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PARISH COUNCIL

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Play Park We are disappointed by the recent vandalism at the Fell View Play Park. Particularly disheartening for the councillors and other volunteers who devoted hundreds of hours to physical work on the Play Park and undertook the paperwork required to raise the funds to buy the new toddler hut and benches, and do landscape work. However, we will press on. We hope to raise money to replace the roundabout, improve the sandpit and remove all the remaining old wood (not the new decking). And we are grateful to people from Littledale Hall for their help raking the Cushionfall and sand.

Caton Gala Thank you to all the residents who visited our stand and discussed our community needs. We'll work through the comments and try to get action on the concerns raised.

Next meeting of the Parish Council is on Tuesday 8 July at 7pm, at the Lune Valley Methodist Hub. There's no meeting in August.

PUBLIC TOILET AT THE VICTORIA INSTITUTE

The Public Toilet outside the Victoria Institute is now open 7am to 7pm each day. This is for a three month trial period. The Parish Council is covering the cost of additional cleaning and other expenses which may arise. We hope this facility will be helpful to our residents and visitors.

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 10.00am, weather permitting. 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, 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-viz vests (various sizes) also available on request. Next sessions: Saturday 5th July and Saturday 2nd August.

COFFEE MORNING AT THE VICTORIA INSTITUTE

Everyone is invited to a community coffee morning at the Victoria Institute. Friday 4th July, 10am to 12noon. Hot and cold drinks, biscuits, cakes. Play space and toys for children. No charge for refreshments, but donations are invited for our Community Centre, the Victoria Institute. Do come, and bring a friend! If it is successful, we will run these coffee mornings regularly.

CATON GALA

Well what a day we had! Beautiful sunshine, lots of smiles and plenty of fun. We hope everyone who came to enjoy the gala had as much fun as we did. The committee would like to thank everyone who came and supported us and an extra special, massive thank you to everyone who helped on the day or gave their time over the weekend to help us set up and clear up. We really couldn't manage without your help!

As some of you may already be aware, we're having our AGM earlier this year. This is because of dwindling numbers of committee members, we are desperate for new members to join so we can keep going. If you'd like to come and help keep the gala alive, our AGM will be on July 3rd at 8pm at The Station Hotel. We hope to see you there!

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Also this month, our Book Club meets to discuss The Little Coffee Shop of Kabul by Deborah Rodriguez. Check out our Facebook page to find out more information or our website https://lancashire.thewi.org.uk/find-wi/caton/home. Plus - There is no meeting in August but members are meeting up for a social afternoon tea.

Coming soon - through your door...

Caton-With-Littledale Housing Needs Survey 2025

Have your say on housing in our community!



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FUNDRAISING DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES Friday 4th July 10-12 Coffee and Cake Saturday 4th October, Harvest Dance, (including hotpot supper) All proceeds are going towards the ongoing improvements to the Victoria Institute, details to follow.

CATON COMMUNITY LIBRARY & IT ROOM Open Mon & Wed 10-12 noon & 1-3pm; Tues & Thurs 10-12 noon. The Library has a range of fiction, including General, Saga/Romance, Crime, Horror and Sci-fi. The Non-fiction bookcases include Autobiographies, Biographies and a small Lifestyle section. We have a dedicated Children's area that includes Fiction and Non-Fiction, for all ages from Infant picture books through to Young Adult/Teenage years. The Library relies book donations. Any books that can't be used on our shelves are then donated to charity. Good condition duplicate books are also available to buy for a small donation to the V.I. Many Thanks to everyone who donates and uses the Library. The IT 'Drop In' facility has 4 computers with Internet and Microsoft Office software. £1.50 per hour, 75p for 1/2 hour, min charge of 50p; Scanning 10p; Printing B&W 15p for A4, 25p for A3. Colour 30p for A4, 55p for A3.

