the Victoria Institute. Collect a form from Peter in the Library/IT Room to advertise your items.

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.

ROOM HIRE - Have your party, meeting or special event at the Victoria Institute.

We have a modern, fully equipped kitchen including a six ring gas hob stove, dishwasher and hot cupboard. We also have information on Caterers for your convenience.

With a choice of rooms, we have everything you need to make your event a great success. Call in, Peter will be happy to show you around or get in touch with him

Special rates are available for extended functions (8 or more hours, booking two or more large rooms) and multi room events.

DROP IN SERVICES LIBRARY & IT ROOM - The Library and IT Room is open 9.30am to 3.00pm Monday to Friday and has a good range of books. There are a small number of jigsaws that can also be borrowed.

We have 5 computers with Internet access and a 'multi-function' printer which also serves as a photocopier and scanner. Paper sizes A4 and A3 can be printed or copied in mono and full colour. You also can bring along your laptop or tablet and connect to our Wi-Fi (for the same IT costs). We have a paper shredder to dispose of your confidential and unwanted documents.

FAIRTRADE TEA & COFFEE - The Cottam Room is open Monday to Friday from 9.30am to 3.00pm.

A mug of Fairtrade tea or coffee and a biscuit is only 80p, local newspapers are available.

HERE TO HELP - Peter Collins, our Community Support Worker is here to help. Peter will help with a variety of admin tasks and on-line services.

GET IN TOUCH - For all queries, including hiring the Victoria Institute please contact: -

Peter Collins the Community Support Worker at the Institute on 01524 771733

We are open between 9.30am and 3.00pm, Monday to Friday; there is a telephone answering service out of hours, holiday closure dates displayed on our website: You can email us on: admin@victoria-institute.org. uk: Further information can be found at our website: www.victoria-institute.org.uk: Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/victoria.institute.caton/>

CATON AND BROOKHOUSE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our last trip of the year was to Leeds on a bright sunny day in October, calling at the Armouries. I will report back in the next issue on the first meeting of our winter programme a Hot Pot and quiz which we held on the 21st of November.

The Christmas party is on the 12th December 12.30 for 1pm in the Victoria Institute cost £5.00 for a two course meal with drinks. Followed by entertainment by the 'Everyson Singers'. Catering to be booked and paid by the 5th December. Please contact your agent early to avoid disappointment.

Our A.G.M will be held in the Victoria Institute on the 16th January 2020 at 2pm. The meeting will be followed by mince pies or cake with tea/coffee. There is no charge for this meeting.

On behalf of the committee may I wish all our members a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

For further information on any of these items please contact our secretary, Benita on 01524 771943

BURNS NIGHT SUPPER AND CEILIDH

Tickets are now available for the annual Twinning group's Burns Night Supper and Ceilidh on Friday 24th January 2020- from 7pm to Midnight. £25 (£10 for under 14s) with the traditional speeches and food and very informal dancing (with instruction!) led by our very own Caton Folk Band. Bring your own drinks. Tickets available from the Institute, Post Office, twinning members and tricia@marybankfarm.uk

Always a good evening and in support of the Twinning Group so that we can pay for the children's travel for our 2020 visit to Socx - date to be confirmed next month.

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CATON GALA 2020

Merry Christmas. As you know Caton Gala 2020 will take place on Saturday the 13th June 2020. The theme will be "The Circus".

As part of our general development of Caton Gala we are changing the format of the printed programme. In the past this has been used as something akin to an entrance ticket. This has meant that circulation has been largely confined to those who attend the Gala. It is our intention to significantly increase circulation. The programme will no longer be used as an entry ticket. We hope to be able to deliver one to every house in the village well in advance of Gala day. As well as providing information about the events on the field the programme provides a vehicle by which local businesses can advertise their services. In order to fund the programme, we charge a modest fee. There are several formats available. Any potential advertisers are invited to contact us by e-mail at "catongala.co.uk" or via our Facebook page.

