

# LINK

## ISSUE FOR DECEMBER 2021

### THE LINK

LINK DELIVERY - Many thanks from the Link team to Diane Hebblethwaite who has delivered the Link to the houses on Langdale in Caton for many years. Diane is now handing over to a neighbour.

### PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk:- Gill Mason - 07882 949110. E-mail - [catonparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:catonparishcouncil@gmail.com)

GRASS CUTTING - You will have noticed that the grass cutting regime in public areas of our villages was rather different this year. This is part of Lancaster District Council's Grass Management Strategy (over which we were not consulted!). In short, they cut the grass less often in many places and charged us less for the work. There are good environmental reasons behind this change, but we in the Parish Council are keen to know what local residents think, in order that we can respond to the District Council about any changes we might like, or maybe employ somebody else to do a bit of extra cutting, removal of cuttings, etc.

Are you happy or unhappy with the new cutting regime?

Do you think it should be changed, and if so how?

Please direct all comments to Mike Wright on 07807 816201 (phone or text).

SMALL GRANTS - The Parish Council provides financial support regularly to the Victoria Institute and to St Paul's Church for the Parish Burial Ground. Small grants are made occasionally to other organizations in the village. If you would like to apply for assistance please ask the Parish Clerk about the procedures.

COUNCILLORS - Emma Frobisher has resigned from the Parish Council. There are now two vacancies, which may be filled by co-option. If you would be interested in becoming a councillor, please speak to a current councillor or to the Parish Clerk.

*Next meeting Tuesday 14th December at 7pm in the Victoria Institute.*

### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Hundreds of residents attended the wreath-laying ceremony at the War Memorial. Thanks go to all who made it possible - the ministers in the service and at the War Memorial, and those residents who broadcast the relay from The Cenotaph, raised and lowered the flag, created the silhouette on the War Memorial, presented wreaths and poppies, read out the names of the dead, or just attended.

Thank you to Brookhouse Community Church who provided refreshments afterwards in the Victoria Institute.

Thank you to all who contributed at the Remembrance Service on Sunday 14th November

The final collection was £362.00 which will be divided between Combat Stress and The Royal British Legion

### CATON GALA 2022

Nothing much to report this month. The enforced break in continuity has made it more difficult to cross the ts and dot the is than we had anticipated. More news next month. In the meantime, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We will be having a short business meeting at 8:00 PM on Friday the 10th December 2021 at the Station Hotel in Caton.

### THE OLD POST OFFICE CAFE

The Old Post Office Cafe has a few surprises to celebrate its first Christmas. Three course Christmas lunches with exclusive use of the cafe for 8 to 12 diners are scheduled for Thursdays in December. These are perfect for groups of friends or small work parties. Plans are also underway for the New Year weekend.

For more information pop in or contact us @theoldpostofficecafe on Facebook or Instagram. Hope to see you soon, Clair & Pablo.

### CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

St Peter's Church, Quernmore is pleased to announce their Christmas Tree Festival will be held this year.

Come and visit our beautiful country Church, lit up by Christmas Trees decorated by our generous sponsors. The Church will look wonderful and the atmosphere will be very special.

Dates:- Friday 3rd December: 10am - 5pm:

Saturday 4th December: 10am - 5pm:

Sunday 5th December: 11am - 5pm

Sunday Service 5th December: 10am - Family Service amongst the Trees.

Drinks and mince pies, soup and bread available throughout the opening times.

For many reasons it can be hard to come into Church, so we hope that this special event will provide a warm and welcoming place for everyone.

## LOCAL NEWS OF CATON & BROOKHOUSE

[www.catonvillage.org.uk](http://www.catonvillage.org.uk)

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### Baptist Church Artlebeck Bridge

10.30 am:  
*Morning Service and  
Sunday School*  
6.30 pm: *Evening Service*

### Brookhouse Methodist Church Brookhouse Road

*Services held fortnightly*

10.45 am:  
*Morning Service and Junior  
Church*

### Caton Methodist Brookhouse Road

10.30 am:  
*Morning Service and Junior  
Church*

### Catholic Church Station Yard

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

### St Paul's C of E Brookhouse

*Sunday Communion  
Service 10.00am  
All Age Worship, read and led  
by children - 1st Sunday of  
the month  
Sunday Club in the Church  
Hall, all term time  
Sundays except 1st Sunday of  
month  
1st Wednesday of the month.  
Holy Communion 10.00am*

**Brookhouse Community Church**  
*held @ Victoria Institute  
10.45 am  
Morning Service & Junior  
Church*

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**CATON ST PAUL'S C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Applications for Primary school places need to be completed by January 15 2022. We have an Open Day video on our website that gives you a flavour of the wonderful things we do at Caton St Paul's. We would be happy to show you round: ring 01524 770241 to book an appointment.

