

# LINK

**MARCH 2024**

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## PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Laura McGowan, [catonparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:catonparishcouncil@gmail.com). To message ring the Victoria Institute on 01524 771733.

**Play Park:** We expect the replacement benches and the new toddler play hut to be installed this month. We are having to rethink how we replace the rotting wooden timbers retaining the banks and forming a fence. We will probably have to raise funds for this separately.

**Village website:** The new village website will be ready soon. We will need to do a complete revision of the Directory and upload new details of businesses and organisations in our community. More details shortly.

**Work on Artlebeck Bridge planned:** The work to replace the gas pipeline coming down Brookhouse Road omitted Artlebeck Bridge in its initial phase. Latest information is that a road closure to do the work is necessary, but won't happen until the summer school holidays. Nearer the time there should be information on diversions and how the bus service will operate to serve Caton Green.

**History of our Parish:** There is interest in recording the history of our parish, and building up an archive of documents and photographs to help create a fuller picture. Some information is brought together on the current village website and is being revised for the new website. We're keen to ensure that photographs and documents are preserved. So the Parish Council is starting a modest system at the Victoria where residents can deposit documents, photographs or their own reminiscences about our parish. Lists of relevant books, articles and websites would be useful too. Contact Peter Collins at the Victoria Institute to find out more. If you would be interested in setting up a local history society do let Peter know.

**Greenway improvements:** Sustrans has largely completed its work to improve the path surfaces, provide better signage, rebuild the access at Bull Beck and do some tree planting. At the same time, the Parish Council's project with Lancashire County Council to provide better seating, more fruit-bearing bushes and trees, and manage hedges is getting under way. Our thanks to the Lancashire Environmental Fund for its help with financing this part of the improvements.

**Emergency Plan and Coordinators:** Our parish created an emergency plan in the aftermath of Storm Desmond, working with counterparts in Quernmore. We are now revising the plan to take account of new threats such as wildfires and transport disruption. We need to get more people involved, to help think about how our community might deal with an emergency and then - perhaps different people - do practical work if required. Please contact Jenny Walmsley on 01524 771299 if interested.

**Public toilet at the Victoria Institute:** Thank you to the staff of the Coop, who have agreed to unlock the toilet each morning and close it at night. Should be open 8am to 6pm.

**Station Road Car Park:** Please be considerate when parking opposite the Station Court drives - long or large vehicles can make it hard for residents to use their own parking places. And please don't reverse into these drives or the access road behind the Coop - use the turning area further down Station Road.

**Solar-powered Speed Indicator Devices:** The PC will be installing a speed indicator in the village as a reminder of the speed drivers should be doing, along with monitoring the number of vehicles passing through. Posts are to be fitted on either side of the village in range of the 30mph marker signs. If anyone has any concerns regarding the siting of these posts please contact the Parish Clerk.

## 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. Even though the area around the Memorial Garden is in 'disarray' because of the road works, keeping our villages free of litter reinforces the message that this community takes pride in its environment!

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 2nd March

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#### Artlebeck Bridge

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6.30pm: Evening Service

### Lune Valley Methodist Hub

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### Caton Methodist

#### Brookhouse Road

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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  
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Sunday Club in the Church

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Everyone enjoyed learning about the history of Line Dancing and a demonstration by Anne and Rebecca at our last meeting. It was great to stretch our brains as we tried to keep up with the steps and, even for those who've never line danced before, we had a great laugh amongst friends. Our next meeting is on Thursday 7th March at 7:30. We will be exploring The World of 3D Needle Felting with Lisa Moore. Lisa is a textile artist who sells her own 3D felted items and kits. Please feel free to join us. You do not have to be a member to come along and see what happens at the WI. The cost is £2 to non-members. We held our first Games Club meetup, trying to remember the rules and developing a friendly level of competition while playing two card games. The Gin Club is meeting up in March too. We also began taking online classes on the new WI Learning Hub which is free to members. There is so much on offer from the WI. If you would like to see what else we have coming up over the next year, please visit our Facebook page for the full programme.

## CATON GALA

As you are aware, Caton Gala 2024 will take place on the 18th May 2023 at Elm Grove Field, Caton. The theme will be "Olympic Sports, (past and present)". This will be the theme for the Drawing and Fancy Dress competitions. As always, we are always pleased to welcome additional helpers "on the day". Even if it is only for a few hours, your contribution will be gratefully received. No skills are required. The field will be assembled on the evening of Friday the 17th May and dismantled on the morning of Sunday the 19th. Again, any assistance would be very welcome. Closing date for the Drawing Competition and the competition to choose the Gala Queen, Attendant(s) and Page Boy(s) 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 7:30 PM on Monday the 4th of March 2024 at the Station Hotel, Caton. All are welcome to attend.