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GET IN TOUCH For all enquiries contact Peter Collins the Community Centre Manager 01524 771733 Office Hours as library above. Email: admin@victoria-institute.org.uk.

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Thanks to all who turned up to our terrific garden visit last month and to Judith, Rebecca and Jane who baked the cakes. It was a successful evening despite the anxiety over the weather. And thanks especially to Mike and Lorraine for graciously hosting the visit. We raised £210 for the Versus Arthritis charity. We have a rest in July so our next activity is the coach trip to RHS Bridgewater on the 9th August. The currently booked coach is now full so Rebecca is running a waiting list. If another 5 show interest we can book a larger coach so if you are interested do let Rebecca know on 07806521974. We will be in touch about pick up times and locations. Then for your 2026 diaries it is open gardens again at the end of June. Please consider joining in the fun and opening your garden, big or small, tidy or 'wild', developed or 'work in progress'. It is all in a good cause and makes for a lovely village weekend.

PAINTING GROUP

The painting group will meet on Thursday 3rd & 17th July, from 1.30 - 3.30pm at Lune Valley Methodist Hub. We will then have a break until September. We are a friendly group and everyone is welcome whatever level of skill. If you do not have any equipment, please let me know and I can help with this. We ask for a donation of £2.50 to cover costs. Tea & coffee is available. For further information contact Ruth 01524 770605.

COFFEE & CHAT

Thursday 24 July 10am to 11.30am at Caton Baptist Church. Last year Cancercare was our charity and over the year the church raised over £1200 through various activities. Our new charity is Galloways, a local charity that gives help and support to anyone affected by sight loss. Come and enjoy refreshments and a chat while raising money for a great cause.

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Whilst we are obviously devastated by the loss of Helen, a wonderfully caring and dedicated teaching assistant, we are so very grateful for the work that she has done over the years for the grandparents, parents, current children and staff at our school. Helen's legacy will live for many years; she always guided children into school with a

caring word, a hug or a nudge, all while reassuring anxious parents.

Helen's funeral was a wonderfully joyous celebration of her life - we laughed and cried

and celebrated her in a way which would have made her proud.

ST PAUL'S CHURCH BROOKHOUSE COFFEE MORNING

The next Coffee Morning will be in the St Paul's Church Parish Hall on the 2nd of July 2025 at 10.30. The July Coffee Morning is to support the work of Fair Trade which works to support fair trade throughout the world. At the Coffee Morning there will be a quiz, a raffle, a Fair Trade stall as well as a number of other stalls which display a range of produce. It will give people the opportunity to meet friends and neighbours for a chat. You are most welcome to join us for coffee, tea or cold drinks and biscuits which are all Fairtrade. The June Coffee morning raised £123.50 for the Church Missionary Society and the United Society who work to spread the word of the Bible. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this event, the proceeds from which will be much appreciated by these organisations.

SELFCARE SUNDAY CATON ST PAUL'S SCHOOL MINIBUS FUNDRAISER

'Tropic Skincare Workshop' Sunday 6th July - 4.30pm @ Victoria Institute Main Hall This Event is perfect for all ladies (and any lads that want to look after their skin too!) along with Teenagers and Tweens to enjoy a clean & safe (100% natural products) guided facial, Lip & hand treatment. Learning how to look after our skin and have a relaxing girly time together while raising much needed funds! There is also a raffle on the night if you want to get involved. Why not get the generation together for a fabulous time! Tickets: Adults £8 Under: Child* £5.

What's included: Refreshment, New Bamboo Cloth to keep, Skincare Workshop with Guided Facials for everyone plus Hand & Lip treatment too. *There isn't a cut off age but I recommend 6/7years and up but you know your own children and if they will enjoy and manage to follow instructions with your help at the tables. Any questions please ask. To book tickets please message Claire Fox clairestarfox@gmail.com or 07592726228. All tickets need to be booked before the night by 28th June.

