

LINK

ISSUE FOR JANUARY 2022

PARISH COUNCIL

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VILLAGE WEB SITE

Minutes, agendas and other documents issued by the Parish Council are stored on the village website - look under the Parish Council tab.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled for Tuesday 11th January 2022 at 7pm. It is not yet clear if it will be held in person at the Victoria Institute or via Zoom. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you would like to be kept informed.

BURNS NIGHT WITH THE TWINNING GROUP

We have only 12 tickets left for a fab night of laughing, dancing, food and drink on Friday 28th January at 7pm.

Obviously if we have to postpone due to you know what we shall just have to hold a summer Burns instead!

COTTAM CHARITIES

Cottam Charities' Trustees recently agreed a donation of £50,000 to the B4RN project that is linking parts of Brookhouse and Caton to superfast internet broadband which the Trustees believe will be of benefit to those residents who fulfil the criteria of the Cottam charities Trusts i.e. those who have lived in the Parish of Caton and Brookhouse for a period of 5 years or more, are aged over 50 and experience financial hardship.

However, the Trustees are aware that the work that B4RN do in bringing the internet to the area does not extend to connecting the individual homes and that additional help may be required in bringing the duct to the house, connecting to it along with the installation and use of the internet. While there may be alternative grants available for this work, the Trustees would like to invite those residents who fulfil the charities' criteria to contact them for assistance.

Please contact Emma Edwards at BSG Solicitors on 01524 386500 or eje@bsglaw.co.uk

PAINTING GROUP

The painting group will meet again on Thursday 6th and 20th January from 1.30- 3.30pm at Brookhouse Methodist Church. We ask for a donation of £2 to cover costs.

All are welcome whatever level of skill.

For more information contact Ruth 770605.

LOCAL NEWS OF CATON & BROOKHOUSE

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 Linking Caton and Brookhouse
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month*
1st Wednesday of the month.
Holy Communion 10.00am

Brookhouse Community Church held @ Victoria Institute

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*Morning Service & Junior
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TIDDLYWINKS TODDLER GROUP

Hope you all had a lovely Christmas! We're up and toddling again on Thursday, 6th Jan at St. Paul's Church Hall. 10 to 11.30am. £2 per family. Jim the Helper makes a lovely brew ~ so come with your little ones and enjoy... We meet at St. Paul's Church Hall every Thursday from 10am -11.30am. £2.50 per family with refreshments provided.

VILLAGE WEBSITE

The village website contains a lot of useful local material, including a directory of local businesses and organisations. Please consider adding your business or organisation to the directory. It is free. You can register for an account and create your own entry, which you then update whenever needed. Or we can create your entry for you, in which case we'll need to do any updates on your behalf. Contact us through the website, or speak to Jenny Walmsley on 771299.

CATON AND BROOKHOUSE GARDENING CLUB

We had a very pleasant festive meet on the 9th of December with many thanks to Philip Rawsthorne for providing a twig quiz. We all found it very enthralling and challenging with no one getting all 15 correct. And thanks to tea ladies Hilary and Jane. We hope all who came enjoyed themselves. Was that your first mince pie and piece of cake of the season? The next date for your diary is Thursday 10th February 2022 when we will be entertained by Lachlan Rae who will be taking about his life in gardening - his training as a horticulturalist and the gardens he has worked in. Lachlan currently works in the Gresgarth Hall garden and many of you may have come across him at their open days. He is very enthusiastic and positive and will be sure to give us an upbeat talk. Lachlan very generously is donating his fee for the talk to a local charity. Do come along, all welcome, 7pm in St Pauls Church Hall. As usual if you want a lift let Graham know on 770919. And finally a Happy New Year to you all from the Committee of the Gardening Club

THE WI WANTS YOUR UNWANTED CHRISTMAS PRESENTS!

I think it was William Morris who said that you should not have anything in your house that is not beautiful or useful so if you are thinking of having a clear out, why not bring the items along to the next meeting of the WI which will be held on 6 th January 2022 when we will be having an auction to raise funds. All would be welcome but if you can't make it you could always send items with one of our members. Our meeting starts at 7.30 in the Victoria Institute. If you do make any purchases at the auction you will need to pay by cash or cheque. Ruth Gibbons, President Caton WI

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GET IN TOUCH

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

Peter Collins the Community Centre Manager at the Institute on 01524 771733

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CATON AND BROOKHOUSE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our Christmas party was planned for the 16th of December 2021 to late for inclusion in this edition of the 'Link'. There will be a report in the February publication.

The club's AGM will be held on January the 20th 2022 at 2pm in the Victoria Institute. This is an opportunity to vote in your committee and pick up the new programme, the annual membership fee will be £5.00.

There will be no admission charge, complimentary tea and coffee along with mince pies and cake will be served.

