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## ISSUE FOR DECEMBER 2022

### PARISH COUNCIL

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

COUNCILLORS - Janet Taylor has resigned from the Parish Council due to ill-health. We'll miss her enthusiasm and "can-do" approach. Your Parish Council needs new councillors - please contact the Parish Clerk or a councillor to find out more.

BRIDGE OVER THE ARTLEBECK near Caton Primary School The Public Rights of Way team at Lancashire Highways are ordering a new deck for the bridge. We hope it will be installed soon.

GARDEN AT THE WAR MEMORIAL - The Parish Council is looking for someone to look after the garden for the next three years, starting spring 2023. Please contact the Clerk now if you are interested in submitting a tender.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - Tuesday 13th December at 7pm in the Victoria Institute

### COST OF LIVING EMERGENCY: TACKLING IT TOGETHER

*Victoria Institute Friday 2nd December 1-6pm*

Is it hard to keep up with your bills? Are you managing now but see problems ahead?

If the answer is yes you are not alone. It is estimated that nearly 32 million people are finding things a struggle right now and one in four adults say it wouldn't take much to tip them into financial difficulty.

A wide range of information and support is available, but it can be hard to find what you want and who you need to talk to. To try and help everyone with concerns over their own cost of living, the Parish Council has arranged to bring some key support agencies to Caton for an afternoon session on Friday 2nd December. Coming to listen and talk are Lancaster City Council Community Connectors Team, North Lancashire Citizens Advice, AgeUK, GrowCaton, Lancashire County Council Safe Trader Scheme, Lancashire Fire and Rescue, and others.

The areas they cover include: Energy efficiency checks in your home and energy saving suggestions; Staying safe and warm at home; Benefits advice; Grants and financial advice; Debt management; Food availability.

Please do come along for a chat with any or all of them. To make it easier for parents and carers wanting to see what's available we are running this event to overlap with the Christmas Lights and Crafts event. So if you come after 4pm there will be craft activities for the children alongside the information and advice.

### CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND CRAFTS

Children and grown-ups are invited to come to the Victoria Institute from 4pm on Friday 2nd December to make Christmas-themed decorations and gifts. Hot and cold drinks and snacks provided. Then at 5.15pm we move to the War Memorial Garden for a very short ceremony and the official switch-on of our Christmas tree lights. Then back to the Victoria Institute to warm up and collect our craft projects. If you just want to come for the Christmas lights that fine - join us at 5.15pm.

### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Good to see so many people at the village's Remembrance Day ceremony at the War Memorial. Thank you to all the people and organisations who helped make it happen. The collection raised £346.58 which will be split equally between Combat Stress and the Royal British Legion.

### NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Independent Examiner has concluded her assessment of the plan. Her view is that it is in conformity with Planning Regulations. The final version of the plan will be submitted to the Parish Council in December and if they consent Lancaster City Council will organise a referendum to be held early in 2023. More information in January.

### CATON GALA

Merry Christmas Everyone.

We are pleased to announce that Caton Gala 2023 will take place on the 20th May 2023 at Elm Grove Field, Caton. The theme will be "Kings and Queens". Further details will be announced as events and attractions are confirmed.

There will be a short meeting at 7:30 PM on Friday the 9th of December 2022 at the Station Hotel, Caton. All are welcome to attend.

### VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 18th December 6.30pm at St Paul's Church

All the churches invite you attend this annual Christmas service of traditional readings and carols. St Paul's school choir will be performing and you are welcome to come and sing along with all the other carols.

### QUERNMORE CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

The Christmas Tree Festival will be held in Quernmore Church between Friday 2nd and Sunday 4th December. 10.00am - 5pm. Come and see the Church beautifully lit with numerous Christmas Trees. Then sample some excellent cake with tea or coffee. We are delighted that the children from Quernmore School and Caton Primary School will be singing for us in Church on Friday 2nd. We anticipate this will be at 1.30pm. (To be confirmed nearer the date.)

## LOCAL NEWS OF CATON & BROOKHOUSE

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[www.facebook.com/catonbrookhouse](http://www.facebook.com/catonbrookhouse)

### Baptist Church Artlebeck Bridge

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

### Lune Valley Methodist Hub

Formerly Brookhouse

### Methodist Church

Monthly services at 10.30a.m.  
and 7p.m.