CATON AND BROOKHOUSE FRIENDSHIP GROUP

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer and that the June rain is a thing of the past. We are meeting for a July coffee morning at the Station Hotel at 11am on the 3rd and then on July 24th we have a visit to Barton Grange then on to Blackpool Tower for afternoon tea and finishing the day in Cleveleys. August will find us back at the Station for coffee on the 7th and two weeks later on the 21st we are off to Ripon market and their Workhouse and a visit to Hawes on the way back. In September our coffee morning is on the 4th and our visit is to Newby Hall for the Autumn Flower Show. For further information please contact Ally Whitfield on 01524 770827 or 07738 912923

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CATON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Despite the half term holiday, we have had a busy few weeks since the last edition of The Link. Thank you to Reverend Alan Wadsworth for his engaging assembly all about trust. The children always enjoy his visits to school.

Twelve of our Key Stage 1 children visited Quernmore Primary School in May to compete in an inter schools orienteering competition. They represented the school superbly, winning second place overall and bringing home shiny silver medals.

In early June, to consolidate all their learning about the topic of clothes in their French lessons, Year 5 and 6 pupils put on a wonderful fashion show for parents and pupils. They applied all of their learning about nouns, verbs and adjectives and used bi-lingual dictionaries to write their own scripts. They each then described what their friends were wearing as, one by one, they took to the catwalk. It was 'magnifique'!

Our annual Sports Day took place on Tuesday, 3rd June and it was a great success. Well done to Blue Team, the overall winners, and to Green Team for winning the sportsmanship award! Thank you to the PTA for, as always, providing ice lollies for the children at the end of a tiring

It was great to meet the parents of our new Reception cohort at their induction evening. We can't wait for the children's first induction afternoon on 24th June!

In May, our Year 6 pupils completed their SATs. They came bounding in on the first day of the tests, excited to have a tasty breakfast together and from then on, took it all in their stride. We are so proud of their calm, positive attitude and resilience and we always remind them that SATs only measure a tiny glimpse of the wonderful, multi talented, kind young people that they have become.

We have many other upcoming events between now and the end of term - you can watch out for these on our Facebook page. They include: a Key Stage 2 hike at Gummer's How in the Lake District; a rounders tournament; a joint PTA and Charity Club event after school on 11th July; our end of year awards and leavers' assembly; and of course the biggest event of the summer term..... our Key Stage 2 production of Cinderella and Rockerfella. Performances will take place Pawsome Dog Training on Wednesday, 9th July at 6:30pm and Thursday, 10th July at 1:30pm and 6:30pm. Tickets are available from the school office.

Our sports hall and field are available for hire. The hall has a fully-equipped kitchen, stage, pleasant meeting room and changing facilities. For further details, contact the school office (01524 770104).

Heywood House gardens and railway will be open for the RNLI on Sunday 13th July from 1pm until 5pm. Admission is £7 children free. Refreshments, tombola, raffle, steam train rides (small extra cost) children's activities. Garden signposted from the A 683 in Caton. No dogs, only assistance dogs.

LUNE VALLEY SWIMMING POOL

Make a splash this Summer! Summer is fast approaching and there is no better way to cool off than with a refreshing swim at the pool! Whether you're looking for quality time with the family or looking to swim some lengths, we have you covered!

Our Summer Holiday Sessions are now available to book with lots of Lane Swims, Open Family Swims. Family Hires and more for all the family to enjoy!

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Sunday Services St Paul's Church service is every Sunday at 10am. During term time we have a Sunday club for primary aged children, and our All Age service is on the first Sunday of every month. During the school holidays we have craft at the back for children. You are very welcome to come along and join us!

Weddings We would love to have a conversation with you about having your wedding service at St Paul's. Getting married in the local village church can be very special, and we are more than happy to help you if we can.

Funerals If you have a loved one pass away, our vicar Helen Scamman can have a conversation about a funeral and burial in our churchyard at St Paul's. She is also able to hold a funeral service for you, in a local crematorium. She is more than happy to help in any way, whether or not you are part of St Paul's congregation on a Sunday.

