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#### **PARISH COUNCIL**

Clerk: Laura McGowan. Phone: 07394 060777 clerk@catonparishcouncil.gov.uk www.catonparishcouncil.gov.uk Find us on Facebook too.

Annual Parish Meeting The Annual Parish Meeting takes place on Tuesday 13th May at 6.30pm, in the Lune Valley Methodist Hub. The focus this year is on policing and public safety in our parish, and we hope to have a representative from the police there. There will also be a review of the Parish Council's work over the past year, and the opportunity to look at the accounts. We hope residents will come along ready to contribute and to find out. The session will be followed by the Parish Council meeting for May.

**Play Park** A huge thank you to people from Littledale Hall who came along to the Play Park at the end of March to rake and level the Cushionfall, and ensure our play park is an attractive and safe place for our children to play over the holidays.

**Footpaths** The stile at the A683 end of the footpath from Kirkbeck Close to the main road has been repaired. Thank you to Chris Lennon. The Ramblers' Association is expected to come along late April to improve footpath signage in some areas of the parish.

**Road safety** Lancashire County Council Highways Department has rejected most of our proposals to improve road safety in the parish, including speed limits at Caton Green or on Quernmore Road. They have agreed to review the signing of the mini-roundabout and zebra crossing in Caton. The Parish Council will think about future action at our May meeting.

#### **CATON GALA**

Not long left to go now. We hope you are all excited as we are for the big event and your decorated farmers hats are taking shape for the walking parade. The programmes will soon be getting delivered featuring the fab pictures from our lucky picture competition winners. There'll be plenty to entertain the whole family on the big day from the fairground, and the fun dog show, to the dog and duck display, and tractors in action. Our very trusty tombola will also be back. If you have any suitable, unwanted items for the tombola that you'd be willing to donate, they can be dropped off at either Bay Vets Caton, or to 56 Hornby Road. We would also be very grateful for any offers of help to put on the big day, whether it's the whole day or just an hour, it all helps.

As we've previously mentioned we are in dire need of new committee members so that we can continue to put on the Gala for many more years. Our next meeting will be on April 29th at 8pm at The station. Please do come along and see what goes on. catongala@catongala.co.uk

#### 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. We did welcome one piece of litter on our last session – a £20 note! Since donated to the Victoria Institute. Next session: Sat 3rd May.

#### **COFFEE & CHAT - (FUNDRAISER FOR CANCERCARE)**

Thursday 22 May 10am to 11.30am at Caton Baptist Church. Come and enjoy refreshments and a chat while raising money for a great cause.

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#### **CATON AND BROOKHOUSE FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

Our visit to Harrogate was on a lovely sunny day which meant an enjoyable drive through beautiful scenery. We had a full day in Harrogate with lots of time for shopping. The coffee morning on April 3rd was well attended, again a sunny but breezy spring morning. On April 17th we are off to the Affinity Outlet in Fleetwood then into Lytham, pick up times will be notified. We will be having another coffee morning at 11am on 1st May at the Station and our May visit on the 15th is to Gretna and the Devils Porridge Museum. In June we are heading for a day in Chester on the 19th and before that on the 5th we will meet up for coffee. For further information about the club please contact Ally Whitfield on 01524 770827 or 07738 912923

**MOBILE LIBRARY** Visits are every three weeks. Station Car Park Caton: Thurs 8th April 2-3:30pm Methodist Hub Car Park Brookhouse: Friday 9th May 9:30 - 9:55.

#### **CATON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

KITTY BROWN FASHION SHOW. Our own members take to the catwalk to display stunning outfits for all occasions. Get some style tips! Clothes and accessories will be available to buy on the night. Tickets for non-members are available in advance from Dawn 07854215520 or Rebecca 07806521974. Tickets At Door Subject To Availability. £5, including refreshments. Bring your friends for a fun night out. Thursday May 1st, 7:30pm in the Victoria Institute. This will be a good night to come and meet our members and make new friends.