See BMC news for this  
month's dates

### 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 & BROOKHOUSE FRIENDSHIP CLUB NEWS**

Mystery Trip on Thursday October 20th. This was on one of the wettest days ever! We set off and headed into Yorkshire with the first stop at Kettlewell. After a short stay and refreshments, we then travelled to Leyburn for lunch, travelling through Emmerdale and All Creatures Great and Small country. Our last stop was at the Wensleydale Creamery in Hawes for coffee. Despite the weather it was still a great day out.

Manchester on Thursday November 17th is the final trip for this year. There are still a few seats left so please call soon if you are interested in seeing the Christmas Markets. In December we will be holding our members only Christmas Meal with a special Christmas raffle.

Looking ahead next year's membership form is now available. Membership is £10.00 for the year and trips in 2023 are now £15.00 to members and £18.00 for non-members. If anyone would like to join, please give me a call. Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 19th January at the Station Hotel, Caton at 10.00am. New and old members are welcome to come along. Thank you. Ally Whitfield (01524 770827/07738 912923)

**CATON AND BROOKHOUSE GARDENING CLUB**

Happy to say that everyone seemed to enjoy the film of Buckingham Palace gardens shown at our last meeting.

Thanks to all for showing up on a dark November evening, especially our new members.

Our next meeting is on 8th December at 7pm in St Pauls church hall and it is our members only festive season social evening, subsidised by the club. There will be wine and nibbles as well as the usual refreshments. A cornucopia of entertainment will be on offer with one of Philip's amazing practical quizzes, our own gardeners question time, and other quizzes if time permits. Normal entrance fee of £1 applies and there will be no raffle.

Please do visit our Christmas tree exhibit at Quernmore Church over the weekend of 2/3/4 December. The tree will be packed with a brilliant set of garden themed baubles made by our members. The church will be filled with other trees made by other organisations and will be a sight to behold. And refreshments will be on sale!

And talking of food our festive season meal is definitely on, £15 per head. Put 12.30 for 1pm in St Pauls Church hall on Saturday 7th January in your diaries. Last orders for catering purposes at our next meeting on 8th December please. Or you can ring Rebecca on 07806521974 and place your order directly with her.

A happy Christmas to you all.

**TWINNING with SOCX**

Thank you to those who have expressed an interest in visiting Socx next year. We have yet to confirm a date with our friends in France but are already looking forward to a long weekend of local visits, to schools and places of interest, friendship and fun with families, good food and wine – with always a little bit of madness thrown in! If you want to find out more or to provisionally reserve seats please contact tricia@marybankfarm.uk

**BURNS NIGHT – FRIDAY 20th JANUARY**

We do still have some tickets left for what is always a great night at the Victoria Institute, and after 3 years' break our dancing feet will be itching to get moving after the traditional supper - £25 for adults and £10 for children under 14. A dram will be provided to toast the haggis – but please bring all your own other drinks. Please let us know any dietary requirements. This is the Twinning Group's main fundraiser of the year, all money raised goes to subsidise children's travel to France. Contact tricia@marybankfarm.uk as soon as possible to book your ticket.

**STATION HOTEL BOWLING CLUB.**

The AGM is planned to take place this year on *Thursday 1 December 2022 at 7.30 pm* in the Station Hotel. All members are asked to attend. There is uncertainty about the future of the Club as Trust Inns Ltd, the new owners of the Station Hotel would like to turn the Bowling Green into a Beer Garden which is sad as the green has been in use for over 70 years. The Club is opposed to this and have applied to Lancaster City Council for the area to be listed as an "Asset of Community Value". A decision will be made in the next few weeks.

We want to increase membership of the Club for all ages, gender and abilities and will offer coaching sessions next spring for anyone interested. We have a group of 20 primary school children attending an introductory session on 20 October 2022 from Caton St Paul's School. Hopefully they will return next year for more sessions – and bring their parents or grandparents. Reg Robinson (Chairman), Keith Hudson (Secretary) and Ged Nicholls (Treasurer & Safeguarding Officer).

**LEISURE CLUB**

There are no talks in December. They will resume in early January. Normal activities continue.