## TWINNING VISIT FROM SOCX 20TH-23RD APRIL

This April will be Socx's first visit to Caton & Brookhouse since July 2019. What a long time! We are already planning. Please do let me know if you want to be involved. We welcome anyone to host, chauffeur, cook, share our beautiful area, make new friends and of course to dance and laugh! You don't have to live in the village. Contact [tricia@marybankfarm.uk](mailto:tricia@marybankfarm.uk) if you are interested. Merci beaucoup!!

## CATON AND BROOKHOUSE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

January saw our AGM which was very well attended and a good time to catch up with friends old and new. The committee was voted on and programs for the upcoming year were distributed with visits as diverse as Chatsworth House and Bolton Market planned. The first event of the year was a hot-pot lunch at The Station. The first of our coach trips is on March 21st to Boundary Mill and either Skipton or Settle and in April there will be a get-together at The Station on the 4th at 11am and on April 18th a trip to Bolton Market and Smithills Hall. Visits remain at £15. For membership information or to book please contact Ally Whitfield on 01524 770827 or 07738 912923

## PAINTING GROUP

The painting group will meet on Thursday 14th & 28th March 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.

## SUE BROWN'S LUNCHEON CLUB

The luncheon club started by Sue Brown as a WI initiative several years ago flourished so successfully that it was decided it should be kept on after her death and to honour her memory we kept it in her name. It is now organised by Ruth Gibbons, past President of Caton WI, and Kevin Grisdale. We meet on the 2nd Thursday of every month except August. If you would like to join us sometime please let either Ruth or Kevin know your contact details – either a telephone number or email. You will be sent a menu about 2 weeks before and we need to know your menu choice(s) by the Wednesday morning before the lunch. Ruth: 07711366 597 Kevin: 07802 667 479

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The Afternoon Tea raised £520, thank you to the ladies from BCC and Caton Baptist Church for all of their help and to everyone who came along.

Table top sale, Saturday 23 rd March 10:00-3:00, tables £10 each 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

Caton Leisure Club, including Monday talks, chair-based exercise and Wednesday short mat bowls

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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.

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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.

### 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](mailto:admin@victoria-institute.org.uk) Further information can be found at our website: [www.victoria-institute.org.uk](http://www.victoria-institute.org.uk) Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/victoria.institute.caton/>

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## CATON PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have been very fortunate to have more visitors into school since the last edition of the Link. Class 4 was visited by Mr C, who ran a brilliant storytelling workshop. The children were all in awe of his performance of 'How the Rabbit tricked the Fox'. They are now busy preparing for their own performance on World Book Day. Key Stage 2 pupils took part in two excellent workshops led by Louise from the Lake District National Park Authority. The sessions focused on teaching the children about where their water comes from; how to use it responsibly; how they can reduce their water wastage; and what the human water cycle looks like. We also welcomed Abi from NISCU into school, who led an RE lesson in Class 4 on the meaning of life and a whole school assembly on the theme of Hope.

Our play leaders have been busy developing new playground games for children of all ages and are doing a wonderful job. Lunchtimes are great fun and our children love all being one big family, playing together in their free time.

The final week of Spring 1 was children's mental health week and we focused on strategies that the children can use to help improve their own mental wellbeing. To round the week up, on Friday, the children came into school in their comfiest clothes and took part in a carousel of activities to promote wellbeing. After half term, we are very much looking forward to our NHS Yoga and Mental Health Day.

Our PTA family pancake event on 8th February was great fun! The children enjoyed pancake throwing, flipping and decorating and we raised further funds for our playground regeneration project. The school's Eco Committee was thrilled to plant a walnut tree on behalf of a group of people in the village who have been planning and planting the community orchard. Due to the gas pipe works, they were unable to plant the walnut trees on Becksides as planned and so we are now the proud owners of a healthy walnut tree! Thank you! Take a look at our Facebook page to see the photographs.

At the end of February, we are holding our Careers Week. If anyone in the local community can help by coming into school to speak about their career, please get in touch on 01524 770104.

We are delighted to announce that our Key Stage 2 summer production will be 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat'. We look forward to getting started with rehearsals in the summer term.

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).

## CATON SPORTS ASSOCIATION/CATON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

Our new monthly prize draw is up and running. Congratulations to Mark for winning the January draw. Jan '24 – Mark Skeldon - £50. By entering the draw, you are helping us to raise vital funds that help our continuous improvement. If you would like to be entered into the draw for a chance to win a cash prize, please get in touch or scan this QR code. As previously mentioned, as the number of entries increases, the prize will also increase.