We have 3 job vacancies at the moment, all advertised on the Lancashire teaching vacancies site, as well as on our facebook page and website.

- a) L3 Teaching assistant to work in our new Pre-school. This post is 15 hours per week.
- b) Wraparound care assistant to work in our thriving after-school club. This post is 10 hours a week and can be combined with the TA post to make one role.
- c) Welfare assistant. This post is 5 hours per week.

If you are interested in any of these roles, please call the office to discuss them with us, or fill in an application form and return it to head@stpauls.lancs.sch.uk.

Our outdoor education programme has continued with Y4 taking part in climbing, scrambling and caving activities. We have booked for all our children to access outdoor ed activities throughout this year.

Our Y6 children finished their topic about WWI with a moving and thoughtful Remembrance service in Church. It was lovely to hear the children read poems and speeches from WWI with such confidence and empathy.

The run up to Christmas promises to be busy as usual. We will be drawing our raffle on Friday 10 December live on Facebook at 4pm. This was a great success last year with over 80 people watching. We also have KS1 nativity where parents will be invited to come and watch. The Christmas fair for children will be held on Monday 20 December with support from our wonderful PTA.

**CATON PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Thank you to everyone who supported the PTA's Autumn Bingo evening which raised £300.

Our annual Christmas fair will take place on Friday, 3rd December from 5pm to 7pm. There will be lots of stalls, games, refreshments and of course a special visit from Father Christmas - it's just too good to miss! Everyone is very welcome. Tickets can be purchased on the door.

The children are very excited to be able to perform their nativity 'Countdown to Christmas' in front of an audience again this year! Tickets must be pre purchased and are available from the school office. Performances will take place on Wednesday, 15th December at 2:30pm and 6pm. Tickets can also be purchased for pre nativity refreshments during which our older children will sing and play Christmas carols.

We have two vacancies for governors at our school and we are looking for interested parties from the local community. If you would like to know more about the role and might be interested, please contact Mrs Bowskill.

Our large, detached sports hall is available to hire on a regular basis or for one-off events. It has a fully-equipped kitchen, pleasant meeting room and toilets. For further details, contact the school office (01524 770104).

**SATURDAY SOCCER AND NETBALL**

The local churches are continuing to run Saturday Soccer and Netball in 2022. The football will run weekly, starting 15 January and run through to 26 March except for 19 February (half term). Netball will be held fortnightly on 15 January, 29 January, 12 February, 26 February, 12 March and 26 March.

Football is open to children aged 7 to 14 and netball 9 to 13. £2 per session. 10am to 11.45am at Caton Primary School Field/Sports Hall. Football / netball coaching and a short Bible message are included along with juice and biscuits. For further details please contact Tim Preece on 01524 771682.

**LIVING ADVENT CALENDAR**

Each evening from 1st-24th December a different window will be decorated with a Christmas scene in the village. At 6pm each evening a window will be 'opened'.

The locations for each window will be posted on facebook via the village pages. Once open they will remain in situ through until the 28th December so people can enjoy them and if any are missed they can catch up. Cards will be available for the children through the schools so they can collect the windows they have found.

Why not join us at Caton Baptist for our Carol Service on Christmas Eve after the opening of the last advent window at 6:30pm, you will be made very welcome.

**CAROL SINGING**

On Friday 17th December Caton Baptist Church will be out Carol Singing around the village. Meeting in the church car park at 6.30pm. Please come along and join us if you can as we sing again the Christmas message reminding us of Jesus coming into the world and that He is the real meaning of Christmas.