**TREE WALKS IN CATON**

**1.12.22, 11am-12pm** from the Station Road Car Park, Caton. Accessible Tree Identification Walk with the Lune Rivers Trust along the Millennium Footpath. Everyone welcome, suitable for wheelchair users, elderly, young children. A chance to learn about the tree species in the local area and enjoy the health benefits of being outdoors. Well-behaved dogs only. Contact Fiona at fiona@luneriverstrust.org.uk or 07923447069 if you have any questions.

**7.12.22, 11am-12.30pm** from the Station Road Car Park, Caton. Tree Identification Walk with the Lune Rivers Trust along the circular route next to the river. A chance to learn about the tree species in the local area and enjoy the health benefits of walking outdoors. Everyone welcome though paths next to the river are unfortunately not wheelchair accessible and will be muddy, please wear wellies or suitable footwear. Well-behaved dogs only. Contact Fiona at fiona@luneriverstrust.org.uk or 07923447069 if you have any questions.

**CATON W.I.**

At our meeting last month we presented cheques to representative from Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue and NW Air Ambulance from monies raised on our Open Garden Day at Gresgarth Hall in September. Both gave a brief presentation on how the charities are run and the enormous sums which are needed to keep them running.

At our next meeting on Thursday 1st December at 7.30pm we shall have our Christmas party with a Jacobs Join supper followed by Secret Santa and party games!

**MOBILE LIBRARY**

The van visits Caton (Station hotel carpark@ 2:00-3pm) Thursday 8th December. Then Brookhouse the following day (9th December) in the Methodist Hub Car Park. from 9.30to10am. Visits expected to resume in January.

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**Library Christmas Quiz** - Collect a quiz sheet for a chance to win a tub of Quality Street, to be drawn on 15th December

**Christmas Closure** - The Library/IT room will close at 12:00 noon on Thursday 22nd December and re-open at 10:00am on Tuesday 3rd January 2023

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Special rates are available for extended functions, please see the Schedule of Charges on our website.

**BUSINESSES, TRADES & SERVICES** - The Victoria Institute has 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** - Sell 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.

**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

Office Hours; Monday & Wednesday 10:00am to 12:00 noon and 1:00 to 3:00pm

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You can email us on: [admin@victoria-institute.org.uk](mailto:admin@victoria-institute.org.uk) Further information can be found at our website: [www.victoria-institute.org.uk](http://www.victoria-institute.org.uk) Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/victoria.institute.caton/>

**SATURDAY LITTER PICK**

Many thanks to everyone who picks up litter - that includes those who clear up dropped 'stuff' whilst on their regular walks, and those who come to the monthly litter pick. A group of residents get together on the first Saturday of every month to pick up litter and tidy the villages. The meeting place is outside the Victoria Institute at 10.00 am, weather permitting - and some turn even up in the pelting rain! It is sad that some people still drop so much litter, and even leave cartons of empty beer bottles and countless tins for someone else to dispose of responsibly.

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, please contact Peter Collins at the Victoria Institute(771733) and he will pass the message on to us. Bags and litter pickers are provided, and it is a good idea to bring your own gloves. Next session: **Saturday 3rd December**

**GROW CATON**

We have been enjoying the mild autumn and our gardens have been cleared and tidied for winter, with a few winter veggies left to harvest here and there. I am extremely grateful to those who opened their gardens this year for me and others to come and grow food. Also to those who have been dropping off produce and glass jars at our shelves on 75 Brookhouse Road. If there is anything you want to know or help with for growing your own food next year then do get in touch. This is a great time to start planning. Contact us through Peter Collins at the institute or by email to Brigitte via [growcaton@outlook.com](mailto:growcaton@outlook.com)

**SATURDAY SOCCER AND NETBALL**

The local churches are continuing to run Saturday Soccer and Netball at Caton Primary School Field/Sports Hall on Saturday mornings, 10.00am to 11.45am

Soccer is open to children aged 7 to 14. Soccer will run weekly from Saturday 7 January to 25 March but not on 11 and 18 Feb (half term).

Netball is open to children aged 9 to 13. The netball dates are 7 Jan, 21 Jan, 4 Feb, 25 Feb, 11 March and 25 March. £2 per person, per session

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## CATON PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have had an action-packed month at Caton Primary School with lots of exciting learning and many community events.