You will also have a chance to meet us at the **Gala** where we will have an information stand as well as a **Guess the Name of the Scarecrow** competition. Please pop by and say hello to get a flavour of our modern women's group. Also this month, our **Book Club** meets to discuss our next book, Abroad in Japan by Chris Broad. This group is a great way to make friends in an informal setting. Check out our Facebook page to find out more information or our website https://lancashire.thewi.org.uk/find-wi/caton/home.







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The 3 R Foundation in Carnforth have very kindly provided the funding to allow us to buy six tables for the Victoria room. The 3 R Charity shop is next to Tesco in Carnforth. The aims are to raise funds for small charities, clubs and groups in the North Lancs and South Cumbria area and to change people's perception

of charity shops. The Library will be closed on Monday and Wednesday during May.

We have currently sold 35 copies of David Kenyon's books 'Echoes of the Lune Valley', making £525 for St John's Hospice. There are just a few left, get yours before we sell out!

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.

Website: www.victoria-institute.org.uk www.facebook.com/victoria.institute.caton/

#### **CATON YOUTH CLUB TRUST 2025.**

As many people will know as a result of the sale of the old youth Club centre on copy lane a number of years ago, the trust now invests the proceeds every year and uses the interest earned so that each year we can help in Youth projects around the community. Investments have certainly not been stable in the past twelve months but we believe we will have some nterest being paid this year so we can make some payments towards young people's dreams that they might not be able to do without extra help.

The forms will again be available in June to help young people (age 11-18) whether individuals or groups with the leisure time activities. This is on offer to young ones living in the Caton with Littledale parish and those interested should ask for details and obtain an application form from: Stephen Talbot - 01524 812274. talbotshome@gmail.com Or Andy Smith 41 Fell view Caton. andrew@catonsmiths.plus.com The application forms will be available from the 1st June 2025 Closing date for applications is 30th June 2025 and decisions will be made early in July 2025.

#### SPORTSREACH SOCCER AND NETBALL SCHOOL

SportsReach, in conjunction with the local churches, will be hosting a soccer and netball school at Caton St Paul's School field/church hall from Wednesday 28 May to Sunday 1 June. From 10am to 4pm. Football is open to children aged 7 to 14 and netball to children aged 9 to 13. The cost is £60 per child, additional siblings £55. For further details or an application form please contact Amelia Preece on 01524 771682.

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March saw lots of our children taking part in outdoor education with Phil Longbottom from Big Adventure. Our youngest children explored the River Lune, climbing trees and learning about the local area. Y1 had an exciting trip to Silverdale to scramble round the rocks on the shore, as well as learning about Morecambe Bay. Y2 visited Warton Crag, furthering their rock climbing experience and learning about the trees that grow there. Y3 canoed on the canal at Borwick, learning new skills and more about the waterway. All children thoroughly enjoyed toasting marshmallows and had a great time, fully funded by school.

We also continued to support the arts in school with our choir singing at the KS1 singing festival at Lancaster Town Hall. This was a fantastic experience for them all and they sang their hearts out. Y2 also sang beautifully at the KS1 singing festival.

One of our favourite days of the year at CSP is Mothering Sunday and we were thrilled to welcome over 100 mums and grandmas to school to share breakfast with their children. Overall, 270 bacon and sausage buns were consumed by children and adults.

Welcoming our community to school is something that is important to us at school, and Sapphire class thoroughly enjoyed making soup and crumble for their families - this was the culmination of a DT project examining food. The parents all reported that the food was delicious and the children did a great job cooking, taking orders, serving and clearing up.

As part of their History learning, Sapphire class also visited Morecambe to learn about its past glories as a holiday destination.

We have trained 5 mental health champions as part of our commitment to wellbeing in school and these children will be delivering sessions to targeted children in school. We are also committed to giving sporting experiences to all our children and this was in evidence as we finished 2nd at the panathlon kurling competition!