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## CATON AND BROOKHOUSE GARDENING CLUB

Many thanks to Trevor for his knowledgeable talk on the Victorians last month. It was so nice to listen to our in-house expert. And we were very glad to have such a good turn out for the event on a filthy night so thanks very much to all who came. And now to finish off our year we have a blockbuster speaker in March. None other than Jacqui Iddon is back by popular request to give us her latest outpouring of gardening tips and stories from the life of Iddon's Hardy Plant nursery. We all know Jacqui for her bubbly and jokey enthusiasm and her ability to perform flower arranging in front of our eyes. So do come along, all welcome, on Thursday March 14th at 7pm in St Pauls Church hall. Then In April it is our AGM. We had a great turn out last year - same again please!

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School continues to be busy in this spring term, with our KS1 and KS2 children enjoying sessions in our forest school area. We have two fully accredited forest school members of staff who lead these sessions and ensure the children are learning a range of skills.

We were very excited to invite visitors to talk to our children this half-term: we had one of our Grandads speaking to our Y1 children about flying planes, a visitor who had lived in Kenya talking to our Y2 children about his experiences there, Abi from NISCU leading RE lessons for our Y6 children, Helen and Colin from the RNLI discussing lifesaving and water safety, Lancaster fire and Rescue speaking to our Y2 and Y6 children about fire safety, as well as people from the Confucius Institute at Lancaster University leading lessons about Chinese New Year.

One of the highlights of the year took place this half-term: our Y5 and Y6 choir members travelled to the Manchester Arena to take part in the Young Voices concert. This is an amazing experience for them to perform as part of a choir of thousands in front of an audience of thousands. Well done to all 28 children who sang their hearts out on the night.

To further our commitment to equality and breaking down barriers, we were incredibly pleased to welcome Shaun and John from Lancaster Bulldogs wheelchair basketball team. They enthused the children with their incredible attitudes and determination and all of our children were able to experience wheelchair basketball and speak to Shaun and John about their disabilities.

Our athletics teams have been competing with some success against the bigger Lancaster and Morecambe schools. We took 23 children to the Y5/6 County qualifier and finished in a marvellous 4th place. Our Y3/4 team, with 18 children representing school, finished 2nd in the league and now move forward with a chance to win the overall trophy after half-term.

We are very grateful to all of our staff members and parents who work together to give our children such a wide range of extra-curricular enrichment opportunities.

Our Pre-school continues to flourish and we are filling up for the summer term. If you would like to have a look round our Pre-school, please call 01524 770241 and we will gladly show you what we have to offer.

We are also looking for additional cleaning and welfare staff to join our supportive staff team. Please ring the office to have a conversation about these roles.

### ST PAUL'S CHURCH BROOKHOUSE COFFEE MORNING

The next Coffee Morning will be at the Parish Hall on the 6th of March at 10:30. The March Coffee Morning is in support of Univida, who as we know work to help the street children in Brazil. As usual there will be a raffle, a quiz, as well as several stalls displaying a range of Produce. The Coffee Morning gives 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 February Coffee Morning was a great success and raised £108.20 for the Children's Society. Thanks go to everyone who attended to help support this invaluable organisation.

### LENT LUNCHESES 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 5th and 12 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.

### LOTTERY SUCCESS AT ST PAUL'S

St Paul's Church is pleased to announce that it has been successful with a bid for funding from the National Lottery. This will enable St Paul's to continue the work to improve the Church Hall. As people are aware the Hall is used for the benefit of the whole community.

The money will be spent on re-flooring the Church Hall making the building both more energy efficient and welcoming. The work is scheduled to start in March.

### WHAT'S ON AT CATON METHODIST CHAPEL

Weekly Sunday Services at 10:30am. Except on 10th March when we will be at Brookhouse  
**Saturday Soup:** Saturday 9th at the Lune Valley Methodist hub 12:30pm - £3.00 per person. Enjoy soup and homemade cakes with friends.

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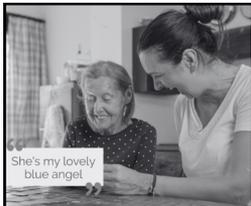
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**Saturday Soup:** Saturday 9th March 12:30pm Join us for homemade soup and unlimited cakes £3.00 per person,

**Book and Jigsaw Exchange:** Saturday 16th 10am-12pm With Coffee and biscuits choose a book or jigsaw, any donations go to charity.

**Bible Study:** There will be no bible study this month, we will be joining in the Churches Together Lent Studies on Tuesday nights at the Baptist's.

**Community Hub incorporating Caton and Friends for Ukraine:** Meet on 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month 2-4pm with Coffee and Cake.

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### ST PAUL'S CATON WITH LITLEDALE

You are welcome to come to St Paul's for our Sunday services every week at 10am. 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 (except during school holidays). All are welcome to join us for our services and for refreshments afterwards.