Class 1 has been learning about journeys. The children had great fun making cars and buses from the crates and planks outside, as well as selling tickets at the bus station inside the classroom. They wrote a story about a naughty bus which caused havoc around the school grounds. Take a look at our website to read their story! At Forest School, the children followed a story map across a raging river, up and down rolling hills, over a tall mountain and then through spooky woods. At the end of the journey the children found hot chocolate and biscuits waiting for them. We can't wait to learn more about journeys by boat, bicycle, aeroplane and donkey (we had to find a link to Christmas somewhere!)

To launch Class 2's learning about fairy tales, the classroom became a crime scene. The children used their extensive prior knowledge to piece the clues together and solve the mystery. Goldilocks had certainly made a terrible mess! Learning was brought to life through drama and the retelling of stories like Little Red Riding Hood, Snow White and Jack and the Beanstalk. With the continuing help of their therapy dog, Velvet, the children are becoming very enthusiastic readers.

Class 3's local history topic has been fascinating, starting with a walk around Caton village, during which the children identified historical buildings significant to the Victorian era. They were fascinated that our school is built on the very ground that Rumble Row Mill once stood and that Artle Beck powered four of Caton's mills. The children were amazed by how important Caton was during the industrial revolution and how it influenced the lives of its inhabitants. They also ventured further afield to Quarry Bank Mill in Manchester where they learnt what life was like as an apprentice, working in such poor conditions in the mill. It certainly made them appreciate how lucky we are now!

Class 4's learning has focused on World War 1. They learnt what life was like before 1914 and used their map skills to identify the countries involved in the war. After understanding the timeline of the key events in WW1 and discussing the alliances, they focused on the role of women in the war effort and the work of the Suffragettes. They wrote some fantastic persuasive speeches, inspired by Emmeline Pankhurst, demanding the vote for women in 1918. Finally, they were able to impart all of their knowledge in their wonderful class assembly, which coincided perfectly with Remembrance Day. To also mark the occasion of 11th November, all our Key Stage 2 children visited the war memorial in Caton to show their respects and to lay a wreath. There, they had the privilege of meeting Ken, a war veteran who showed them his Burma Star and who was able to answer the children's questions about his experiences of serving in World War II.

The sporting calendar is once again back in full swing. Our Year 5s and 6s took part in a tag rugby tournament at Wray. From the first whistle to the last, they played with passion and integrity and made it to the final place play-offs. Year 2 took part in a non-competitive multi skills event at the University of Cumbria where they wowed the coaches with their unwavering enthusiasm and outstanding sportsmanship.

The PTA Bonfire Bingo night was a great success, raising £430. Thank you to everyone who supported the event. Our Charity Club's Halloween Disco was a thoroughly spooky occasion! It raised £95 for this year's chosen charities, Animal Care and Cancer Research.

Our next social event is the Christmas Fair which will take place on Thursday, 15th December from 5pm until 7pm. The whole community is welcome to join in with the fun. There will be games, stalls, refreshments and, as usual, a very special visitor!

Our Reception and Key Stage 1 children will be performing in The Big Little Nativity on 7th December at 1:30pm and 6pm. This is going to be a real treat, not to be missed! The children would love to perform to full audiences so please support them. Tickets are available from the school office.

The closing date for applications for Reception in September 2023 is 15th January. It's not too late to have a private tour of the school - come and see what we can offer if you're still undecided! If you're as passionate as we are about wider opportunities such as the Performing Arts, the outdoors (we have our very own forest!), sport and visiting new places (we even go to France!), we could well be the place for your child. Our children also achieve high standards academically, with a large proportion passing the entrance examinations each year for the Lancaster grammar schools.

Our large, detached sports hall continues to be available for hire. It has a fully-equipped kitchen, stage, and pleasant meeting room. For further details, contact the school office (01524 770104).

### CRAFTY TOTS

No Crafty Tots in December. We'll be back again in January

### LITTLE STARS TOTS GROUP

We usually meet every Wednesday in the month. No meeting on November 30th

Dates for December are 7th and 14th. We are back first Weds of term, which is 11th January. We meet in St Peter's, Quernmore at any time from 8.45 -11.00. All welcome.

