

LINK

JUNE 2024

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PARISH COUNCIL

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Road closure at Artlebeck Bridge The closure dates have been confirmed as 27 May to 2 June, while Cadent carries out preliminary investigations. The footbridge won't be affected. At the time The Link went to press, we had not received Lancashire County Council's plans for alternative routes, nor how the buses will be affected. We will post to Facebook and the website when there is news.

Footpath closure We have been notified of the temporary closure of the footpath along the Lune near the Pipe Bridge; however the landowner has given permission for walkers to use the land alongside, so it should not affect access in practice.

Facebook The Parish Council now has its own official FB page. Search for Caton-with-Littledale Parish Council. <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61558698020341>

Village website The Link is still uploaded to the new village website - find it on the Documents tab

PlayPark at Fell View We will order more Cushionfall, to be delivered after half term. Before it can be spread, the existing surface needs to be forked over and raked. We need at least 5-6 people to do this, on Saturday 1st June. Please come along with a rake or garden fork, any time from 9am. Once that has been done, we can get the Cushionfall delivered and spread. Enquiries and offers of help to Jenny on 771299.

Speed Indicator Devices (SPID) Poles for our new solar-powered SPID are now in place on the A683, and the devices will soon be installed.

Bus shelter at corner of Copy Lane and Brookhouse Road This bus shelter is to be refurbished shortly.

Buses We are pressing for improved bus services for our parish, including more evening buses and services which run directly to the hospital and the railway station, not just to the Bus Station.

Bollards With Lancashire Highways, we are investigating where bollards make access difficult or impossible for wheelchairs or mobility scooters, and looking at removal or re-siting.

Councillors Nick Heywood is continuing as Chair and Jenny Walmsley as Vice Chair. Your Parish Council needs additional councillors. If you are interested in our work do come to our next meeting, which is on Tuesday 11th June at 7pm at the Lune Valley Methodist Hub in Brookhouse. There is an open session at the start of every meeting where residents may raise issues of local concern.

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 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.

This year, a couple of village community groups have borrowed our litter pick equipment for organised sessions of their own in particular areas. Please do get in touch if your group would like to do something similar but is lacking the kit. Next session: Saturday 1st June

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Sunday Communion Service at

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CATON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
Another busy month socialising together kicked off with May's talk from Wendy Nakanishi on Real Life in Japan. Fascinating facts and delicious pictures made us all yearn to visit this beautiful country. Did you find our stand at the Gala? If so, you might have picked up some of our craft and cooking leaflets and seen us knitting for our latest local campaign Helping the Homeless. Also a group of us attended an Axe Throwing evening! More information about what else we do can be found on our Facebook page and website <https://lancashire.thewi.org.uk/find-wi/caton/home>.
Our next meeting will be held on Thursday June 6th at 7:30 at Caton St Paul's Church Hall due to the rewire at the Institute. We are welcoming author Diane Allen who will talk to us about being a Writer in the Dales. This talk was postponed from last year so we are really pleased Diane can come this time. Visitors are welcome; come and see what we are about and make some new friends.

CATON AND BROOKHOUSE COMMUNITY HUB
6th June 2-4pm Lune Valley Methodist Church. Back by popular demand, we have another repair cafe. Bring along small electrical items, phones and laptops and learn how to repair them. We will have a basic bike maintenance station where you can learn how to keep your bike in road safe condition. We will have a make and mend station for clothes and soft toys. Feel free to bring your own sewing, crochet or knitting and sit and chat over a cup of tea and cake. This is an inclusive Community space open to everyone. If you would like to see more hub sessions please leave feedback in the suggestion box on the front desk.

