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## **FEBRUARY 2024**

#### LINK HIGHLIGHTS THIS MONTH

Sustrans Family Activity Day - see page 1 Repair Cafe - see page 2

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#### **PARISH COUNCIL**

Parish Clerk: Laura McGowan, email catonparishcouncil@gmail.com

**New Clerk** Our new Parish Clerk is Laura McGowan, who lives in Caton on Brookhouse Road. We are sorting a dedicated mobile phone number for the Parish Council, so for the time being please contact her by email or leave messages with the Victoria Institute on 01524 771733.

**Solar-powered speed indicator devices** Providing the new SPID is inching forward, and we hope to have the posts for them in place soon.

Village website The village website is about to undergo a major revamp. More information next month. Fell View Play Park The Parish Council is very grateful to LEF, who have allocated us up to £13,500 for the work needed on the Play Park. We have ordered a replacement play hut which should be installed by the end of March. We're getting prices for the work needed on the rotting timber fences and supports and hope to sort the benches and top up the Cushionfall soon. And a big thank you - when we went to check on the Play Park on Friday 12th January, not only was it litter-free but someone had done some weeding and raked the Cushionfall. We don't know who did this but we were so pleased to see this had been done!

#### **GREEN BINS**

A reminder to subscribers that green bin waste collection starts again week beginning February 12th.

#### SUSTRANS GREENWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

At the time of writing (13th January) Sustrans are on track to complete the final element of the greenway improvement project; a new fully accessible ramp will have been installed to help users connect up to Bull Beck picnic site. Aside from some minor snags for the contractor to pick up, this completes the package of improvement works and no more partial closures are expected along the path in relation to this project. Sustrans thanks all residents for their cooperation over the last couple of months.

Sustrans are also hosting a free, family-friendly activity day at Crook O'Lune Car Park on Saturday 17th February 10:30-14:30. Get yourself (and your bike!) ready to 'Roll into Spring' with Sustrans and a number of our local partners. Nature trail, kids activities, bike maintenance, e-bike / adaptive bike demos and more tbc! Please look out for further information relating to the event on the village webpage and on Facebook, and at the Sustrans link here: http://tinyurl.com/sustrans-caton

#### FIRST SATURDAY 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. You decide how much time and where abouts in the village needs some attention. Half an hour or an hour can – and does – make such a difference. It is a disappointment that the car parks on Hornby Road and by the playing field always need so much attention with bottles, cans, and sandwich wrappers having been dropped so casually. Many thanks to our volunteers who turned out in January collecting six bags of rubbish! An annoying clutch of empty bottles also had a welcome aspect - a £10 note now donated to the Victoria Institute rewiring fund.

If you have seen an area which would benefit from a tidy up, or have any queries, please contact Judy Powell on 771154. Rubbish bags, bag holders, and litter pickers are provided, and it is a good idea to bring your own gloves. Hi-vis vests (various sizes) also available on request. Next session: **Saturday 3rd February** 

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#### Baptist Church Artlebeck Bridge

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

#### Lune Valley Methodist Hub Formerly Brookhouse Methodist Church

Monthly services at 10.30am

#### Caton Methodist Brookhouse Road

10.30am: Morning Service and Junior Church

#### Catholic Church Station Yard

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

#### St Paul's C of E Brookhouse

Sunday Communion Service at 10.00am

All Age Worship, read and led by children: 1st Sun of the month Sunday Club in the Church Hall, term time Sundays except 1st Sunday of month 1st Wednesday of the month Holy Communion at 10.00am

# Brookhouse Community Church

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We are hoping to start up our craft group again, now the days are getting a little warmer! Continuing on from our successful project sewing belongings bags for St John's Hospice, this year we are making hats for the homeless. If you can knit, or want to learn with friends, (or just want a natter!) we will be meeting up to work on this project together. More information at next month's meeting.

Next month our meeting will be at 7:30, February 1st at the Victoria Institute. We will be having a fun and relaxed session with Anne Lamb and learning some Line Dancing. Visitors are always welcome. Why not come with a friend for a fun evening, or make new ones with us!

#### **CATON GALA**

Caton Gala 2024 gets ever closer. It will take place on the 18th May 2023 at Elm Grove Field, Caton. The theme will be "Olympic Sports, (past and present)". Please bear in mind that the "modern" Olympics started in 1896 but, prior to that, the Ancient Greeks were at it in the 8th century BC. This should provide plenty of opportunities for fancy dress and other activities.