### 'TIDDLEYWINKS' TODDLER GROUP

Hi there, toddlers! We'll meet on Thursdays, 10 - 11.30 at the Church Hall up to and including Thurs. 15th Dec. Then you can go and help Mummy and Daddy; Granny and Gramps deck the hall with boughs of holly! Have a lovely Christmas, then come back on Thurs. 5th Jan. all ready for some nice plain Rich Tea biscuits and a beaker of juice. Season's Greetings from Elaine, Jim and Mary (Santa's little helpers)

### CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION - SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER

Caton Baptist Church Children Christmas Presentation on Sunday 11th December at 10:30am. The children will lead our service with songs, drama retelling the wonderful Christmas story. Tea/coffee and mince pies after the service. All welcome.

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#### HORNBY PENSIONERS

*Dominoes Evenings* will be held on alternate Saturdays on the ground floor of The Institute, beginning at 7 p.m. Those evenings being on December 10th and 24th. and January 7th and 21st No previous experience of the game is needed and everyone is welcome.

*The Christmas Lunch* - This will be held in the Institute on Tuesday 13TH December at 12.30 P.M. There will be an excellent variety of food and the price will be £12.50. This price includes a glass of wine and The Occasionals will provide the entertainment. This is an occasion not to be missed, so come along and enjoy. Tickets for this event will be available from Kath Helme, at the Institute, on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. If you have difficulty in getting to the Institute, in order to book, please ring Kath on 07597774681.

*Coffee morning* - There will be a coffee morning on Saturday 14th January 10 A.M. until Noon.

Come along for a chat and meet up with old friends. Enjoy a morning of chatter and banter and generally catch up on all the local news and views, in a warm atmosphere, with a welcome coffee and biscuit.

#### LUNE VALLEY PROBUS CLUB - HORNBY

We end the 2022 Talks programme on Monday December 5th with the return of Pat Ashcroft who will talk on Irish Horse Power and share with us another of her adventures, Then to complete the year on Monday December 19th we are going to relax and enjoy a Christmas Social Lunch at the newly reopened Royal Oak- Hornby.

Following Christmas break our first meeting of 2023 will be on Monday January 16th when Adrian Taylor - will tell us all about The Grand Theatre Lancaster. This is one of the oldest theatres in England and the third oldest in Britain, having been in near continuous use since 1782..

Please remember, partners, friends and guests are always welcome at our meetings and we wish you all a joyous Christmas and a peaceful New Year. Lunesdale Probus Club meetings are usually held on the first and third Monday of each month. We meet at the Hornby Village Institute at 10.30 hrs for coffee and chat before each session.. For further details or any information on this or other Lunesdale Probus Club matters please contact - Roger Carter. Hon. Secretary; Lunesdale Probus Club. 015242 22283

#### LVCS HORNBY SWIMMING POOL - CHRISTMAS OPENINGS ETC.

The Trustees and all the pool team wish you all a very merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year..

The Lune Valley Swimming Pool will have family events and open swims over the Christmas and New year period,

Please check our Website for opening hours and further details We are very pleased to announce that Lune Valley Swimming Pool is part of the Co-op Local Community Fund for 2022 - 2023.

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For all Hornby Pool general enquiries please contact Georgia or Scott on 01524805666.

Website- [www.lunevalleypool.com](http://www.lunevalleypool.com); Facebook – lune valley swimming pool.

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

Another exciting month at Caton St Paul's has seen our children taking part in community events, curriculum outings and sporting tournaments as we continue to go the extra mile for the children and families of CSP.

It was lovely to be able to provide our school hall as a packing hub for Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes. Children and adults made and packed approximately shoeboxes that will be sent to Eastern Europe for children less fortunate than ourselves. Well done to all who were involved in this marvellous charity event.

Our commitment to outdoor education continued with our Y6 children caving in Long Churn. They showed resilience and perseverance (important skills for life) to squeeze, scramble and climb their way through a series of caverns. Our Y4 children visited Cathedral Quarry and Tarn Hows in the Lake District for an introduction to caving, as well as learning about the nature and history of the area.

Our Y6 children have completed their bikeability training and are now fully safe to cycle on the road. We are also immensely proud to have been nominated for a National Bikeability award for our commitment to ensuring all our children can access bikeability, no matter what their special need might be.

Sapphire class had a great time at Lancaster Castle as part of their Crime and Punishment topic. They also took time to visit Lancaster Priory to learn about the history of this famous Church.