CATON AND BROOKHOUSE FRIENDSHIP CLUB
Everyone enjoyed our coffee morning in early April with the head scratching quiz, a great get together. The visit to Bolton Market and Smithills hall was also popular despite the weather being slightly against us. May will have seen us in Carlisle and at Dobbies garden centre, always a popular visit. We are meeting for lunch at the Station Hotel on June 6th, then on June 20th we are visiting Ilkley and Hebdon Bridge. The July visit, which is to Harrogate and Harewood House, is a week later than usual, on the 25th due to transport changes. For information about the group please contact Ally Whitfield on 01524 770827 / 07738 912923

CATON AND BROOKHOUSE GARDENING CLUB
Thanks to all for coming, donating plants and supporting the Gardening Club plant sale last month. An especial thanks to all the helpers without whom the event could not go ahead. We hope it was a happy social occasion for the village as well as an event for raising funds for the club. June is the month for our evening visit to a local garden. This year we are extremely fortunate to be invited to a lovely garden in Brookhouse so no arrangements for travel by car will be necessary. Just turn up at the garden entrance at 6.30pm and you will be checked in! This is a strictly members only event so do make sure you have renewed your membership or joined afresh before Thursday the 13th of June, the date of our visit. There will possibly be a small charity donation in return for which you will get your refreshments. We will be taking our own tea urn, crockery and cake. Please ring Graham, 770919, to get your name on the visit list - I have 6 names so far as of the date of writing. Let us hope for a lovely June evening. The club will be taking a rest in July and resuming events in August with our coach trip to Iddons Hardy Plants nursery in Bretherton. The club will be paying for the coach so this is a heavily subsidised trip for members only. The cost will just be the £11 Iddons package fee for the tour of garden and nursery and tea/coffee, scones and cream. The date is Saturday 10th August. Do get your name on the list by ringing Graham or Rebecca on 07806521974

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FUNDRAISING FOR THE REWIRE

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 and decoration.

THIS MONTHS HIGHLIGHTED GROUP

Every song, meet at the Institute on Monday's 1-3pm
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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.

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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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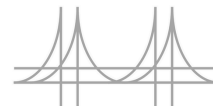
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CATON ST PAUL'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our Y6 children have worked incredibly hard during SATs week, staying calm and doing their very best every day. They enjoyed sausage and bacon sandwiches daily, which definitely made the week easier to bear!

Our Y4/5 children enjoyed an afternoon of culture when they visited the theatre in Blackpool to watch 'The Boy at the Back of the Class.' This was a culmination of the learning they had been doing in class about the plight of Ahmet, a refugee who made the dangerous journey to England. The children have written letters to the Government about refugees, as well as writing their own refugee story.

Y2/3 have also been out and about, enjoying a nature trip to Leighton Moss where they went pond dipping, bird watching and learned about the local wildlife. They were very fortunate to hear the booming of a bittern as well.

Our reception children have been learning about traditional tales, growing beans for 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and making gingerbread men for 'The Gingerbread Man.' The children enjoyed their immersive learning and produced some lovely writing about these stories.

Our KS2 dance team performed wonderfully on the stage of the Winter Gardens in the Lancashire dance finals, in front of an audience of more than 100 people. They were incredibly brave and performed with gusto! Our Y5/6 football team played brilliantly to finish 5th in the Champions League which is contested by all Lancaster and Morecambe schools – a great achievement.

We are also part of the 'Pupil parliament' which teaches our children about democracy and protected characteristics. Our Y5/6 school council members visited the pupil parliament this month and have brought some great ideas back to school.

Our scarecrow, 'Aliens love Captain Underpants' was well received at the Wray scarecrow fair and we are pleased to pick up a 'highly commended' rosette.

We have a couple of places left for Reception starters for September 2024. If you are interested in a place for your child, please ring 01524 770241 as soon as possible to express your interest. We also have places in our Pre-school for September so come and have a look around if your child is turning 3.

Vacancies: we have a cleaner vacancy for 7.5 hours a week (1.5. hours daily). We can fit this in before or after school: ring the office if you are interested. We are also looking for a welfare assistant to join our team. Just let us know what days you are available from 12 – 1pm.

Please remember that no-one is allowed on site after school hours. We have seen increasing instances of teenagers visiting our site after 7pm. This causes a disturbance to neighbours, as well as causing damage on site. We have reported this to the police and will continue to do so. Please be vigilant and, if you know who these people are, report it to us and ask them to stay away. Thank you for your cooperation.

CATON SPORTS ASSOCIATION/CATON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

Prize draw result... Congratulations to Kenny for winning the May draw.

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Our inter-house dodgeball competition was a great success. We saw some great dodges, catches, and most importantly, excellent sportsmanship throughout the whole day! Well done to the winners - green team. Our football team competed against ten other teams in the Lune Valley schools tournament and after playing five matches, they came home with bronze medals. They demonstrated great teamwork and resilience (winning the nerve-racking semi final on penalties!). We look forward to more sporting events in the next week, including netball and cross country.