**VILLAGE LUNCH CLUB**

Lunch club is very popular. Our next outing will be Thursday 9th December 2021. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to be on the Lunch Club list please phone Sue Brown 01524 771559. Sue Brown

**PAINTING GROUP**

Good News. We have finally been able to start our painting group again. Please note the change of day. We will now meet on THURSDAY 9th & 16th December at Brookhouse Methodist Church from 1.30 - 3.30pm. We ask for a donation of £2 to cover costs.

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For more information contact Ruth. Tel 01524 770605

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**VI ROOM HIRE RATES** - Main Hall Full Rate £17.00 per hour, Discounted Rate £12.00 per hour

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Kitchen - Beverages only £5, Caterers £20, Full cooking £30, charged per session

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Tuesday & Thursday 10:00am to 12:00 noon

**Library Helpers** - Please contact Peter if you would like to help once a month, to deal with the book returns and donations. The Library has a good range of book and there are a small number of jigsaws that can also be borrowed.

We have 4 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. We have a paper shredder to dispose of your confidential and unwanted documents.

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**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

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

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

**ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT FLOODING?** - Floodsax are available for sale from the Victoria Institute. The cost is £30.00 for a pack of five. Please contact Peter for more information.

**EMERGENCY CENTRE** - The Victoria Institute is our village's Emergency Centre. If there are problems such as flooding, long periods without mains water, or power cuts, the Victoria Institute will be staffed and you'll be able to get practical help and information.

### CATON AND BROOKHOUSE GARDENING CLUB

Thanks to all who came in good numbers to our event in November. We all enjoyed the film of the upper Lune valley and are unanimously agreed that we are fortunate to live where we do.

Our next event is on 9th December at 7pm in the St Pauls Church hall. It will be in the form of a social evening with a stick quiz organised by Philip Rawsthorne, gardeners question time (bring your questions) and a 2021 quiz as time permits. As the event will be subsidised out of club funds it will be for members only with just the usual charge for entry and no raffle. The committee will be providing Christmas nibbles along with your cup of tea or coffee. Yippee. The usual offer applies to transport. If anyone wants a lift and help to get back home safely and soundly please call Graham on 770919.

As for Open Gardens in 2022 we now have 11 gardens volunteering to take part. This is a wonderful start. The organisers will be in touch in the new year. There is room for more. Don't be shy and do join in.

A very happy Christmas and New Year to everyone.

### BURNS NIGHT WITH TWINNING

At the time of writing we have sold more than half of our tickets -let me know ASAP if you would like to come £25 per head on Friday 28th January at the Victoria Institute.

[tricia@marybankfarm.uk](mailto:tricia@marybankfarm.uk)

### NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Lancaster City Council is starting the next stage of our Neighbourhood Plan, called a Section 16 Consultation. The documents are on the City Council website.

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**CATON AND BROOKHOUSE FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

Our last trip of the year was to Liverpool. Once again we picked a lovely day, it was sunny and warm. There was plenty to do and see from, shopping to history and architecture in fact something for everyone.

Unfortunately our hot pot and race afternoon on the 18th of November was cancelled due to lack of numbers.

Our Christmas party is booked for Thursday the 16th December 12.45pm for 1.15pm in the Victoria Institute. Catering is by Julia Parker, a two course meal with drinks and entertainment by the 'Every song singers', cost £10.00, orders for food by the 9th of December please.

We are organising a raffle and prizes would be very welcome.

A date for your diaries, the AGM will be held on Thursday 20th January 2022 at 2pm in the Victoria Institute. This is the opportunity to elect your committee and pick up the 2022 Club programme. The annual membership fee will be £5.00. Tea and coffee along with mince pies and cakes will be served. There will not be an admission charge.

The committee wish all our members a very happy and healthy Christmas and all the very best for 2022. For further information please call our secretary Benita on 01524 771943

**CATON THEATRE INTEREST GROUP**

We are very sad to confirm that we have had to cancel the matinee performance of the Pantomime 'Snow White and the seven dwarfs' at the Grand theatre Blackpool which had been booked for 1.1.22. All monies have now been refunded.

Future theatre visits are being planned for next year.

May we wish all our theatre lovers a very merry Christmas a best wishes for a happy new year.