Our Pre-school continues to grow and we now employ two full time members of staff to meet the needs of our youngest children. If you are interested in Pre-school, please ring 01524 770241 to book a look round. Pre-school children have lunch in our school hall, as well as coming to Friday worship. They are able to access our Wraparound Care Club (WAC) where the older children are more than happy to help to look after them! WAC club runs from 7:45 - 8:45am and 3:10 - 5:30pm and is available to all children in school.

This week in the Lancaster Guardian we are the 'spotlight school'. Look out for an article and a photograph about our school. If your child is starting school in September, or if you have just moved to the area, and you would like to book a look round, please ring 01524 770241 and we would be happy to show you our school.

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### CHRISTMAS MASS IN THE LUNE VALLEY

The following are the Mass times for Christmas in the Catholic churches of the Lune Valley.

Christmas Eve 24th at Our Lady Immaculate Caton Carols at 5.30pm followed by Holy Mass at 6pm

Christmas Day 25th at St Joseph's Kirkby Lonsdale Holy Mass at 9am

Christmas Day 25th at St Mary's Hornby Holy Mass at 11am

On Sunday 11th December at 3pm we will bless the outdoor crib in Hornby followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

A warm welcome is extended to all and we hope you all have a Happy Christmas.

### BROOKHOUSE COMMUNITY CHURCH

We meet in the Victoria Institute every Sunday Morning at 10.45am. There is always a very warm welcome for anyone who joins us. Junior Church is available each week for the children. The service is always followed by refreshments and a chat.

*Meet to Eat* -- 2nd Dec. and (16th Dec, Fully Booked).

*Coffee and Cakes* -- Wed. 14th Dec.

*Friday Friends* -- There will be no Friday Friends in December

If you would like to get in touch with someone from the church please contact Jim Hutchinson at [pottyheads@gmail.com](mailto:pottyheads@gmail.com). We meet in the Victoria Institute every Sunday Morning at 10.45am. There is always a very warm welcome for anyone who joins us. Junior Church is available each week for the children. The service is always followed by refreshments and a chat.

### ST PAUL'S CHURCH BROOKHOUSE COFFEE MORNING

The next Coffee Morning will be at the Parish Hall on the 7th 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 £88 for the Mother's Union Caravan. Thanks to everyone who attended the Coffee Morning and supported this praiseworthy cause.

### VILLAGE CHRISTMAS PASTORAL SERVICE

This year there will be a Village Christmas Pastoral Service. This will be held on 6/12/22 at 11 am at St Paul's Church. It will consist of a short service with hymns and readings which 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.

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT CATON BAPTIST CHURCH

Caton Baptist Church are holding a Candlelight Carol Service on *Sunday 24th December* at 6:30pm when we will be singing our favourite carols and hearing again of our Lord Jesus's first coming to this earth. All very welcome to join us.

Come and join us at Caton Baptist Church on Christmas Day at 10am as we celebrate our Saviour's birth and thank God for sending His Son. All welcome.

### CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

I want to thank once again, everyone who contributed in any way to this years shoebox appeal. Whether it was by donating boxes, donating items, packing a box themselves, donating to transport costs, knitting or making items for the boxes, helping at the packing day or giving their time in any way. The community packing day this year was held at Caton St Paul's School Hall and that morning we packed 170 shoeboxes full of love and gifts. A big thank you to Mr Gittins at Caton St Paul's school for allowing us to use the hall.

Although this year I've not run a collection centre, I am storing two other churches and St Paul's school shoeboxes for collection on Wednesday 16th November. I'm expecting we will have nearly 300 boxes in total.

Last year our village shoeboxes went to Liberia but this year Samaritans Purse have said about two thirds of all their boxes will go to the Ukraine or surrounding countries who have taken Ukraine refugees so it's likely our boxes will go there. Thank you all once again. It wouldn't be possible without everyone's help. Sara

### CATON AND FRIENDS FOR UKRAINE

Another few boxes of medical supplies have gone to Ukraine on Nov 14th. Over the coming weeks, we will be collecting/buying more items that are critical for the winter months ahead. Everyone is welcome to join us - the group meets on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month at 2-4pm, in the Lune Valley Methodist Hub (Brookhouse).

