

LINK

ISSUE FOR JANUARY 2021

THE LINK AND COVID - 19 (CORONA VIRUS)

As 'The Link' goes to the printers in the middle of the month and the situation and Government advice regarding the public's response to Covid -19 is changing very rapidly, it may be that some meetings and events mentioned in this edition may not go ahead. Please check with the organizers of the meetings and events for up to date information. The Link team wishes everyone a very Happy and Safe Christmas and we hope that 2021 will be a better year for all of us.

Please note the new address for correspondence and also the new e-mail address

PARISH COUNCIL

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

PARISH PRECEPT - The Parish Council has decided not to increase the Parish Precept for 2021/22. This is the part of your Lancaster City Council rates which is allocated to the work of our Parish Council.

FOOTBALL NETS AT FELL VIEW - The Parish Council is working with local residents who want to replace the football nets at Fell View.

JANUARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - scheduled for Tuesday 12 January. It is expected to be held via Zoom. Local residents are welcome to attend, and can raise issues during the Open Forum at the start of the meeting.

Contact the Parish Clerk if you would like to take part.

LIVING ADVENT CALENDAR

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who created the beautiful advent windows throughout December. Thank you also to all those who came along each evening for the light switch on. There was a great atmosphere as people enjoyed the lead up to Christmas and it brought a little joy as we got to the end of 2020.

FIRST SATURDAY WORK PARTY

A group of residents are getting together on the first Saturday of each month to pick up litter and tidy the village. Meet at the car park next to Boots in Caton at 10am. Weather permitting. Bags, gloves, litter-pickers available. Perhaps for just half an hour or an hour - could make a big difference!

Next session Saturday January 2nd

SATURDAY FOOTBALL AND NETBALL

A message to all those who come along to Saturday Morning Soccer/Netball. The leaders feel it is not possible to recommence sessions just yet due to the uncertainty regarding Covid 19 Please keep a look out though, we are sure we will be able to start again very soon and have lots of fun altogether again. We are missing you all, keep well and safe.

TWINNING ASSOCIATION

We are so sorry that we will be unable to be dancing, eating and drinking with you all on Burns' Night this year. It is always such a great evening - but it will be back in 2022!

We also do not yet know if we will be able to visit our friends in Socx this summer, but whenever we go we know we will have the warmest welcome and a wonderful few days of festivities - just what we all need right now!

LOCAL NEWS OF CATON & BROOKHOUSE

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CATON AND BROOKHOUSE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Good news at last, the vaccine against the Covid 19 virus is now being rolled out. We can start to hope that our first trip out to Boundary Mill on the 15 th of April looks more hopeful. Watch this space for more information as we receive it.

In the meantime we hope to hold our AGM at 2pm on the 21 st of January in the Hall at the Victoria Institute. All the government instructions on distancing, mask wearing and hand sanitizing will still be compulsory. Any changes to the AGM booking will be posted in the Victoria Institute or by calling our secretary.

There will be the opportunity to elect your committee and pick up the updates for the 2021 programme. Just to confirm the 2020 membership cards with the updates will be used. Also there will be free annual membership for paid up 2020 members, the membership fee for new members will be £5.00.

The committee wish all members a happy and safe 2021.
For further information please call our secretary Benita on 01524 771943

CORONAVIRUS: THANK YOU TO LOCAL WORKERS

Many residents would like to thank the staff of local shops, the pharmacy and the Victoria Institute for their exceptional service to the community during the lockdown period and whatever follows it. We felt that a gift of money would be appropriate so they can treat themselves to something they would like. The Parish Council has agreed to administer a collection. Cash donations may be made at the Victoria Institute - if the VI is closed, put into an envelope and post through the letter box, marked for the Parish Clerk. Donations can be made by cheque payable to Caton Parish Council and left at the Victoria Institute. Contact the Parish Clerk if you would like to pay by another methods. Her number is 07882 949110. By 8 December please.

CATON AND BROOKHOUSE GARDENING CLUB

A happy new year to all from the Gardening Club. We hope your gardens have proved a welcome distraction during 2020 from 'other' events and that they will continue to do so.

Our competition deadline is extended! Make as many words of four letters or more from the word 'gardening' and send your list to me at Mears Ghyll, Caton Green or to graham@jandg.me.uk. The new deadline is 10th January.