Finally, we have job vacancies at school; we are advertising for a permanent KS2 teacher, as well as a temporary PPA teacher. You can find these vacancies on the Lancashire teacher vacancies website. We encourage applicants to make an appointment to visit school, and this can be arranged by ringing 01524 770241.

#### PLANT SALE AND COFFEE MORNING, ST PAULS CHURCH HALL, SATURDAY 3 MAY 2025

The Gardening Club will be holding its annual Plant Sale and Coffee Morning event again this year in St Pauls Church Hall, Brookhouse on Saturday 3 May 2025 from 10am till 12 noon. This is a homely venue with parking.

On sale will be our usual selection of bedding and other plants from a reputable local nursery at a modest mark-up and also donated plants. If you do have any plants you wish to donate we will be very grateful. Please bring them along by 9.30 am and have them labelled so we know what they are! Any donations of small boxes for customers to take away their plants in would also be appreciated.

There will be no raffle this year, but it is a coffee morning so tea/coffee and exemplary biscuits will be served by our expert tea ladies. You will also be able to renew your Gardening Club membership which you will need to do if you want to come on our forthcoming visits which are strictly members only. You will be able to sign up for these trips.

Entrance is £1 with children free and for this you will get your refreshments, a chance to buy plants, a convivial morning and you will be supporting your old Gardening Club which was founded in 1882. This is our main fundraising event of the year.

#### CATON AND BROOKHOUSE GARDENING CLUB

Many thanks to the many members who came to the AGM in April. We hope you found it a convivial evening and enjoyed learning about our programme for next year.

We start our new year with the plant sale on Saturday 3 May in the Church Hall. See the separate Link entry. Please do consider popping in even for just a quick cuppa and perhaps buy a tray of bedding for a couple of pounds. Then on 17th May we will be at the Gala so please do visit our tent, say hello and have a rest. And of course do enjoy the Gala which the Gala committee spend so much time organising. On Thursday evening June 12th for our annual evening trip we will again not be travelling out of the village! We are honoured that a lovely local garden has offered to host our visit this year. This will be strictly members only so do make sure you have paid your membership and joined before the event. Let Graham know on 770919 if you want to come. More details next month.

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#### **CATON PRIMARY SCHOOL**

We are delighted to announce the opening of our own pre school this September with funded places for 3 and 4 year olds. Children will be able to benefit from our fabulous facilities in a beautiful setting, including our own forest; a wonderful outdoor area; and a large sports hall. Contact the school office for further information.

The school's PTA organised a wonderful family breakfast to mark Mothering Sunday. It was enjoyed by the large number of parents and grandparents who attended and special thanks must go to Lynne Jarvis, our cook, for making it possible.

Our Year 5 and 6 children took part in the Lancaster and Morecambe schools music festival at the Ashton Hall on 28th March. It was certainly worth the months of rehearsals! They had a wonderful time and represented our school brilliantly; even the musical director commented on the children's enthusiasm!

To celebrate Red Nose Day, we held our annual Caton's Got Talent competition and what a fantastic morning it was! As always, every child that entered was absolutely fabulous and thoroughly entertaining. The audience enjoyed listening to singing, the flute, drumming and storytelling; and watching dancing and football tricks. Special congratulations to Pippa for her hula hooping; Rose for her comedy; Noah for his drumming; and Aila for her singing.

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).

#### **GROW CATON**

Three years ago I put a question in the Link for anyone keen to grow food to get in touch. I am amazed to see how much Grow Caton has established since then. We now have a well-used seed swap box, eight plus garden shares, two greenhouse shares, a composting station in Brookhouse, a community orchard in Caton, and a lively community of people who share ideas, skills and items. We have made connections with Food Futures in Lancaster, who have organised workshops for composting, fermenting, preserving and delivery of fresh farm produce to the village. It is quite natural that those of us who grow veggies also have an interest in different ways of processing the food to use and to keep it. Joining Olio and using the surplus from the shops has added plenty of opportunity for practising drying of produce and making yoghurt, butter and cottage cheese. Growing wise, in May we will plant out those more tender crops like beans, squashes and courgettes. There will then be more space for the tomatoes and cucumbers in the greenhouse to thrive. I may have a go at training the tomatoes to be watered every other day, rather than daily. I've been told that it does not matter how often you water them, as long as the pattern stays the same. Sowing of all kinds of salad crops will continue throughout the summer. Soon there will be fruit to pick and if you have a bush or tree and no time to pick then do ask us, we'll be more than happy to come and help. To connect 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.