Four Year 5 pupils represented our school at the Lancaster and Morecambe schools Pupil Parliament event which was organised by the LCC Equality and Diversity Team. It focused on the protected characteristics of Sex and Gender in the Equality Act 2010. They took part in various workshops, activities and discussions and learnt a lot about stereotypes and how they can affect our perceptions of people. The children then presented what they had learnt to their friends back in school so everyone could benefit from their learning. Well done to Harris, Harrison, Hollie and George!

KS2 pupils had a visit from the Health Protection Service to learn all about hand hygiene. They learnt how to properly wash their hands, the causes of sickness bugs, how important it is to catch a sneeze, and just how easy it is to pass on germs via a hand shake!

Class 3 shared their history learning with the whole school and parents in their excellent assembly. We heard about the Roman invasion of Britain, Boudicca's rebellion, how the Romans developed trade and the technological advances that they introduced. It was a very interesting and well-presented assembly. Well done, Class 3!

In early May, our Infinity pre school children got their first taste of 'big school' when our current Reception class planned, prepared and hosted a superhero party for them. It was a super afternoon - lots of fun was had by all and the carrot cakes that Reception baked were a big hit! We have one available place in our Reception class in September - if you would like to come and have a look around our lovely school, please call the school office to make an appointment.

Our Year 6 pupils have just 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.

Our PTA organised a very entertaining family games night which was well-attended and raised funds towards our playground regeneration project. They are now busy planning an outdoor film night and the summer family fun day. Look out for further details on the PTA's Facebook page.

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).

ST PAUL'S CHURCH COFFEE MORNING

The next Coffee Morning will be in the St Paul's Church Parish Hall on the first Wednesday of next month, that is the 5th of June, at 10.30. The June Coffee Morning is to support the work of the Church Missionary Society and the United Society. Both organisations work to spread the word of the Bible. At the Coffee Morning there will be a raffle, a quiz, a cake stall, as well as other stalls selling 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 coffee, tea or cold drink and biscuits. The May Coffee morning raised £89.50 for the Church Funds. Thanks go to everyone who contributed to this event, the proceeds from which will be used to help the work of St Paul's Church.

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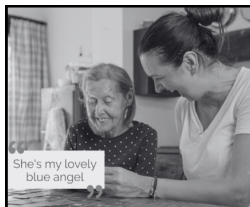
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The Churches Together are holding our Summer Celebration Service on Tuesday, 9th July at 2pm, on the theme of 'Hope' at St Paul's Church, with refreshments afterwards. All are welcome to come.

If you would like to get in touch with Helen Scamman, the vicar, for any reason, please contact her on vicar@stpaulscaton.org.uk and she would be delighted to hear from you.

We are hoping to have the wall in the graveyard tidied up, and, if we have enough finance, we would also like to add a new path down to the bottom end of the new section of the graveyard. If you would like to make a donation to enable either of these to happen, we would love to hear from you. (Cheques can be made payable to Caton St Paul's PCC, mark on the envelope 'For the Graveyard' or BACS payments to Caton St Paul's General Account, Charities' Aid Foundation, Sort Code 40-52-40, Account No 00036642, Reference: Graveyard renovations).

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 which takes place on the 9th of July 2024 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. 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 number.

Have you ever wondered what church is like - why not come along on Sunday 9th at 10.30am and find out. There is always tea and coffees at the close and of course, always a very warm welcome and we would love to see you. Why not come along and give us a try.

Youth service on Sunday 9th at 6.30pm. Volunteer Workers from Capernwray Hall will lead the evening and of course the usual brews and doughnuts at the close.

Calling all men - On Saturday 29th at 7.30pm meeting at church. There will be food and a time just to relax and chat. You are very welcome to join us.

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 June are 12th David and Christine Spreadbury. 26th. Please note the earlier time of 11am for the AGM and Lunch Out. We look forward to seeing you.

Crafty Tots are now on their summer break. See you all again in September. Enjoy the summer holidays.