If you would like to get in touch and have a conversation what it means to be a Christian, or to find out about weddings, funerals, baptisms, or please do get in touch with the Rev Helen Scamman, by e-mailing vicar@stpaulscaton.org.uk or phoning 01524770300. If there's no answer leave a message with your name and phone number and we will respond as soon as we can.

SUMMER CELEBRATION SERVICE FOR THE VILLAGE at ST PAUL'S CHURCH. **BROOKHOUSE**

Everyone is welcome to St Paul's Church for a Summer Celebration Service (Formally known as the Pastoral Service) which takes place on the 8th of Jul 2025 at 2.00pm at St Paul's Church. There will be a short service, lasting approximately half an hour. Afterwards we hope you will stay for a chat and refreshments. We hope you will join us for this short time of reflection and fellowship.

CATON BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Alan Wadsworth - 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. Junior Church 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 number.

No Ladies meetings in July and August. Look out for the start date in the September Link. Crafty Tots are now on their summer break returning again in September. There is now a waiting list but if you would like to make inquiries or contact Laura please email catoncraftytots@gmail.com

Thankyou to all who came along and bought cakes from us at our stall at Caton Gala. We raised £250 on the day but since have been given donations so a total of £400 has been given to the local branch of Galloways which provides aids for people with sight loss. Thanks again.

Curious about life and faith? Join us at Caton Baptist for the Alpha Course continuing every Sunday evening during July and August at 6pm an open, informal space to explore the big questions together.

Just to say an enormous thankyou to everyone who got involved with the Ukrainian Collection at Caton Baptist Church. We have had such a great response, an amazing effort with lots of goods packed. One well packed large van load, a car load and some boxes to be collected very soon. To everyone your help was really appreciated.



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CATHOLIC CHURCH STATION YARD

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CATON METHODIST CHAPEL HAVE MOVED!

From 2025 all our services and activities will be at the Lune Valley Methodist Hub Weekly Sunday Service 10:30am

Book and Jigsaw Exchange - new time Saturday 19th July 11am Browse our great selection of books and jigsaws, have a coffee and donate to charity.

Saturday Soup - Change of date 3rd Saturday of the month. 19th July 12:30pm £3.00 per person homemade soup and lots of Cake Everyone Welcome

Afternoon Tea in aid of St John's Hospice. 16th August 3-5pm, £5.00 per person incorporating Book and Jigsaw exchange. Everyone Welcome

Crafts @ Caton Thursday 31st July and 28th August 10-12pm Bring your knitting or crochet and have a chat over a coffee.

Bible Study Wednesdays 7pm Wednesday 9th and 23rd July; Wednesday 13th and 27th August; 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month.

BROOKHOUSE COMMUNITY CHURCH

We meet to worship together Sunday mornings at the Victoria Institute. Services start at 10.45. Everyone is welcome! Refreshments and a chat always available after the service. Junior church and creche facilities every week so parents can enjoy the service while the children are

Tiddleywinks is a toddler group which runs Thursdays from 10am until 11.30am at St Pauls' church hall, Brookhouse. Please bring your little ones along for a play and a chance for you to get to know other moms, dads and grandparents in the local area. We would love to see some new faces! Refreshments available. Everyone welcome!

If you have children between the ages of 6 and 11, why not bring them along to Youth Club on Thursday evenings from 6 - 7pm. Free to attend! Kids can have fun playing some of their favourite games while they run off some of their energy! Held at Caton Primary School, Sports Hall, Broadacre. (Term time only).

Meet to Eat - Friday the 18th of July at the Victoria Institute @ 12.30. Cost is £6 per person. Lovely meal to be had as you chat and get together with others from the village.