### PAINTING GROUP

The Painting group will meet on Thursday 1st & 15th December at Lune Valley Methodist Hub from 1.30 - 3.30pm. The 15th will be our last session for this year. Everyone is welcome no matter what level of skill you have. We ask for a donation of £2 to cover costs. For more information contact Ruth 01524 770605.

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#### ST PAUL'S DECEMBER SERVICES

- 4th December - 10am All Age Worship lead by our young people. Speaker - Ian Gittins (no communion)
- 11th December - 10am communion with Rev Steven Evans - and Sunday Club
- 18th December - 10am communion with Rev Leah Vasey - and Sunday Club
- 6.30pm - Village Carol Service, see separate article.
- 24th December - 4pm crib service, see separate article
- 10pm - 'midnight' communion with Rev Cindy Rigney
- 25th December - 10am communion with Sister Judith (no Sunday Club)

#### CATON METHODIST CHAPEL

**Weekly Sunday Service:** 10:30am We will worship at Caton apart from Sunday 11th December, when we will be at The Lune Valley Methodist Hub, Brookhouse. Everyone very Welcome

**Saturday Soup Christmas Special.** Saturday 10th December 12:30pm. Meet up with friends for soup & homemade cakes. £3.00 per person

**Carol Service** - Sunday 18th December 10:30am. Followed by coffee and mince pies

**Crafts @ Caton** -We are having a break in December but will be back in January. Look out for our knitted/crochet stars which will be appearing in the villages throughout December

Bible Study Live and via Zoom. Fortnightly 7pm is held at The Lune Valley Methodist Hub with Rev Emma. Wednesday 14th and 28th December, And also by zoom

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

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

#### LUNE VALLEY METHODIST HUB - Brookhouse

**Sunday Service 11th December** - Rev Emma Holroyd

- 10am - Short time of Prayer and reflection
- 10:30am - Sunday Service finishing with refreshments

**Free Tea and Toast** - Every Wednesday between 2-4:30pm - all ages welcome 'Creating a Warm Space'.

**Book and Jigsaw Exchange** - Saturday 17th December - 10am-12pm. With Coffee and biscuits choose a book or jigsaw, any donations go to charity

**Bible Study Live and via Zoom** -Wednesday 14th and 28th December 7-8pm with Rev Emma and also via zoom

**'Caton and Friends for Ukraine'** continue to meet each 1st and 3rd Saturday afternoons between 2-4pm, For coffee, Cake, English lessons and children's activities.

Everyone is very welcome to any of the above events

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

#### CATON BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Alan Wandsworth - Tel 01524 771371 Church Website - [catonbaptist.org](http://catonbaptist.org)

More details on our website and Facebook page. Caton Baptist Church

We continue to meet for worship on Sundays at 10.30am and 6.30pm. Sunday School during the morning service. 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

#### 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 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 for December is the 14th, this will be a Christmas Themed We look forward to seeing you.

**Wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year.**

#### WARM SPACE

Every Tuesday afternoon from 2 - 4pm Caton Baptist Church will be open as a warm space for you to come and enjoy a cuppa and informal chat. Please come and stay the whole time or come and go as you please but you are very welcome.

#### CAROL SINGING

Caton Baptist Church will be out carol singing on Friday 23rd December meeting at the church at 6:15 pm.

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Several village organisations are offering places where residents can come to keep warm and socialise if they wish. Caton Baptist Church every Tuesday 2-4pm with hot drinks provided. Lune Valley Methodist Hub every Wednesday 2-4.30pm, with tea and toast. And you are welcome to come into the Victoria Institute and use the Cottam Room and the Library/IT Room when it is staffed - usually Monday 10-12 and 1-3, Tuesday 10-12, Wednesday 10-12 and 1-3, Thursday 10-12.

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Attention all groups, schools and any events held by residents of the village. A mobile defibrillator is available for you to borrow at no charge to take on trips, visits or sporting events, thanks to The Cottam Trust. In the event of a Cardiac Arrest the device could save a life and sadly anyone, of any age and fitness, can be taken ill like this. The device is easy to use as it tells you what to do and cannot be used incorrectly. Please contact [tricia@marybankfarm.uk](mailto:tricia@marybankfarm.uk) if you would like to borrow it

**THE ROTARY CLUB OF LUNESDALE**

*Christmas Concert Change of Venue* Please note those who are planning to come to the Christmas Concert on Saturday 10th December featuring the Kendal Male Voice Choir that the venue has been changed and it will be St Mary's Parish Church, Queen's Square, Kirkby Lonsdale.