A warm welcome awaits present and new members.

For further information please call our secretary Benita on 01524 771943

LEISURE CLUB

The Christmas party was held on 6th December, here is what one of our new members had to say about it.

'I have lived in Caton for less than a year so I didn't know what to expect of the Christmas party.

The tables and the room were beautifully decorated, the buffet was delicious and plenty of it too. A free raffle was included and I won a bottle of wine! It really was a magical time not just for the above reasons but also for the entertainment provided by the magician. My thanks to all who made it happen.

Yes it was FAB-U-LOUS.'

JANUARY.

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

17th Denise Nardone: with her much anticipated talk on 'Bookbinding'

24th David Talbot: 'Butterflies to dragons'

31st David Cording: 'In the land of beautiful horses'

FEBRUARY

7th Christine Workman: 'Felt hat makers in the Lune Valley'

Due to unforeseen circumstances on some occasions the speaker may change at short notice.

If you would like to hear any of the talks then just turn up on the day at the Victoria Institute, Caton 10.30-12.30 or call the number below. Cost: members £1.50 non-members £3.00 annual membership £5.00

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

There will not be any classes on 3rd January

Dru Yoga classes are held every Thursday 10.00-11.00.

Classes restart again on 6th January 2022.

We currently have some vacancies. New years resolution? For further information call Susan on 01524 771862

SHORT MAT BOWLS - Wednesday 10.00-12.00. Meetings will recommence on 12th January until 30th March, when the outdoor bowls re-starts.

If you would like further information on any of the above call David 01524 812342

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Caton-with-Littledale Neighbourhood Plan has moved into its next stage - a formal consultation by Lancaster City Council.

All the documents and a feedback form are on the Lancaster City Council website; printed documents may also be consulted at Morecambe Town Hall, by arrangement.

The consultation runs until Thursday 6th January 2022.

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JAZZ IN HORNBY

On February 19th we shall be hosting the “Harmony Hound”; songs & music from the twenties & thirties, and all swinging.

MINI WILDFLOWER MEADOWS

There is an informal Environment Group within the village which came together with a common aim to encourage planting of wildflowers. In this we have been helped enormously by Erica Sarney whose projects around the Crook of Lune are restoring natural wildflower meadows to support pollinator species in serious decline. Working with her, our Group has refreshed the existing Station Road ‘patches’ with hundreds of native Lancashire wildflowers and seeds, all donated by Erica and Lancaster City Council. By arrangement with City Council, the small area of grass by Artlebeck Bridge is also being managed as wildflower grassland. In November the Group planted 150 well grown specimens to flower from early Spring to late Autumn, with the mix including primrose, cowslip, oxeye daisy, ragged robin, hawkbit and so many more selected to cope with damp, shaded conditions on that patch. It has also been seeded with yellow rattle which naturally suppresses vigorous grass growth to allow more flowers to flourish over time. We hope that people and pollinators alike enjoy the flowers next year!

If you would like to join the Group, or have any queries or comments, please contact Judy Powell (771154).

SAUNTERINGS

Saunterings has been going for four years now and I have been emailing most of you about them for over two years. Google Analytics tells me that a good number (but not who) of you have a read - thank you!

I expect to go Sauntering less in future. I don't feel an urgency to add to the 146 already there for anyone to dip into to escape to the hills and dales.

From now on I will email when a new item has been posted. Some of the items have a degree of timeliness, such as the latest one about the lack of November snow. It'd be a bit silly emailing you in March, say, about this. Five Saunterings (as I have been mailing about) are a lot to be confronted with all at once. Now you'll be able to just open any item that looks interesting to you, for a quick read over a cup of coffee.

But I don't want you to feel bombarded by unwanted messages. Let's see how it goes. If you come to prefer the old scheme and to receive an update after every five just let me know.

This are the last items added:

147. Snow walking in Littledale

146. A November Day around Grasmere and Rydal Water

Below are the previous four items. Some of you will have been notified of some of these, as I had split the email list into five sub-lists and was emailing one sub-list after every item. That was mainly to even out the incoming comments, which I am always pleased to receive and respond to.

145. Naturalising the Long Preston Deepes

144. Fencing The Clouds

143. Two Days as a Lake District Tourist

142. Eskmeals: Dunes, Estuary and Firing Range

I hope that's all ok and that you find something of interest occasionally. John Self.

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Crafts @ Caton:- Thursday 27th January between 10-12am

We will be having a Wool spinning demonstration by Pam Bateson Come along for a coffee and chat. Did you find an Angel? Come along and see what our next project is!