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WHAT'S ON AT CATON METHODIST CHAPEL

Weekly Sunday Service 10:30am. Except on 9th June when we will be at Brookhouse
Crafts @ Caton Meet up for a coffee and a chat on Thursday 27th June 10-12pm
Saturday soup & Bible studies are at The Lune Valley Methodist Hub.

THE LUNE VALLEY METHODIST HUB, BROOKHOUSE

Sunday Service Sunday 9th June 10:30am with Paul Bowden, This is an All-Age Worship Service – followed by refreshments.

Saturday Soup Saturday 8th June 12:30pm with lots of homemade cakes £3.00

Book and Jigsaw Exchange Saturday 15th 10am-12pm With Coffee and biscuits choose a book or jigsaw.

Car Boot Sale Saturday 15th 10-12:30pm in the carpark, £5.00 per car, to book a car please contact 07425 155419 All monies from the soup, Book exchange and the car boot sale will go to St Paul's Churchyard appeal.

Bible Study Wednesday 7pm 12th and 26th June with Rev Colin Marchmont. The 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month

Community Hub incorporating Caton and Friends for Ukraine. Meet on 1st Saturday of each month 2-4pm with Coffee and Cake. 1st June – Plant swap

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

LACUNA ARE COMING TO BROOKHOUSE.

Lacuna upper Voice Choir is an amateur chamber choir that rehearses in Milnthorpe, and performs periodically around South Cumbria and North Lancashire. The women in the choir come from a variety of musical backgrounds but are all dedicated to making beautiful music together and to communicate to their audiences through that music. Join Lacuna for a fusion of popular music from across the eras on Sunday 30th June 7:30pm At Lune Valley Methodist Hub, Brookhouse, LA2 9PA. Any donations will be shared between the Choir and the Church, Everyone very welcome.

PAINTING GROUP

The painting group will meet on Thursday 6th & 20th June at Lune Valley Methodist Hub, from 1.30-3.30pm. Everyone is welcome no matter what level of skill you have. If you have any materials bring them along, If not let me know and I can bring extra to share. We ask for a donation of £2.50 to cover costs, Tea/Coffee provided. Ruth 01524 770605.

Got an event coming up? It's free to get it in the Link. Simply email the editor by the 15th of the month and it will appear in the next month's edition. catonlink2021@gmail.com

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JAZZ IN HORNBY

Just a quick reminder that on Friday 17th of May we will be host to the Fylde's Foremost 'trad band the Wyre Levee Stompers. Usual venue: the Village Institute, Main Street, Hornby, LA2 8JR. Doors & bar open at 7.30, music from 8pm. Tickets £18, on the door, or ring 015242 22227 or online at www.hornbyinstitute.org.uk If you Google the band you will find toe tapping jazz served up with a dash of humour. Hope you can make it. P.S. For a pre-gig bite try the Royal Oak, just up the street, ring 015242 21228

HORNBY PENSIONERS

Dominoes evenings. These evenings will begin at 7pm in the Institute and Eileen will continue to organise these events. Dates during May are on Saturdays 8th. and 22nd. No previous experience of the game is needed, and everyone is welcome.

Trips Yes, it is that time of year again! Hooray! Our first excursion of the year will be a full day trip on Tuesday 11th June, starting at 9am. Our first stop will be at Lakeland Plastics in Windermere, for a welcome coffee. If you wish, there is also browsing time for all the latest kitchen gadgets and products on offer. On leaving Windermere the coach will progress to Pooley Bridge for lunch and a boat trip. The cost of the boat will be an extra £12. For those not wishing to go on the boat, extra time can be spent in Pooley Bridge. The coach will arrive back no later than 7pm.. The cost of trips remains the same at £12 for members and £14 for all others. Guests, including those not of pensionable age are most welcome, as are other members of the community. Children however can only be included in exceptional circumstances. You will be able to book your seat on the trip at the Institute on Mondays through to Thursdays from 10am until noon.



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SHARING THE LINK TO FACEBOOK

I have been posting and scheduling all the articles from The Link onto the Facebook page Linking Caton and Brookhouse for the last 9 years. This ensures that the village sees the articles along with any links or images - and is reminded of them a week before they take place. This takes me about 1.5 - 2 hours a month and requires a tablet or laptop. If you would like to take over this role I would be extremely grateful. Please contact me - tricia@marybankfarm.uk