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

**LEISURE CLUB**

6th - Christmas party. Unfortunately the caterers we had booked are unable to provide our cold buffet. We have been fortunate that Newfields' Catering of Lancaster have stepped into the breach and will be providing us with an excellent, extensive menu that includes a choice from several naughty desserts! Tea and coffee will be provided but if you have a special tippie then you can bring that to have with your meal. The cost is £10pp for members. For your entertainment we have booked a professional magician. Places need to be booked and paid for by Monday 29th November.

We would like to take this opportunity of wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We return on 10th January when our first talk of the New Year will be by Phil Rawsthorn: 'titled 'Seven Wonders of the ancient world'

Chair Based Exercise continue throughout the year every Monday 09.00-10.00

There will not be any classes on 6th & 27th December & 3rd January

Dru Yoga classes are held every Thursday 10.00-11.00. The last class before Christmas is 16th December with classes restarting again on 6th January 2022.

We currently have some vacancies. Why not start now rather than waiting for the new year?

For further information call Susan on 01524 771862

Short Mat Bowls Wednesday 10.00-12.00. The last meeting before Christmas will be Wednesday 15th December. Meetings will recommence on 12th January until 30th March, when the outdoor bowls re-starts. If you would like further information on any of the above call David 01524 812342

**CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP AND LUNCH OR SUPPER**

Halton Park House, LA2 6PD Monday 6th December 2021 From either 12pm-3:30pm or 6:00pm-9.30pm

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**Firstly:** A very big Thank You to everybody who made our Potato Pie Lunch such an enjoyable occasion: Julie & helpers, Maurice & his ensemble, Gill & staff at the Institute . A good time was had by all who attended.

**Christmas Party:** 12noon on 14th December. Entertainment by members of the Occasionals. Kath will be taking bookings in Hornby Institute on Tuesdays & Wednesdays until 8 th December. £10 payable on booking. Call her on 07597774681 if unable to get to the Institute.

**January Coffee Morning:** Change of date to 15th January, as the Institute will be closed until the 10th for maintenance work. The mixture as before: Cake Stall, Bring & Buy, Raffle, £1 Admission includes your first cuppa.

**Games Evenings:** This month there will be 1 Whist & Dominoes evening on Saturday 11th December, upstairs in the Institute, play starting at 7pm. Support for these has been limited & needs to increase if they are to continue in 2022. Everybody welcome.

**A Message from Kath:** Just to let you all know that I no longer have a land-line telephone. I can be contacted by call or text on 07597774681. There is no message service, but if I miss your call your number will be displayed and I will call you back.

**& Lastly:** A Very Happy Christmas to all our members. All the very best for a healthy & peaceful New Year.

### HORNBY INSTITUTE

Next year we have some exciting events taking place at the Institute. In February we hope to have members of the Lancaster University Brass Band playing for us on a Sunday. The young people are in a competition at the beginning of the month so we might have the winners playing for us!

On Saturday 5th March we are having a Grand Craft Fair with many and varied stalls demonstrating just how talented people are in our area. We have artisans from Wray to Lancaster and from the Lune Valley in general. So come and treat yourself to something beautiful.

Over 2 days, 9th & 10th, of April you are invited to The Lune Valley Art & Craft Exhibition. This will be a spectacular showcase of creative talent from around our area, from the north to the south. We have ceramicists; painters; jewellery makers; stoneware; textiles and many more. Enquiries about exhibiting are most welcome. Ring Chris on 015242 22259

The gardens at Hornby Castle will be open as will Coach House Antiques so why not have a day out in Hornby? The Institute will be catering with sandwiches, cakes and scones and light lunches available at Hornby Tea Rooms. All profit will go towards the upkeep of the Institute

**Hornby Flower club:** We usually meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month but Christmas is a busy time for many so our date has been changed to allow you to enjoy as many activities as possible this year. And if you are looking for ideas or inspiration for Christmas presents or table decorations then why not join us on Thursday 2nd December 6.30pm in the Institute when our demonstrator will be Joan Bentley from Grange -over- Sands . Her title is Christmas Sparkle.

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For details of Christmas and New Year opening times and the Christmas Raffle please check our website.

The LVCS Annual General Meeting will be held in January and further details will also be on the website.. Philip Mugford LVCS Chair p.mugford@btinternet.com

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### LUNESDALE PROBUS CLUB

Our final meeting of 2021 will be held on Monday December 6th

Recently retired Dr Kaye will tell us about - in his words - Doing 'Doctory' things in Uganda.