Club members were very pleased to welcome Kath Bromilow MBE, a member of Carnforth Rotary Club and currently the District 1190 Governor to the meeting on 3rd November. In her year as Governor she will visit all the clubs in District 1190. Kath was of course our speaker of the evening and she spoke about her childhood years in a family of seven children. She gave an honest review of those early years when the children were in and out of care homes. Life could have turned out very differently had it not been for the intervention of a Rotary Club member whose sustained efforts helped to bring the family back together. In her working life Kath spent 30 years working for firstly the Greater Manchester Police and secondly for the Lancashire Constabulary. She has vast experience working with Volunteer Police Cadets. In 2002 she was named Police Officer of the Year for GMP in recognition of her work with local communities and young people.

At the meeting on 10th November members welcomed the now retired Chris May, Emeritus Professor of Political Economy, Lancaster University. Chris is currently Chairman of The Lancaster Canal Regeneration Partnership and he spoke passionately about the LCRP and how its main role is to reach out to communities to maximise use of the canal corridor.

On Saturday 10th December at 7.30pm the Club will host a Christmas Concert featuring Kendal Male Voice Choir at St Mary's Parish Church in Kirkby Lonsdale and NOT in the Lunesdale Hall as stated in the November newsletter. We hope to see you there.

On behalf of Club President Dave Tuohy and the members of the Rotary Club of Lunesdale we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a healthy, prosperous 2023. Lilian.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION NETWORK**

Caton with Littledale Environmental Action Network is a group of local volunteers working to help people reduce their personal carbon footprint and help enable the district to reach net zero targets. We are hoping to organise information sharing events in the community and are looking for like minded people to join us. Please follow our Facebook group, [www.facebook.com/groups/catonenvironmentalaction](http://www.facebook.com/groups/catonenvironmentalaction) for more information. Our next meeting will be held at the Station Hotel on Tuesday 6th December at 7.30pm. Please come and join us.

**PERSONAL ASSISTANT NEEDED**

Female retired language teacher in Hornby with MS seeks female personal assistant to help with some physio exercises, personal care and household duties. Up to 25 hours negotiable. £14 p/hr.

Tel. Carol on 015242 21785 or E-mail [s.duncan007@btinternet.com](mailto:s.duncan007@btinternet.com)

**LOOKING FOR A SECURE LOCAL ENCLOSED FIELD**

I'm looking for a secure enclosed field without livestock in or around Caton /Brookhouse where I could let my retired greyhound run a couple of times a week off-lead. I'd clean up after him and leave everything tidy. Willing to pay small weekly fee for right place. Please email if you've something suitable - thanks. [steph@somacreate.com](mailto:steph@somacreate.com)

**HOW DO I GET THIS FIXED?**

Flooding - Flood alerts Properties close to the Lune and other watercourses may be able to get flood alerts from the Environment Agency - search online. And you can monitor online the River gauge at Caton. For most of the area, surface water flooding is the main issue and at present there is no automatic warning system for surface water flooding. Be prepared Check your insurance, know what to take if you had to leave quickly, and consider buying protective equipment, such as Floodsax (from the Victoria Institute). Above all, check your own house drains and ensure they are draining freely. Keep an eye on the road drains near you. Clear the surface if it is blocked with leaves and mud and look through the grid to see if the drain is clear. If it is blocked contact Lancashire Council to get it cleaned out - this is best done online or through the LoveCleanStreets app.

In emergency Ring 999 if there is a danger to life. For blocked sewers or burst water pipes contact United Utilities on their 24/7 helplines 0345 672 3723 or 0345 672 2999. For blocked roads ring Lancashire County Council on 0300 123 6786.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

PATRICIA BAINBRIDGE - David Bainbridge and family would like to thank everybody for their support and empathy during Pat's short battle with cancer. Her funeral was held in a full St Paul's Church, tributes reflected her lifelong commitment to both her family and village life. Donations of over £1000 was gratefully received for the North West Air Ambulance charity. Pat is sadly missed by her loving family & friends.

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