For further info or updates of other events held during the week, please visit brookhousecommunitychurch.co.uk, email us on brookhousecommunitychurch@gmail.comor contact us via facebook Brookhouse Community Church

BE STILL WITH GOD

Quiet Day Saturday 12th July 10am - 4pm All are welcome, open to everyone. Venue: Lune Valley Methodist Hub, Brookhouse. During the day there will be 2 sessions of teaching and then time to reflect & pray. You may like to bring your own Bible, notebook and a pen. Drinks will be provided but please bring your own lunch. There will be no charge for the day but voluntary contributions will be welcome. Booking is not essential but if you are able email info@lunevalleymethodisthub.com to inform us that you will be attending, it will help in the planning. For more information on 'Be Still With God' have a look at the website. www.bestillwithgod.org.uk

PLANNING A CHILDREN'S OR FAMILY PARTY?

Especially during the summer when our regular bookings are taking a break and we have more availability, the Church Hall at the top of New Street in Brookhouse is a perfect location for your event. With parking and a grassed outside area, disabled access, B4RN wifi and a kitchen that can be used for heating and serving pre prepared food all included in the rental cost of £13.50 per hour. Please contact phrawsthorn@hotmail.co.uk for further information.

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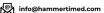


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HORNBY PENSIONERS

Dates for Dominoes and Whist. July 5th Whist and Dominoes. July 19th Dominoes. August 2nd and 30th Whist and Dominoes. August 16th Dominoes. Meetings take place in Hornby Institute. For information regarding these events, please contact Eileen Barton on 0778046151 TRIPS Our day excursion programme has had a huge response, so much so that a larger bus was needed for the Whitehaven trip. In order not to be disappointed, it is important to book early for the following two excursions. Tuesday 8th July. HELMSLEY, with stops in Rippon on the outward journey and Brymore Ice Cream Café on the return. This trip is a full day excursion and begins to pick up at 9am with a return no later than 7pm. Tuesday 12th August. HARROGATE, with a stop in Skipton on the way there, none on the return. This trip will begin to pick up at 10am with a return no later than 6pm. The cost of the coach trips remains the same at £12 for members and £14 for non-members. Guests, even those of non-pensionable age are most welcome. You will be able to book your seat on the coach at the institute on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, from 10am until noon. Please note that there is no card availability for payment.

JAZZ IN HORNBY

Friday August 22nd: The annual reunion of the Chris Coull Sextet and Friday November 7th the return of Groove Crusade Usual venue: The Village Institute, Main Street, Hornby, LA2 8JR. Doors and bar open from 7.30, music from 8pm. Tickets £18, on the door or ring 015242 22227

OUR LADY IMMACULATE CATON AND ST MARY'S HORNBY

Saturday 5th July from 2-4pm. Come and join us at our annual Garden Party held in the beautiful church garden at Hornby. There will be stalls including plants, cakes and produce, bottle tombola and a Grand raffle. You can sit and listen to Lancaster City Brass Band and enjoy delicious tea and cakes. We are looking forward to seeing you.

GROW CATON

When the rain returned in June it was a huge relief for the gardens, and everything shot up since then. We've been harvesting salad crops, early potatoes and broad beans, as well as strawberries, raspberries and red currants, which really makes it feel like summer. The temperature is staying up well, which makes for growsome weather. I was quite dismayed to find caterpillars on the cabbages and hope that hand picking will deal with them to save the crop. Somehow I missed those cabbage whites fluttering around. The orchard is looking good with a few fruits set on the trees. I noticed the damson, cherry and apple trees on the playpark are also showing fruit, with jackdaws and kids competing over them before they are even ripe. There is still time to sow salad and winter crops, with suitable seeds available in the seed box. Most of our surplus seedlings do not make it to the shelves this year and are swapped within the group. To engage with Grow Caton, email growcaton@outlook.com or phone Brigitte 770771 or Anne 771470, we will also be delighted to have you join us on our WhatsApp group.

Happy Holidays all

The Link will return in September!

The next deadline for Submission is by August 15th

It is free to put your notices in the Link so get in touch.

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