We look forward to hearing from him and supporting his charity- Children of Hope.

Lunesdale Probus club takes a break over Christmas and will meet again on January 17th 2022..

Steven Halliwell, one of our regular speakers, will tell us all about Sizergh Castle Gardens - something to relish in the cold winter months..

Wishing everyone a most joyous and peaceful Christmas and a truly wonderful new year .

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Mass times for Christmas are as follows:

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Friday 24th December 8pm - St Joseph's Kirkby Lonsdale

Saturday 25th December 10am - St Mary's Hornby

Everyone is very welcome.

### BROOKHOUSE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Brookhouse Community Church meets in the Victoria Institute on a Sunday morning from 10.45am. Junior Church is available each week for the children.

Sun 19th December - 10.45am - Carols and cakes

Sat 25th December - 10.30am - Christmas Day service

Sun 26th December - 10.45am - Boxing Day service

**Meet to Eat** - at the Victoria Institute - will take place on Friday 3rd December at 12.30pm- £5 per person for a 2 course lunch and drink. All are welcome. We will then continue after Christmas on Friday 7th January and 21st January and then the first and third Fridays of the month.

**Tiddlywinks Toddler Group** - meets at St. Paul's Church Hall every Thursday from 10am-11.30am. £2.50 per family with refreshments provided. Please note: Dates for December are 2nd, 9th and 16th December and the group will restart after Christmas on Thursday 6th January 2022.

To get in touch with someone from the church please contact Jim Hutchinson at pottyeats@gmail.com.

### ST PAUL'S CHURCH BROOKHOUSE COFFEE MORNING

The next Coffee Morning will be at the Parish Hall on the 1st 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 several stalls displaying a range of produce. 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 £163.55 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

After missing last year's Pastoral Services we are delighted to announce that there will be a Christmas Pastoral Service for the Village on 14/12/21 at 11 am at St Paul's Church.

This will consist of 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.

### CAROL SERVICE AT CATON BAPTIST CHURCH

Caton Baptist Church are holding a Carol Service on Christmas Eve at 6:30pm when we will be singing our favourite carols etc.

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### CATON ST PAULS

#### December services at St Paul's

Weds 1st @ 10am - Holy Communion before the coffee morning

Sun 5th @10am - All-Age Service

Tues 14th @ 11am - Pastoral Service

Sun 12th @ 10am - Holy Communion with Sunday Club

Sun 19th @ 10am - Holy Communion with Forest Church

#### Christmas services

Fri 24th @ 3:30pm - Crib Service for young families

Fri 24th @10pm - 'Midnight' Holy Communion service

Sat 25th @ 10am - Christmas Day service with Holy Communion

Sun 26th - No service

A **weekly online service** on Weds mornings at 9:30am is also being held, please contact Paul for login details.

#### Monthly prayer meeting

Sat 18th December @ 10am in St Paul's - all welcome to come and pray for our church and community, with refreshments afterwards.

### CATON BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Alan Wandsworth - Tel 01524 771371

Church Website - [catonbaptist.org](http://catonbaptist.org)

More details on our website and Facebook page regarding all our December/Christmas activities.

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

Please also remember if you would like to know more about becoming a Christian and finding new hope in Jesus, or if you have any concerns and worries and would like prayer or a chat you can contact Alan on the above number.

Youth service on Sunday 12th at 6:30pm when the speaker will be Matt Dawson from Bentham. Come along and join with us with brews and doughnuts served at the close.

On Sunday 19th the children/young ones from the church will be taking part in our morning service 10:30am. Please feel free to come along and support them as they retell the Christmas story. Refreshments at the close.

Christmas Day service:- 10am. Join us for a short service to celebrate this special day thanking God for sending Jesus to be Saviour of the whole world

Boxing Day:- Sunday 26th we will be meeting in church at 10:30am, there will be no evening service.

Ladies Fellowship:- 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 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 need a lift.

The date and speaker for December is 8th - Kim Lee from Capernwray. We look forward to seeing you.