If you can assist in any way, please contact Wendy Strickland (07855 590004) or Rosemary Horner (01524 770036). They can, as can all committee members, also be contacted by e-mail at "catongala.co.uk" or via our Facebook page. We would love to welcome new members to the organising committee, the next meeting of which will be held at 7:30 PM on Wednesday the 11th December 2019 at the Station Hotel in Caton. This will be our Christmas meeting so there will only be a limited amount of business that can be discussed. All are welcome.

CATON AND BROOKHOUSE GARDENING CLUB

We meet again at 7.30 pm on **Thursday 12th December** for our annual Christmas social evening, a cornucopia of entertainment and merriment. This year, among other things, we are going to try an internal version of Gardeners Question Time, a round table question and answer session between members, and hopefully a seed quiz! Identify some seeds. Bring your questions, and even more important bring some answers! And yes, it is election day. So if you are suffering from fatigue come along and have a moan with your friends in the warmth of the Thomas Storey room.

The event is subsidised and for members only with wine and nibbles and maybe a little more depending on demand. Do come along. If anyone wants a lift just let Graham know on 770919. Don't let getting there and getting home be a problem.

A very happy Christmas and New Year to you all.

GREEN BINS

The last green bin collections for our area are in week commencing 2nd December. They are scheduled to restart week commencing 10th February.

CATON WI

At our last meeting, John Clayton, the Managing Editor of Radio Lancashire and a very entertaining speaker, brought back memories for many of us as he talked about his lifelong passion for radio and various funny experiences he had had from his days as a volunteer in hospital radio to his present position.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday December 5th when we shall have a buffet supper and entertainment. There will not be a competition but we will have our usual Secret Santa sack.

Please note that our first meeting of the New Year will be held in the Victoria Institute on Thursday 9th January (not our usual first Thursday of the month) starting at 7.30pm. At that meeting we shall have a charity auction.

LADIES CRAFT EVENING

Ladies Craft Evening on Friday 29th November 7-9pm for over 16's only. Held at Caton Baptist Church. Come along and try your hand at different Christmas Crafts. Light refreshments available. Admission free but all donations will be given to McMillan Nurses.

PAINTING GROUP

The painting group will meet on Friday 6th December from 1.30-3.30pm at Brookhouse Methodist Church. This will be our last group before Christmas. We are a friendly group and everyone is welcome whatever their level of skill.

We just ask for a donation of £1 to cover the cost of heating etc. We also have a cup of tea or coffee. For more information contact Ruth 01524 770605.

CATON THEATRE INTEREST GROUP

The pantomime this Christmas is a matinee performance of Peter Pan at the Grand Theatre, Blackpool on Saturday the 4th January 2020. We have booked seats near the front of the dress circle.

Pick up as usual at the Victoria Institute at 10am then on to pick up in Brookhouse. Arrangements have been made to pick up in Ingleton and Hornby.

The cost for a theatre ticket and coach was £28.00 and as we all paid early by the 31st October there will be a bonus in with your ticket of £2.00 each. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

For our theatre trips next year watch this space.

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HORNBY PENSIONERS' ASSOCIATION

Potato Pie Supper Many thanks to everyone, especially Julia, who helped make this such an enjoyable occasion.

Christmas Party Bookings We are very much looking forward to our party on Tuesday, 10th December, in Hornby Institute. We will be enjoying an excellent cold buffet supplied by Veda, followed by entertainment from the Occasionals. Kath will be selling tickets, which are £8 per head, in Hornby Institute between 10am & midday on Tuesdays to 3rd December inc. As a last resort, you can phone her on 015242 21845. This event is for members only.

Coffee Morning This will be a good chance to get together for refreshments & a catch-up after the festive break: 10am – 12 noon on Saturday, 11th January, in Hornby Institute. There will be a raffle and a bring & buy stall, plus Kath will be taking membership enrolments for 2020. New members especially welcome.