It must be no surprise that our event for January cannot be held but as we are all aware now there is hope for the future. And the scientists have not only been at work on human health but plant health as well. After decades of breeding, research and trials, highly resistant cultivars of the box plant are making their way to the UK market. It is hoped that BetterBuxus, resistant to box blight, will be available in the spring of 2021. Happy days.

CATON LEISURE CLUB.

We hope you have all had a safe Christmas and New Year and managed to be with some of your families and friends, even for a brief time.

All our weekly meetings have been cancelled up until the end of April and given that after Christmas the government is expecting Covid cases to rise we don't expect to be back any time soon. We will however keep monitoring the situation and if it is at all possible we will organise a meeting.

We are pleased to report that some of our members have had/will be having the vaccine before Christmas with their second injections booked in January. There is still a long way to go but at last something positive is happening.

Chair Exercise will begin again at 9am on Monday 11th January 2021 subject to government restrictions.

Caton Short Mat Bowls. No decision has been made when they will return. For information contact David 01524 812342.

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The Council of Management wish to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to Peter Collins, for his ongoing hard work and commitment, both in coordinating the group and also for his 'hands on' help with the collection and delivery of prescriptions and shopping amongst our local residents.

FLOODSAX

The Council of Management have ordered some replacement Floodsax. The cost of the Floodsax will be £30.00 for a pack of 5 sax.

For those residents and businesses who, during times of flooding have been provided with free Floodsax, donations can be made towards the cost, by contacting Peter Collins on Tel: 771733.

ENERGY VOUCHERS

The VI has been sent a form to register those who qualify for Energy Vouchers. For information and help, please get in touch with the Community Support Worker on (01524) 771733

COMMUNITY PANDEMIC SUPPORT

Regarding telephone befrienders, collection of prescriptions and shopping for people who are self-isolating or unwell, please phone Peter Collins on (01524) 771733

COVID-19 UPDATE

Library and IT Resource Room

The Library and IT room is planned to re-open on Monday 11th January 2021, under the conditions stated below. This will be dependent upon any future restrictions or changes that may be introduced by the Government.

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Library book returns to be left in the Cottam room

No book donations until further notice

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Items for printing can be sent via email to; admin@victoria-institute.org.uk and collected by arrangement, on the days that the Library and IT is open

All visitors to comply with the Victoria Institute Covid-19 conditions, including; not entering the building if you have the Coronavirus symptoms, wearing of face covering, use of hand sanitiser, social distancing, following of the one-way system and use of toilets

Kitchen & Drop-in refreshments

The kitchen remains closed and the 'drop in' refreshments will continue to be unavailable.

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CATON ST PAUL'S SCHOOL

The run-up to Christmas in a Church school is always busy and this year is no exception, albeit a little different.

Our KS1 children produced a wonderful nativity play called "St Paul's News" which we managed to distribute to parents via our Youtube channel. It was amazing to see children dressed up for the nativity and also to hear them sing again after so long.

Our KS2 children put together a lovely Carol service with readings, carols and prayers. This was also sent out to our parents via Youtube but also distributed to local care homes to ensure the residents could enjoy some Christmas cheer.

We took part in the Reindeer Rush where children ran a mile round our cindertrack in order to raise money for St John's Hospice. This was a great success and we raised hundreds of pounds for this worthy cause. Also for charity, children donated goods to the Morecambe Foodbank reverse advent calendar: 10 boxes of goodies were collected.

Our Christmas raffle was drawn live on Facebook and we thank all local people and businesses who donated so generously to this.

Children enjoyed a lovely Christmas dinner and also watched the virtual pantomime performed by Lancaster Grand Theatre whilst enjoying drinks and crisps donated by the PTA.

Because we couldn't hold our Christmas fair this year, children took part in enterprise week where they designed and created goods to sell to parents and family.

Amongst all this Christmas cheer, the school curriculum continues to develop: examples of learning in class are now on our school website.

Everyone at Caton St Paul's hopes you had a happy, safe Christmas and a prosperous new year: let's hope 2021 sees a return to some sort of normal.

B4RN HYPERFAST BROADBAND

We wish to thank all those who helped us throughout 2020. Without volunteer help, this project simply wouldn't happen. So, thank you to all volunteers, landowners and contractors.