Wishing all Link readers a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

### CATON METHODIST CHAPEL

Weekly Sunday Service:- 10:30am Lune Valley Cluster Service:- Sunday 12th December 10:30am

We will be at Brookhouse Methodist Church with Rev Emma Holroyd. Everyone welcome

Saturday Soup, Christmas Special:- Saturday 11th December at 12:30pm. Enjoy a bowl of soup and homemade cakes with friends. £3.00 per person

Crafts @ Caton will be back on 27th January when we will be having a spinning demonstration by Pam Bateson

Bible Study:- Live and via Zoom Wednesday 8th and 22nd at 7pm. A zoom link will be available from Emma if you would like to attend virtually.

Carol Service:- Sunday 19th 10:30am with coffee and mince pies

Village Carol Service:- Sunday 19th 6:30pm at St Pauls

Christmas Day Service:-25th December at 10am with Rev Emma Holroyd

There will be no Sunday service on Sunday 26th December

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

If you would like more details of what is happening at Caton Methodist you can contact [Emma.holroyd@methodist.org](mailto:Emma.holroyd@methodist.org) or check on our facebook page.

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Next session:- **Saturday 4th December**

**THE ROTARY CLUB OF LUNESDALE**

At the club Zoom meeting on October 28th we received an inspiring talk, using the Zoom facility, from Ann Van Hine. Ann lost her husband, a New York City firefighter on 9/11. She explained that he lost his life when he was believed to be on the 40th floor of the South Tower when it collapsed. Since her tragic loss Ann has devoted much of her life to speaking about experiencing personal loss amid a national tragedy. She leads tours of the National 9/11 memorial and showed us the places where her husband's name is recorded on the memorial. She has become a well known figure for her work and participated in a hearing of the European Parliament. Her story will be recorded in a Netflix documentary - 'Turning Point 9/11'. She has written a book "Pieces Falling" which is widely available online. Members were intrigued by Ann's story told without anger or rancour. We were delighted that she had been able to speak to us.

On Saturday 6th November the club hosted a Rock n Roll concert with music provided by the hugely popular quartet "The Defenders". The venue was the main hall in QES which was packed with an audience delighted to hear some of the great songs and music of the Sixties. All the profits from the concert will be donated to the North West Air Ambulance. A big thank you to everybody who supported the event.

By the time you read this our Children in Need collection and some of our Christmas traditional collections will have taken place however we shall have a static collection point with the sleigh at Bentham Mart Christmas Fair 10th December and then at the entrance to Booths store in Kirkby Lonsdale 18th December 9am-7pm. Collections are always generously supported so I offer, in advance, a big thank you from all the club members plus we also thank you for your continued support during a certainly different and at times a worrying past year.

On behalf of Club President John Clare and all the members of the Rotary Club of Lunesdale we wish you a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy, Happy and Successful New Year.

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*We wish all our volunteers and anyone involved in this project a very happy Christmas.*

**CATON UPDATE** - The "hard dig" in Caton has, essentially, ended. There are odd small areas the contractors must finish off, and the Station Road/Ball Lane areas need planning out before the contractors can dig. These will be completed in the next couple of months while the contractors are still working locally. Low Mill also needs more planning before being connected through existing ducts. A router delivery day on the 25th November should see the number of connections in Caton exceed 200! There is still time to jump on board and get your connection while the volunteer group is active. Just fill in the form on the "GETB4RN" page. For all those that are now on full fibre Gigabit broadband, you may need advice on how to get the best out of your connection. B4RN have a computer club Zoom meeting every Friday, 2.00pm to 4.00pm, where all your questions can get answered. Just email [itclub@b4rn.org.uk](mailto:itclub@b4rn.org.uk) and ask for a link.

**BROOKHOUSE UPDATE** - Call in at our weekly drop in sessions at the Black Bull every Tuesday between 7pm and 8:20pm to get your questions answered. The hard pavement dig has been completed in the majority of areas on the south side of Brookhouse. There may still be some fibre to be blown and connected, and routers to fit. Chapel Square and New Street works are planned for January. Work should have started on the north side of Brookhouse on Sycamore and Chestnut by now. If you can volunteer to help the fibre blowing team and the router fitting team (usually on week days), please get in touch at [b4rn4bn@gmail.com](mailto:b4rn4bn@gmail.com) – this is not heavy work and training will be given.

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