#### **ANIMAL CARE NEWS**

Have you got a dog? Are you coming to Caton Gala on Sat 17th May? Why not enter for Caton Gala's Fun Dog Show... Classes include Best Rescue. Smiliest Face. Most Unusual Pair. Best Puppy, Goldie, and Best Fancy Dress (with the theme of 'Down on the Farm'!) All proceeds will help Animal Care rescue, rehabilitate and rehome animals.

Come and enjoy the Cross Bay Walk with the King's Guide over Sands, and Animal Care, on Saturday 21st June. If you're local and have never done this before, it really is a must-do experience and is totally exhilarating. You will be safely shown the route by the King's Guide and can enjoy the company of friendly animal-lovers and Animal Care supporters. Tickets £20 in aid of Animal Care. Book through TryBooking: https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EMEN or see the QR code on the flyer in the Co-Op.

Animal Care is holding a Plant Sale at the Sanctuary on Sat 5th July from 10am-3pm at Blea Tarn Road, Scotforth LA2 ORD. There will be a vast range of plants and gardening equipment

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#### ST PAUL'S WITH LITTLEDALE, BROOKHOUSE

You are welcome to come to St Paul's for our services every Sunday 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. If anyone would like to get in contact with the Rev Helen Scamman, the vicar at St Paul's, for conversation, or for a wedding, baptism or funeral, vicar@stpaulscaton.org.uk or phone 01524770300.

**APCM** We have our annual parochial church meeting on Sunday, 18th May at 11.30 am. All those on the Electoral Roll are welcome to attend.

#### ST PAUL'S CHURCH COFFEE MORNING

The next Coffee Morning will be in the St Paul's Church Parish Hall on the 7th of May 2025 at 10.30. The May Coffee Morning is to support the work of St Paul's Church. The Church is involved with a range of activities, including working with the uniformed organisations, youth groups as well as toddler and children's groups. There are also a number of pastoral events which take place throughout the year. At the Coffee Morning there will be the usual raffle and quiz. There will also be a number of stalls, including a cake stall. The Coffee Morning gives people the opportunity to meet friends and neighbours for a chat. You are most welcome to join us for a drink and biscuits. The April Coffee morning raised £138.10 for the NW Air Ambulance. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this event, the proceeds from which will go to help this important voluntary organisation.

#### **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 a biscuit afterwards. All ladies from the village and further afield are welcome to join us and transport can be arranged if you need a lift. For any other enquiries or help with any matter phone Judith on 01524 770872. We look forward to seeing you. The dates for this month are: 14th Amy Bland (Chaplain at Kendal) 28th Laura Wadsworth.

Crafty Tots is a fortnightly toddler group held in Caton Baptist Church. Sessions will start at 9:30am until 10:30am and are open to preschool 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 Laura at catoncraftytots@gmail.com. The cost will be £2.50 per session. There is now a waiting list but Laura would love to hear from you so don't hesitate to get in touch.

Caton Baptist Church will be serving teas/coffees/juice and are having our popular cake stall once again at Caton Gala. All monies raised are going to our Charity for the Year which is Galloway's Society for the Blind. Please come and find us and support this very worthy cause.

Advanced Notice An Alpha Course will be starting in June-everyone is welcome to explore life, faith, and meaning in a relaxed and friendly setting. Look out for more details in the June Link.

Churches Together Thank you very much to everyone from Churches Together for the wonderful time you provided for the children at the Craft morning at Brookhouse Methodist Hub. I'm sure all the children enjoyed it, I know ours did! and the brews for us mums was also very much appreciated. Thank you.