A.G.M. Yes, it's soon going to be that time of year again, when we are looking back at past events & planning for the coming year. This meeting, at 7pm on Tuesday, 11th February, in Hornby Institute, is also when we appoint the committee for 2020. It would be wonderful if YOU would consider joining us, to help keep our organisation going a little longer. If you are at all interested, please talk to Kath Helme (Chair), Eileen Barton (Treasurer) or Annie Stephens (Social Secretary), who will be only too pleased to answer your queries. Immediately after this (hopefully) short meeting we will have our annual:

Jacob's Join Supper This is a very popular occasion, when members bring a contribution (sweet or savoury) to share in a communal meal. Bring whatever you like & just enough for one healthy appetite. It doesn't sound much but this generally generates a varied & tasty spread.

Games Evenings Our Whist & Dominoes evenings in Hornby Institute over the next 2 months will be on Saturdays the 14th & 28th December and 11th & 25th January, starting at 7pm prompt. Admission (including light refreshments & 2 free raffle tickets) is only £2. Everybody very welcome.

And Finally Sincere Best Wishes from your committee to all our members for a very happy festive season and a healthy 2020.

HORNBY TEA ROOMS

Hornby Tea Rooms will also be holding our Late night Christmas Shopping events on Tuesday the 10th of December from 6pm till 8pm with Christmas nibbles, fizz and hot chocolate. There will be a wide choice of gifts, cards, Chas Jacobs, Flower Bank and Made in Wray.

Further details available on our Facebook page.

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Christmas services at the Catholic Churches

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Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th - Our Lady Immaculate Caton at 6pm, preceded by Carols at 5.30pm

Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th - St Joseph's Kirkby Lonsdale at 9pm

Christmas Day Wednesday 25th - St Joseph's Kirkby Lonsdale at 9am

Christmas Day Wednesday 25th - St Mary's Hornby at 11am

A warm welcome to all.

Holy Mass: Weekends: Saturday 6.00 pm (Vigil Mass) Our Lady's Caton: Sunday 9.00 am - St. Joseph's Kirkby Lonsdale: 11.00 am St. Mary's Hornby. Holy Mass:

Weekdays...see Parish Newsletter (Copy in Church porch)

Confessions: Before Masses & at St. Peter's Cathedral - Saturday 11.00 - 12 noon 5.45 pm - 6.15pm
Children's Liturgy - Each Sunday during 11.00am Mass except 1st Sunday of the month.

ST PAUL'S CHURCH BROOKHOUSE COFFEE MORNING

The next Coffee Morning will be at the Parish Hall on the 4th of December at 10.30. The December Coffee Morning is in support of the Church Funds. As usual there will be a raffle, a quiz and a number of stalls displaying a range of produce at reasonable prices. There will be a seasonal theme to the December Coffee Morning with Carols and mince pies. It will give people the opportunity to meet friends and neighbours for a chat. You are most welcome to join us for a coffee, tea or cold drink as well as biscuits and mince pies.

In November we raised £132.45 for the Mother's Union Caravan. Thanks to everyone who attended the Coffee Morning and supported this praiseworthy cause.

ST PAUL'S CHURCH BROOKHOUSE

Village Christmas Pastoral Service

There will be a Christmas Pastoral Service for the Village on 10/12/19 at 11am at St Paul's Church.

There will be a short service with hymns and readings. It will last approximately half an hour. Afterwards we hope you will stay for a chat and refreshments. Everyone is welcome to join us for this short time of reflection and fellowship.

Please note the different date to that which appeared in the November Link.

CRAFTY TOTS

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 or grandparents)

To book a place email catoncraftytots@gmail.com or contact Laura on 01524 771371. The cost will be £2:50. No Crafty Tots in December - back again 15th January 2020.

SATURDAY SOCCER AND NETBALL

Saturday soccer and netball will now be running monthly rather than weekly, the first Saturday of each month. If you have never been before we meet at Caton Community School playing field/Sports Hall 10 - 12 noon. Football is for children aged 7 - 14 years and netballers aged 9 - 13 years.