On the subject of "activities" etc. The entry forms for the competition to choose the Gala Queen, Attendant(s) and Page Boy(s) have now been delivered to local schools. The entry forms for the Drawing Competition have also been delivered to local schools. The Closing date for both competitions is the 29th February 2024. If your child does not attend a local school but would like to enter either (or both) competitions, please contact the committee and we would be pleased to send you a form. Contact can be made via our Facebook page, contacting a committee member, coming to the meeting or by email to catongala@catongala.co.uk.

The next meeting will take place at 8:00 PM on Monday the 5th of February 2024 at the Station Hotel, Caton. All are welcome to attend.

#### TWINNING VISIT FROM SOCX

Our French friends are coming to stay from 20th-23rd April – if you would like to get involved, either by hosting for the 3 nights or joining in with social events and visits, please do contact tricia@marybankfarm.uk. You don't need to have a big house, just to be friendly. We always try to match up our guests with suitable hosts, including their knowledge of English or French so please don't worry about that. It is always an enjoyable time – and helps you to meet new people in your own village too! We are also happy to have hosts who don't live in the village.

#### **CATON AND BROOKHOUSE COMMUNITY HUB**

Caton and Brookhouse Community Hub meets the first and third Saturday of the Month from 2pm-4pm. The hub is open for children's activities and a chance to meet people from the village over cake and a cuppa in a warm, friendly space.

We also offer different activities each session for people to get involved in, if they wish.

Feb 2nd Repair Cafe - Toaster broken/ ripped your favourite jacket well don't throw it away! Come and learn skills and save money at the repair cafe. We have people who can do software repairs for mobile phones/laptops/tablets. Basic Bike maintenance. Learn how to mend clothes/toys. Repair household electrical and wooden items.

Feb 17th - Waste Reduction. We all know the phrase Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. But sometimes it can feel like a minefield. What goes in which bin? Does it actually get recycled and how can I reuse items? Come along to our waste reduction day and find out more with lots of activities, information and ways to get involved including raising money for your favourite charities.

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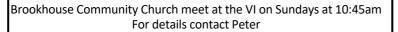
#### **VICTORIA INSTITUTE**

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#### **FUNDRAISING FOR THE REWIRE**

You are invited to afternoon tea at the Victoria Institute on Saturday 27th January 3:00-4:40pm. Tickets £12 per person from Peter. We are nearly there with raising the required funds, details are available on our website. Further donations are still very welcome towards the loss of room hire income, decoration and other costs. The work is planned to take place mid-April 2024.

#### THIS MONTHS HIGHLIGHTED GROUP



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#### **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**

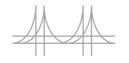
For all queries, including hiring the Victoria Institute please contact: - Peter Collins the Community Centre Manager at the Institute on 01524 771733 Office Hours; Monday & Wednesday 10:00am to 12:00 noon and 1:00 to 3:00pm Tuesday & Thursday 10:00am to 12:00 noon. You can email us on: admin@victoria-institute.org.uk Further information can be found at our website: www.victoria-institute.org.uk Follow us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/victoria.institute.caton/

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An exciting start to the Spring term at Caton St Paul's started with a fantastic trip to London for our Y6 children. The children travelled to Euston on the train, then rode upstairs on a London bus to Trafalgar Square. We hopped off the bus and walked down the Mall to Buckingham Palace – the flag was flying so King Charles was at home! After lunch in St James' Park, we walked past Churchill's war rooms, through Horseguards Parade and to the front of Downing Street. After this, we went to the Houses of Parliament to take part in a tour and workshop. The children were able to sit in the House of Commons during a debate on SEND funding, and sit in the House of Lords during a debate on housing. They were then able to debate their own laws and decided to ban homework at the weekends! This trip was part of our drive to add to the cultural capital of our children by helping to open their eyes to different settings to their own. It also linked with our teaching of British values as the children now show a much greater understanding of democracy in our country.

We played at the Lancaster and Morecambe Y5/6 football tournament, winning 2 matches and finishing 3rd in our group. We have many sporting opportunities lined up for our children in the next month, with competitions for children in Y1-6. Our commitment is that all children will represent CSP at sport before they leave us.

Just before Christmas, our SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) report was released and we are very pleased with the results. We feel this report sums up the values and education we give all of our children, whatever their background. Here are a few of the quotes from the report: this is available on our school website if you would like to read it. "Pupils and adults are nurtured in a loving community family and are able to flourish as a result."

"Everyone is treated with a high level of care and deep respect for the uniqueness of each individual. As a result, the school is a strong community with a culture of wellbeing in which adults and pupils thrive."

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Our Pre-school continues to flourish and we still have some places on selected days – please call 01524 770241 for a tour.