Bible Study Live and via Zoom:- Wednesday 12th and 26th January at 7pm. A zoom link will be available from Emma if you would like to attend virtually please contact Emma.holroyd@methodist.org

BROOKHOUSE METHODIST CHURCH

Monthly services at 10:30am and 7pm Minster Rev Emma Holroyd

Contact details: Emma.holroyd@methodist.org

Sunday 9th January 10:30am taken by Rev Emma Holroyd with Coffee and biscuits

Sunday 23rd January 7:00pm taken by Rev Emma Holroyd

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BROOKHOUSE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Brookhouse Community Church would like to wish you all a very blessed and happy new year. We meet in the Victoria Institute on a Sunday morning from 10.45am. Junior Church is available each week for the children. The service is followed by refreshments and a very warm welcome. (We are currently following all the current government guidelines for churches with regards to Covid measures and will continue to do so to keep our congregation safe.)

Meet to Eat - at the Victoria Institute - will take place on Friday 7th January and Friday 21st January 2022 at 12.30pm- (first and third Fridays of every month) £5 per person for a 2 course lunch and drink. All are welcome. (February dates are 4th and 18th February)

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

VILLAGE LUNCH CLUB

Christmas greetings to all my friends in lunch club. A big thank you to the team at the Black Bull who put in a lot of effort to entertain 39 of us in December.

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CATON ST PAULS

January services at St Paul's

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Weds 5th @ 10am - Traditional Holy Communion

Sun 9th @ 10am - All-Age Service

Sun 16th @ 10am - Holy Communion with Forest Church

Sun 23rd @ 10am - Holy Communion with Sunday Club

Sun 30th @ 10am - Holy Communion with Sunday Club

On-line Service

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

Covid update

To comply with Government guidance, please bring a face covering to services at St Paul's. Any updates on our Covid precautions will be found on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/StPaulsBrookhouse/>.

Monthly prayer meeting

Sat 15th December @ 10am in the church hall - all welcome to come and pray for our church and community, with refreshments afterwards.

Christmas wreaths in St Paul's churchyard

St Paul's churchyard - to maintain a tidy and attractive churchyard, families are kindly asked to remove Christmas wreaths from graves by the end February. It would also be appreciated if dead flowers could be removed from graves too. Thank you

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 a Sunday 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 tel number.

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

12th Mr Andrew McMahon who is the representative of SASRA (Soldier and Airmen Scripture Readers Association)

26th. Mrs Linda Bovenizer.

We look forward to seeing you.

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SATURDAY LITTER PICK

A group of residents usually get together on the first Saturday of every month to pick up litter and tidy the village. In January that would mean New Year's Day, so probably best to move the session on a week! Meet outside the Victoria Institute at 10.00 a.m., weather permitting and in line with social distance guidance. Bags and litter pickers provided, and it is a good idea to bring your own gloves.

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 let the litter pickers know.

Next session Saturday 8th January

B4RN HYPERFAST BROADBAND

Visit our website at b4rn.catonvillage.org.uk where you will find answers to your questions and can contact the project teams. If you're in an existing contract with another provider with less than 12 months to run, you'll be able to get B4RN for £5 a month until that contract runs out. Check for latest information on Facebook at facebook.com/b4rn4candb

CATON UPDATE

December proved to be a busy month for B4RN and connections in Caton got a bit delayed. Hopefully, this month, the December connections, and those remaining from November, will all come live.

The project in Caton is essentially finished apart from the Ball Lane and Low Mill areas. Planning and work on these will be ongoing over the next few months.

The volunteer group had a small "end of year and end of project" celebration at their last meeting in December, accompanied by a home brewed "B4RN Beer" made by one of the volunteers. This group has been tremendous in getting their village connected.

Remember, every property now has a toby box in the pavement at the boundary, for connection into the B4RN full fibre, 1Gb network. If you are not connected yet, you can join at any time. Just fill in the "GETB4RN" form on the B4RN website to alert B4RN of your interest. Please note that connections can take some weeks so do apply for your connection well before you need it live!

BROOKHOUSE UPDATE

Call in at our weekly drop in sessions at the Black Bull every Tuesday between 7pm and 8:20pm to get your questions answered.

The final works in Brookhouse will be completed in January with New Street and Chapel Square closed w/c 5th January 2022.

The final connections will be made in February and March.

Thank you for everyone's patience whilst the street works have been going on. Thank you to everyone who has made cups of tea and cake for the contractors. The team have really appreciated your hospitality.

This is the last chance to get the contractor team to dig your front garden for you and install the house kit in lieu of you receiving the Dig Grant. To take advantage of this, you must firstly have registered for the B4RN service at b4rn.org.uk/getb4rn and responded to any emails from B4RN and/or the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS). This results in a funding voucher being issued. At this stage we can arrange for your garden to be dug by the team by emailing b4rn4bn@gmail.com.

Once you are live with the B4RN service, remember to respond to a further email from DCMS which will release the government funding to our project.

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