Please make sure you have the correct foot wear. A drink and biscuit will be provided, cost is £1.

The date for December will be 7th. Please come along and join in the fun!

CHRISTMAS AT CATON BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School Christmas Presentation:- Sunday 8th at 10:30am. Come and support our young people as they present the Christmas story through songs and drama. Tea/Coffee and mince pies served at the close.

Carol singing around the village:- Friday 20th meeting at the church at 6:30pm. You are welcome to join with us as we once again sing all our favourite carols.

"Nativity from scratch":- Sunday 22nd December at 10:30am - Come and join the Christmas adventure with this years no-rehearsal nativity! This is an opportunity for all the family to come along and get involved. Who said the Nativity was just for kids.

Candle Lit Carol Service:- Sunday 22nd commencing at 6-30pm, come along and meet with us as we join in worship and adoration at this time of our Saviours birth. Tea Coffee and Mince pies afterwards, you are most welcome to join with us.

Christmas Eve:- 6pm led by our pastor Alan Wadsworth. Come along sit down and relax after all the rushing around and join in the carols, and hear the old yet ever new story of Christmas. Light refreshments at the close. This will be an all age service so everyone very welcome.

Christmas Day Service:- 10am. You are most welcome to join with us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus who is the Saviour of the world.

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Coffee morning - Wednesday 4th December at 10:30am in the Church Hall, all welcome to come for tea/coffee, a chat and a quiz.

Pastoral Service - our village Pastoral Service will be held on Tuesday 10th December at 11am at St Paul's. Churches together in Caton and Brookhouse warmly invite you to come and share worship together on the theme of "Responsibility." Refreshments served afterwards. If anyone needs help with a lift, please contact Sue Brown on 771559.

Christmas services at St Paul's:

Sunday 15th December at 6.30pm - Village Carol Service (Churches together in Caton and Brookhouse)

Sunday 22nd December at 9.30am - Children's Nativity Presentation in the Church Hall

Tuesday 24th December at 3.30pm - Children's crib service

Tuesday 24th December at 10.00pm - Midnight Communion

Wednesday 25th December at 9.30am - Christmas family Communion service

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Please check out our church website. There will be more details of activities and up to date news of our church - www.catonbaptist.org.

Our Sunday services:- 10:30am and 6:30pm. A warm welcome to everyone.. Children's Church is for children 3 - 14 and runs during the morning service. An all age family service is every second Sunday of the month at 10:30am.

Youth service:- Sunday 8th December at 6:30pm when John Gorst from Quernmore will be the speaker. There will be the usual doughnuts and brews at the close. All very welcome.

Ladies Meeting:- Our ladies meeting is held fortnightly on a Wednesday, in the Sunday School room at 2pm. After the service light refreshments are served when you can enjoy a chat over your cup of tea. This is such a friendly group and a very warm welcome is extended to all. If you haven't been before and would like a lift please contact Judith on 01524 770872.

The date for **December is the 4th** when there will be a programme of Christmas music with Rev Andrew and Ruth Champley from Caton Methodist Church.

Alf Club:- (All about Life and Faith) is a group for primary aged children which is held in the Sunday School room from 6 - 7pm every Thursday (term time only) The hour is packed full of games, DVDs, stories, refreshments, crafts and lots of fun. Come along and bring your friends. The last one before the Christmas break is **5th** returning in the New Year.

Bridge Cafe:- Open on the first Friday of each month. - 10:30 to 12 noon. Come and enjoy a toasted teacake with your tea/coffee. Come and go as you please or stay the whole morning and enjoy catching up with your friends. All welcome. The date for this month will be **Friday 6th December**.

Wishing everyone in Caton and Brookhouse a very Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

CATON METHODIST CHAPEL

Weekly Sunday Service:- 10:30am With Sunday School and coffee

Saturday Soup Christmas Special :- Saturday 14th December. Enjoy soup and homemade cakes with Friends. Everyone welcome £3.00 per person.