We are always on the lookout for new staff to join our lovely team. If you can offer some cleaning hours before or after school, or some welfare hours at lunchtime, please let us know.

#### CATON SPORTS ASSOCIATION/CATON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

As mentioned last month, we have been trialling a new prize draw and below are the recent winners...

November '23 - Iain Lightfoot - £50

December '23 - David Scholey - £50

If you would like to be entered into the draw for a chance to win a cash prize, please see our website, or get in touch. As the number of entries increases, the prize will also increase.

On the 9th of Jan, we were kindly given training on how to use the defib we have at the club, so we can effectively use it, should an emergency occur. We are hoping to open the invite to the community in a few months when the weather warms up, and we can carry out the training outside on the field. We will post the info nearer the time. Thanks for those who have kindly selected us as their good cause in the Co-op Local Community Fund. There is still time to select us if you wish to do so. It will help us to keep improving our facilities. Last note: our first team have a big Cup game coming up on the 3rd of February against Eagley FC from Bolton at Caton. It would be great to see as much local support as possible in what will be a tough game. As always, if you are looking to help us with suggestions or as a volunteer, you can visit us during our home games, or contact us on social media via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and via email info@catonsports.co.uk. All support is welcome and greatly appreciated.

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You are welcome to come to St Paul's for our Sunday services at 10 am. The first Sunday of the month is All Age Worship, led by the children, and the following Sundays are Communion Services, with Sunday Club for the children. All are welcome to join us for our services and for refreshments afterwards.

**St Paul's Youth Group, SPY,** meets at the Vicarage, 153 Brookhouse Road, from 4pm every two weeks. This will be on 8th and 22nd February. Please contact Helen Scamman at vicar@stpaulscaton.org.uk for more information or look on www.stpaulscaton.org.uk.

If you would like to get in touch about baptisms, weddings, funerals or anything else about life and faith, please get in touch with Rev Helen Scamman at vicar@stpaulscaton.org.uk or 01524770300.

#### **COFFEE MORNINGS AT ST PAUL'S CHURCH**

The next Coffee Morning will be at the Parish Hall on the **7th of FEBRUARY 2024 at 10.30**. As usual there will be a raffle, a quiz, as well as stalls displaying a range of produce at reasonable prices. 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. The January Coffee Morning raised £97.50 for the Church Hall Funds

#### LENT LUNCHES AT ST PAUL'S BROOKHOUSE

There will be a series of lunches held during the Lent period. These will take place in the Church Hall at 1.00pm on the following Tuesdays: the 20th and 27th of February and the 5th and 12th of March. Each lunch will cost £4.00 and the money raised will be given to Samaritans. Everyone is invited to attend to enjoy a period of fellowship and reflection, as well as supporting this worthy cause.

#### **CATON BAPTIST CHURCH**

Pastor Alan Wandsworth - Tel 01524 771371. Church Website - catonbaptist.org. More details on our website and Facebook page. 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. **Youth service** on Sunday 11th February at 6:30pm. The usual doughnuts and hot chocolate at the close. All welcome. 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 as above.

**Ladies Meeting** - We are a friendly group of ladies who meet once a fortnight on a Wednesday afternoon at 2pm. Our speakers always bring a devotional message and we all enjoy a cup of tea, coffee and biscuits afterwards. All ladies from the village and further afield are welcome to join us and transport can be arranged if you require a lift.

For any other enquiries or help with any matter phone Judith on 01524 770872. The dates for February are - 7th Ruth Hassel; 21st Judy Aitken. We look forward to seeing you.

Crafty Tots is a fortnightly group held in Caton Baptist Church. Sessions will start at 9:30am until 10:30am and are open to Pre school children from the age of 18months +. Come and join us for crafts, stories and singing with a brew for the mums (and dads). For more information or to book your child's place please email - catoncraftytots@gmail.com The cost will be £2.50 per session. The dates for February are 9th and 23rd.

We are continuing with the **Alpha course** on Tuesday evenings during February at 7pm. If you are interested in knowing more about the Christian faith or have questions or concerns, please come along. There will be food and no pressure, just an opportunity to talk, share or just listen. This course will be held in Caton Baptist Church. For more details please contact Alan.

Caton Baptist Chapel Anniversary 3rd and 4th February - Celebrating our Birthday at Caton Baptist church. Saturday 3rd we are sharing a fellowship tea at 6pm, followed by a message from our guest speaker for the weekend from Belfast, Rev Ken Bleakley. Everyone is really welcome to come and share with us. Sunday 4th 10.30am and 6.30pm - everyone welcome to join us for our Sunday services and again taken by Rev Ken Bleakley.