BROOKHOUSE NEWS

The planned works on the path through St Paul's churchyard to Caton Green Road took place during December. Residents on Caton Green Road and Kirkbeck Close who wish to take a service should start digging in your ducting across your garden and ensure you have registered at b4rn.org.uk/getb4rn – advice and guidance can be sought at b4rn4bn@gmail.com – the same applies to residents from St Paul's Vicarage on Brookhouse Road towards Chestnut Avenue and the southeast of Sycamore.

Now we have opened up both our core routes we will be able to make faster progress and will need help with communal dig sessions. To check when and where we're working regularly visit our Facebook page at facebook.com/b4rn4candb

CATON NEWS

All residents of Caton, please make ONE NEW YEAR RESOLUTION!

Fill in the form on the "GetB4RN" page at b4rn.org.uk/getb4rn (or search "GetB4RN" in your web browser) to ensure full fibre, hyper fast, future proof broadband gets installed in the village this year. Filling in this form expresses interest and, at this stage, does NOT obligate you to take service.

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Update Sadly, we are still unable to make any positive plans for 2021. This means the January coffee morning will not take place & the AGM scheduled for February will be postponed until later in the year. In the meantime, we shall carry on as before, doing our best to arrange an enjoyable programme of events for the New Normal, whenever that may be.

In the Meantime Kath sends Season's Greetings to all Trippers and hopes next year will be a better one for us all – sentiments that are echoed by all of us on the committee. Take Care, Stay Safe, Have a Happy Christmas and a Healthy & Peaceful New Year.

CROOK O LUNE CARAVAN PARK DEVELOPMENT - FOREST OF BOWLAND AONB.

The intent of this article is to raise awareness due to the lack of awareness of the previous application that Crook o Lune caravan park has applied for planning permission for the siting of 19 Caravans under planning reference 20/01240/FUL This is concerning as the previous approval has been subjected to a judicial review and has been quashed by the council due to procedural failure. The new development will impact on the parish in the following way:

- 1) Road safety on the A683 due to the access and egress to the site.
- 2) Increased standing water adjacent to the site and increased surface water run off across the A683 posing a danger to road users.
- 3) Visual amenity will be affected for road users and local path users. Residents and visitors of the local area will be greeted by a caravan site at the gateway to the Forest of Bowland adjacent to the A683. This is not what the AONB promotes or deserves.
- 4) Increase in sewerage from an area that already suffers from sewerage issues.
- 5) Increased burden on local services in terms of surgery and schools.
- 6) The local development plan seeks to protect the AONB and states that suitable caravan site provision already exists.

In addition the site has been badly damaged due to a breach of planning conditions from the previous application with many habitats destroyed. If you feel that you may wish to pass comment on the quoted application you can do so on the Lancaster planning portal using reference 20/01240/FUL or alternatively email dconsultation@lancaster.gov.uk quoting planning reference 20/01240/FUL

CATON WITH LITTLEDALE PLAY PARK ACTION GROUP LINK JAN 2021

Our online survey will soon be ready for you to say what outdoors leisure opportunities you would like - for you, your families, your friends ...and for all ages! Are there some really special items? Key question - where would new facilities go? What should they look like? Would you like to be involved? Your ideas and suggestions will help form a plan for our community and make it happen! Watch for the online survey link from the village facebook and web sites and Caton with Littledale Play Park Action Group facebook page.

Caton with Littledale Play Park Action Group is looking at ways our community can restore the fruit and other trees missing from the playpark. Community fruit trees should by now see autumn laden with Discovery and other apples and greengages - and its not too late to nurture them back to fruitfulness! It's never too late, either, to replant with fresh, lush ferns which were a key feature of the original Play Park plan. If you would like to help, please get in touch.

Covid permitting, we are planning another great Easter Egg hunt! Please let us know if you would like to help...

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We are keeping our fingers crossed and have started taking bookings for our 2021 booking on the 26 th of June, for a matinee performance of the hit west end comedy 'One man two governors' at the Octagon Theatre Bolton. The cost for theatre and coach will be advertised as soon as we receive them.

Our theatres have suffered badly this year and the last thing us theatre lovers want is to lose them. Putting your name on the list is just a show of interest until the payment date next year. We are sure the knowledge that people are booking again will be a welcome boost to the theatre owners, staff and actors.