Bible Study:- 2nd and 16th December 7pm With Rev Andrew Champley. Finishing with Hot Chocolate.

Carol Service:- Sunday 22nd December 10:30am. With coffee and mince pies

Crafts @ Caton:- There will be no Craft group in December.

We would like to wish everyone all the best for Christmas and the New Year.

BROOKHOUSE METHODIST CHURCH

Our Sunday services are at 10.45am and 7pm.

Please come and join us - everyone welcome. Junior Church, which is for children from 3 to 14, is during the morning service and finishes at approximately 12.15pm. There is also a creche for the under 3s.

Tiddlywinks - Every Thursday morning from 10 to 11.30am and is £1 per family. 0-4 year olds please bring a responsible adult with you!

Meet To Eat - Christmas meal is 13th of Dec and then continuing 10th Jan 2020.

OASIS CAFE

Oasis Café is open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9.00am to 2.00pm at Brookhouse Methodist Church.

Closed - 23rd, 24th, 25th, 30th, 31st Dec and 1st Jan. Re open on Mon 6th Jan.

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BROOKHOUSE SOUTH - Some properties on Moorside Road went live during October and November. If you live on Moorside Road and would like a fibre broadband connection to your home please register at b4rn.org.uk/postcode-checker.

There will be no Brookhouse South meeting in December. The next meeting will be on Thursday 9th January at 7.30pm in the Black Bull where we will meet up with the North team.

BROOKHOUSE NORTH - More properties have been connected on the new Sycamore development. We're awaiting the results of a funding application that will bring the route through St Paul's churchyard opening up the area around Caton Green Road and Holme Lane. If you live in that area and haven't already registered your interest then please do so now, especially if you run a business from home as that brings extra funding for us. Register at b4rn.org.uk/postcode-checker.

CATON NEWS - Slow but sure progress is being made in Caton. During half term week Nick Hall, and his team from B4RN, put duct and a chamber in on the school grounds! The Quernmore Road crossing has been completed and planning permission is in for our cabinet! However, the block of houses on Broadacre that back onto the school field and border Quernmore Road, which we had the green light to connect, cannot be done due to two strategic properties refusing wayleave!

The Caton B4RN Team hope that 2020 will see significant movement in getting properties connected in the village.

Next meeting, Monday 9th December at 8.00pm in the Station Hotel.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF LUNESDALE.

You may recall that in the November edition I mentioned the work of the hospital ship 'Africa Mercy'. On 3rd November the TV channel Quest televised a fascinating programme about the ship, its staff and the incredible medical procedures, many life-saving, carried out on board. The highlight of the past month was a visit by members plus partners and friends to the Grand Theatre in Lancaster to see a production of "The Vicar Of Dibley". It was very funny and thoroughly enjoyed by all - a great night out. Thanks to President Dave who organised it.

The Christmas sleigh schedule is as follows with each journey starting at 5.30pm

Mon December 9th - Ingleton: Tues December 10th - Burton in Lonsdale: Wed December 11th - Caton: Thurs December 12th - Brookhouse: Fri December 13th - Kirkby Lonsdale: Mon December 16th - Bentham: Tues December 17th - Holme Day 1: Wed December 18th - Holme Day 2: Fri December 20th - Wray and Hornby

As always listen for the music which tells you that Father Christmas and the sleigh is approaching. Please do come out to greet him and say "Hello". We shall also be collecting outside Booths store in Kirkby Lonsdale on the Saturday before Christmas and hope to see you then. Proceeds from all these collections go to deserving local causes.

It has been a busy and rewarding year for the Club with excellent speakers on a variety of fascinating subjects plus some interesting outings. On behalf of President Dave and all the club members may I say a huge thank you for the constant support you have given your local Rotary Club. Many local causes have benefitted from your generosity and are truly grateful. Now we look forward to another interesting and enjoyable year.

With best wishes for a Happy Christmas and a Happy Peaceful 2020.

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