**Spring harvest weekend.** Sunday 25th February we will be having a support weekend for the work of the Olive branch in Lancaster, (the-olivebranch.org.uk) working with some of Lancaster's most vulnerable. We will be collecting much needed food and essentials to support the ongoing work, everyone is welcome to share with us in this weekend of support, please contact Pastor Alan if you can help.

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We meet every Sunday morning, 10.45 at the Victoria Institute; Junior Church and Creche held each week. Coffee and biscuits afterwards. Come and join us.

(Meet to Eat - will not resume until Peg-Leg-Pete is fully mobile again)

Coffee & Cakes- come and enjoy a cup of coffee and some delicious home baking. Wed. 14th Feb. 10 to 11.30 at the Victoria Institute £1.50 per person.

'Tiddleywinks' Toddler Group - we'll meet as usual on Thursdays in February, 10 to 11.30 at Brookhouse Church Hall, £2.50 per family; but we shall NOT meet on Thurs. 15th Feb as we'll all be getting over the heady romance of Valentine's Day; (and it's half term.) love from Elaine; Mr. Darcey and Mary

#### THE LUNE VALLEY METHODIST HUB, BROOKHOUSE

There will be no Sunday Services this Month

Saturday Soup Saturday 10th February 12:30pm. Join us for homemade soup and cakes £3.00 per person.

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

Bible Study 7pm Wednesday 14th and 28th February. (2nd and 4th Wednesday)

Half Term Craft Morning Wednesday 14th February 10-12pm Come along to a morning of Easy Craft activities along with Tea and Toast.

Community Hub incorporating Caton and Friends for Ukraine. Meet on 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month 2-4pm with Coffee and Cake. This month's sessions are on 3rd and 17th February. Room Hire: Whole site £175 per day (3 rooms); Main hall (12x10.5m) £18 per hour. Discount £13. Seating 125; Small room (6x4.5m) £10 per hour. Discount £8. Seating 20; Kitchen: Refreshments only £10 per hour; Full Use £15 per hour. £20 per session if using other rooms. Seating 20. Please note: Main hall does not include the Church. Available on request.

Discounted rate = 5 or more bookings in a 6 month period or for continuous hire of 3 or more hours. If you would like to hire the building, please contact lunevalleymethodist@gmail.com or visit www.northlancsmethodist.org.uk

#### WHAT'S ON AT CATON METHODIST CHAPEL

Weekly Sunday Service 10:30am

Saturday Soup: Saturday 10th at the Lune Valley Methodist hub 12:30pm - £3.00 per person. Enjoy soup and homemade cakes with friends.

Crafts @ Caton On Thursday 29th February 10-12pm. Come along for a coffee and chat.

#### **CATON CHURCH SCOUT GROUP**

Thank you to everyone who bought a Christmas tree from us or came to the Christmas Fair. We are pleased to report that we raised approximately £500 towards our trailer fund. A huge thank you to our Scouts who have been awarded their fundraising badges as a result of running these activities, congratulations!

Going forward, we have lots of exciting activities planned, such as adventure days, camps and environmental days in all three sections: Beavers (6-8 years old), Cubs (8-10.5 years old) and Scouts (10.5 -14 years old).

We currently have some spaces in our Beaver Colony which is for 6-8 year olds. They meet on a Tuesday night from 6 until 7pm. If you would like to find out more about Beavers and book your first session, please email catonchurchscoutgroup@gmail.com

#### **CATON AND BROOKHOUSE GARDENING CLUB**

We hope everyone enjoyed our festive meal last month. It certainly seemed to be a nice social occasion and was much better than staying at home on a miserable January afternoon. Thanks to all for coming and supporting the event.

Our next function is on Thursday February 8th at 7pm in St Pauls church hall. Our speaker will be Trevor Piearce and his subject will be the Heyday of Victorian Gardening. As you all know, Trevor is an expert on ferns - and he will try to get ferns into his talk but that won't be at the expense of hearing about what to us are the idiosyncrasies of the gardening philosophies of our ancestors. It will be entertaining so do come along. Non-members (£2 entry) are welcome and as usual refreshments are provided. See you then.



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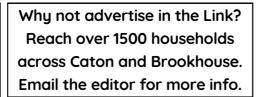
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Dominoes evenings. These evenings will begin at 7pm in the Institute. Dates during February are on Saturdays, 3rd and 17th. No previous experience of the game is needed, and everyone is welcome.

A.G.M. This will be held on Tuesday 6th February and will be followed by a Jacob's Join.