To book or for further information call Jean on 01524 770980 or Benita on 01524 771943.

VILLAGE LUNCH CLUB

Greetings to all my friends in the village lunch club and wishing you all a much better year in 2021. Looking forward to seeing you all in a few months time.

If you would just like a chat you can call 01524 771559. Sue Brown

A THANK YOU FROM BETTY ATKINSON

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THE NEW YEAR

The New Year lies before us

We don't know what the future will hold

But each path that we take

And the friends that we make

Can lead us to joys that are untold.

Some memories stay with us for ever

While others pass by like a dove

But the old year has gone

And it's time to move on

Taking foot steps of Hope, Faith and Love.

The New Year lies before us

Month follows month in a row

And the footprints we make

On the path that we take

Leave impressions wherever we go.

The New Year lies before us

Let's take our Saviour as we go on our way

Then in joy or in sorrow

Whatever the morrow

He will guide us and keep us each day.

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Everyone welcome to join us for Sunday services 10:30am each week. However under the current circumstances we don't really know how things will unfold in the New Year so we continue to have services on Zoom and also available on YouTube so you can catch up with us there from the comfort of your own home!

Please do remember you can contact Alan on the above number if you have questions or just need a chat.

CATON METHODIST CHAPEL

We are planning to start our Sunday morning services again on the 3rd of January but of course this could change at any time.

We did manage to get together on the 20th December for a DIY Carol Service,

With no Preacher or Singing it was a bit different but it was good to get together and share the Christmas story through bible readings and listening to Carols.

Hopefully some of you found our little sheep that were placed around the village

These were made by our Craft group, this was a reminder to everyone that whatever life throws at us God always loves us.

CHURCHES TOGETHER

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

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Caton Baptist Facebook page

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

Brookhouse Methodist Facebook group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/212957269817153/>

ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND CATON BAPTIST CHURCH

You may not be able to join us in person but you can join us virtually on Youtube. It's our anniversary weekend at Caton Baptist Church on Sat & Sun the 30-31st January with special guest speaker, Tony Brown who will be joining us for the weekend.

Look out for further information nearer to the weekend to find out when and where you can join with us to celebrate.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – SHOE BOX APPEAL 2020 – THANK YOU

A huge thank you once again to all those in our community, who have donated time, knitted items, filled boxes and bags of goodies to this great cause. Our community packing day unfortunately could not take place but many of you did respond to the appeal to do a box yourself and with all the items collected during the year and during the last few weeks we managed to pack a further 200+ boxes. It wasn't the same as our usual packing day but we made the best of the situation and these children deserve this. Both local schools also participated and produced nearly 100 boxes between them.

We won't have final numbers until 19th December when the lorry comes to pick up at BMC, so I'll update in the February Link but at the time of writing we have 115 full cartons which is approximately 1100 individual boxes and we are expecting a further 150 in the final few days.

Thank you, Sara Tyrer

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When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts, gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

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A BIG THANK YOU

Hello residents of Caton & Brookhouse,

We just wanted to say a HUGE thank you for all your support (including that of your friends and families) with our 2020 Christmas appeal.

Your contributions went above and beyond anything we could of ever expected and you have been a big part in helping to provide OVER 340 pairs of pyjamas and 400 books for local children, as well as all sorts of other things such as gifts, underwear, hats and gloves and more! We have been blown away by the support we've received and are so very grateful.

Thank you so much, wishing you all a very merry Christmas.

Emma, Jane and all at Westgate Tyres

I just wanted to add my thanks for the fantastic response to the appeal for pyjamas, books, toys and clothing etc. The amount of things given from such a small community was outstanding, and I know the organisers (from Westgate Tyres) were really touched at the kindness shown for the children in the surrounding area. They were able to help many more children than they at first thought and our community played a big part in that. All of the new items have been given out and, in the New Year, the pre-loved clothes, toys etc will be passed on. Many thanks again. Amazing! Have a wonderful Christmas and God bless!

Also to say that at anytime if anyone in our communities has similar difficulties, please get in touch. In my 20's (quite a long time ago!) I was on/off homeless and had nothing, so I do know a bit what it feels like, although I'm sure it must be much tougher if you have a family to provide for, or are elderly etc. I will keep names confidential There are people in our community willing to help. From Suzanne Smith (770106).

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