**EASTER SERVICES – ALL WELCOME! Maundy Thursday 28th March:** Informal communion at 7:30pm at St Paul's Church. **Good Friday 29th March:** Walk of Witness 9:45 am with Churches Together and hot cross buns afterwards. **Easter Sunday 31st March:** Family Friendly Communion at St Paul's at 10am with Easter Fire and Easter Egg Hunt

**St Paul's Youth Group, SPY,** meets at the Vicarage, 153 Brookhouse Road, from 4pm every two weeks. Please contact Helen Scamman at vicar@stpaulscaton.org.uk for more information or look on the church website www.stpaulscaton.org.uk

We will be holding a **Confirmation Service on Sunday, 12th May** at 10am with Bishop Jill Duff, for any adult or young person, from year 6 and above. Do get in touch if you are interested in confirming your faith in Christ. If you would like to get in touch about confirmation, 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

### 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.

**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 March are - 6th when Ken Lumb will bring his pottery wheel and also share about his faith, and 20th Grace Holland who will give a cookery demonstration and also give a word. 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 March are 8th and 22nd

Caton Baptist Church are having a **Prayer Breakfast on Good Friday 29th** meeting in the Sunday school at 8am for eats and a time for prayer as we remember how Jesus suffered in our place and are thankful. **Easter Saturday 30th** we will be having a family walk leaving the church at 10.00am. Please bring a packed lunch and suitable footwear and clothing. You are most welcome to join us.



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### CHURCHES TOGETHER

**Lent Studies** held at Caton Baptist Church at 7:30pm with tea/coffee and biscuits served at the close. The dates for March are - 5th Matt Parker. 12th Andrew Champley. 19th Jon Scamman. The theme is - Jesus's final week, from the triumphal entry into Jerusalem, to the resurrection.

**Good Friday 29th March** the walk of Christian witness through the villages meeting at the Catholic Church at 9:45am and calling at the other churches on route for a hymn and reading and finishing at Caton St Paul's for a short reflection as we remember Jesus dying on the cross for our sins.

You are most welcome to join us on **Easter Sunday 31st** as we meet up at the Caton Moor wind turbines at 6:45am for sunrise where we will share communion as we rejoice together on this resurrection morning. For those who would like to walk up please meet outside Caton St Paul's school at 5:45am

### HORNBY PENSIONERS EVENTS DURING MARCH

Dominoes evenings. These evenings will begin at 7pm in the Institute. Dates during March are on Saturdays 2nd, 16th and 30th. No previous experience of the game is needed, and everyone is welcome.

Talk by Sam Ashton. This will be held on Tuesday 12th March. As many of you will know, Sam is an extremely knowledgeable and entertaining speaker. He has lived all his life in Hornby and has seen many changes during that time. His experience of local life and how Hornby celebrated and endured those changes will, I am sure, be of great interest to all our members. The "Talks" are usually most enjoyable events, and are followed by a welcome drink, together with biscuits and a chat.

### LUNE VALLEY PROBUS CLUB - MARCH MEETINGS

We have had a very good start to the year with a variety of subjects and our speaker on March 4th is Claire Rawlinson who will talk about her trip in the Nepalese Himalayas and the work of the Rural Women's Network which is a Charity to educate and equip women in Nepal to have sewing and tailoring skills and thus empower them. The second meeting of the month will be the AGM on Monday 18th March. This is a members' breakfast meeting beginning at 09.30 in the Millennium Bar in the Hornby Institute.

Lunesdale Probus Club meetings are held on the first and third Monday of each month- except August. Guests, friends and visitors are always welcome to join us at the Hornby Village Institute at 10:15 for coffee and chat before each meeting. No obligation to join - just come along and enjoy a nice social break from routine. For further details or any information on this or other Lunesdale Probus Club matters please contact - Hon. Secretary; Lunesdale Probus Club. 015242 22283

### LUNE VALLEY SWIMMING POOL - HORNBY

There is to be a 'Swimathon' promotion in March from the 11th to the 17th to raise money for the energy fund. This year the team have come up with a novel and interesting theme to mark the introduction of Olympic swimming in 1896. Anyone can take part, this could include schools, adult and family teams. Whether it's for 100s of lengths or even just 'a couple of lengths' challenge sessions at the weekend. It was a great success last year, just find your sponsors and help us meet the heating bills yet again. As always please check the Website for further details. For all Hornby Pool general enquiries please contact Georgia or Scott on 01524805666. Website - [www.lunevalleypool.com](http://www.lunevalleypool.com); Facebook - lune valley swimming pool.

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#### CATON LEISURE CLUB

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Speakers for March are: -

- 4th Michael Winstanley Lost Rural Industries of the Lune Valley
- 11th Jean Anne Naylor George Naylor Thread Painting
- 18th Rique Linares Morris Dancing
- 25th Ralph Cruickshank Leisure Club Walks and Harry Potter

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