This is usually a most enjoyable event, as the tasty offerings of our members never cease to tempt our taste buds. Please note that this is the first Tuesday in February. Not our usual second. Membership cards will be available on this date, at a cost of £10 p.p.

#### **LUNE VALLEY PROBUS CLUB - HORNBY 2024 MEETINGS**

Our meetings for 2024 began on Monday January 15th when Martin Cooper gave us a fascinating talk on Canals past and present uses. Our speaker on February 5th will be Christine Conder to talk about B4RN 'the early Days'. Christine was the driving force that led to the development and installation of the system in our area and many others.

Our speaker on February 19th is Lionel Wilson on the Volcanoes of Mars. This a follow up to the excellent talk he gave us on, Is There Water on Mars?. Please remember friends and guests are always welcome at our meetings.

Lunesdale Probus Club meetings are usually held on the first and third Monday of each month. We meet at the Hornby Village Institute at 10.15 hrs for coffee/tea and chat before each session. For further details or any information on this or other Lunesdale Probus Club matters please contact - Lunesdale Probus Club. 015242 22283

#### THE GONDALIERS

Hornby Occasionals are performing The Gondoliers at Hornby Institute from 20th - 23rd March 2024. Wed, Thur, Fri 7.30pm; Sat Matinee 2.30pm. Come and experience this lively and colourful Operetta. Tickets available at Hornby Institute, LA2 8JR Box Office: 015242 22227

#### **CATON PRIMARY SCHOOL**

We have started the Spring term with some very exciting topics to inspire our children. Reception's topic is 'Once Upon a Time' and they have been very busy investigating who stole the porridge from the classroom! They found some strange footprints and some other clues so they worked in teams to set traps. Now they are debating whether it's Jack or the giant who is the baddie fairytale character! One child said they thought it was the giant "because he wouldn't share his stuff" and another said it was Jack "because he took all the giant's things"!

Forest School this term has got off to a frosty start. Reception sprinkled porridge trails through the forest and made mini shelters for different fairytale characters. Class 2 is investigating how the forest changes with the different seasons, linked to their topics of the weather and plants. Class 3 is considering what makes Earth angry, something that's in the news currently with the eruptions in Iceland. Their science learning is all about teeth and digestion and they've already had great fun experimenting and inspecting each other's teeth! Class 4 is focusing on the Mayans in history and population and migration in geography. Also, to kick off the whole school's focus on careers, Class 4 were thrilled to listen to a careers talk from NHS workers.

We are so lucky to have our wonderful sports hall for lunchtime activities. The children enjoy lunchtime archery, Zumba, table tennis, circuits, chess and board games, basketball and football. There are also many other clubs to enjoy during and after school, including Lego Club, Choir, the School Band, multi sports, gymnastics and Eco Club. Our sports hall and field are available for hire. The hall has a fully-equipped kitchen, stage, pleasant meeting room and toilets. For further details, contact the school office (01524 770104).

The PTA's first event of 2024 was a 'glow disco' which everyone thoroughly enjoyed! Whilst the children danced the evening away, their parents spent a very valuable hour in an online safety workshop, learning how to keep their children safe online. We look forward to the many other forthcoming family events our marvellous PTA has planned.

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#### MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS IN FEBRUARY

The Lancashire Libraries mobile is here on Thursday 23rd February (Station Hotel, 2-3.30pm) and Friday 24th February (Lune Valley Methodist Hub, 9.30-10am)

#### **GROW CATON**

This month we are still eating though our potatoes, onions, beets, squashes and other produce from last year, whilst planning for the year ahead with the usual fresh hope for a great veggie season and seeing the rhubarb popping up here and there. The seed swap box will be out again at the Institute later this month, so if you are clearing out packets of old part-used seeds please keep them and pop them in there to share. When our group has their seedlings going we are bound to be sharing the surplus for these too. First though we will be having a practice run at pruning apple trees so we know what we are doing to get the community orchard established. We have decided to plant the walnut trees at Beckside next autumn when the green is free again. The garden share is well balanced now with demand and offers of garden space. If there are any new people who wish to come on board this year then do get in touch and we will get growers and owners matched up when we can. To find out more, or be part of the Grow Caton WhatsApp chat, contact us via Peter Collins at the Victoria Institute, via Brigitte 770771 or email growcaton@outlook.com, or via Anne 771470.

#### **CATON LEISURE CLUB**

Spice up your Monday mornings by joining us:-

Come along for our interesting programme of speakers each Monday and chat over tea/coffee and biscuits. Annual membership is just £5 with the first talk free (£3 each meeting thereafter) or £4 for non members.

Oh; There will be a day trip for Members in the next few months. So why not join up now?

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