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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

Church Anniversary Sunday 4th May 10:30am Led by Paul Bowden Everyone welcome Book and Jigsaw Exchange - new time Saturday 17th May 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.17th May 12:30pm£3.00 per person homemade soup and lots of Cake. Everyone Welcome

Crafts @ Caton Thursday 29th May 10-12pm Bring your knitting or crochet and have chat over

Bible Study Wednesdays 7pm Resumes after Easter Wednesday 14th and 28th May Usually, 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; we would love to see new faces young and old as we come together. 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 have fun!

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! (No group on Thursday 29th May). 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 16th of May 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.com or contact us via facebook Brookhouse Community Church.

#### **LENT LUNCHES AT ST PAUL'S 2025**

The Lent Lunches at St Paul's raised £245 for Christian Aid. Thanks go to all those who attended these events and thanks also to those who worked so hard to make them successful.

#### **TWINNING GROUP**

At the beginning of April, 34 happy travellers set off to France for a four day trip to Socx. The 11 children all spent a day in school - Primaire, Collège and Lycée- while the adults had a tour of Dunkirk and visited a reconstruction of a 17th Century ship, we were also treated to a 3 course lunch at a Lycée Professionale cooked and served by the students. In the evening we had food and entertainment at a Cafe des Orgues complete with three enormous traditional fairground organs.

The following day we were taken out by our host families, walking, cycling, shopping in Dunkirk, Bergues or Lille. The evening saw us treated to the amazing spectacle of Carnaval. It seriously has to be seen to be believed!

Next year we will be hosting our friends here - if you'd like to join in the fun - helping in any way even if you can't put people up - you'll be very welcome!

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#### HORNBY DISTRICT RAMBLERS HORNBY DISTRICT RAMBLERS

10th May - 4-6 miles (Joan); 24th May - 6-8 miles (Richard). Meet at Hornby Car Park to leave at 9:30 prompt - or at parking area for start of walk. Contribution towards fuel costs for car sharing: £3 for shorter distance; £4 for a longer distance. Chair Jenny Herd (015242 21690)

#### THE CROSS BAY WALK SATURDAY 3RD MAY IS IN AID OF THE OLIVE BRANCH.

The Olive Branch is Lancaster's food bank, but we are so much more than a food bank. Our mission is to support those in Lancaster suffering distress caused by addiction, broken family relationships, poverty and homelessness, and to enable individuals and families to resolve and alleviate their difficulties. We do this by providing a multitude of resources be they physical, spiritual or emotional. To give this some context in 2024 (up to end of November) we were visited by guests 3,685 times, we gave out somewhere in the region of 125,000 food items, we have listened while people share their (often harrowing) situations, prayed with many guests, helped some guests get help from the police or social services, provided tents and sleeping bags to those living on the streets, provided uniform for primary school children and have accessed funds for guests to provide a whole range of items/support including clothes and taxi to attend a job interview, a laptop for a 6th form student, shoes for someone who had none and a portable heater for someone who had no working central heating. And this is just a snapshot of what we try to provide 5 days a week. Tickets for the walk are available to buy at https://the-olivebranch.org.uk/latest-news/cross-bay-walk-2025 and cost £20 per person (£2 for dogs). Walkers should be able to comfortably walk 9 miles. Our walk will start at 9.30am (registration no later than 9.15am) from Arnside Prom and should take approximately 4 hours, ending up at Grange over Sands. Michael Wilson, the King's Guide, will be in charge and take us all over the sands for what will be a magical day. We do hope you can join us for what we hope will be a fabulous day, but also one that will also raise vital funds for The Olive Branch.

#### **HORNBY PENSIONERS**

May 10th Whist and Dominoes. May 24th Dominoes. Meetings take place in Hornby Institute. For information regarding these events, please contact Eileen Barton on 07780461517 On 8th April Karin Stennett, fundraiser for St, John's Hospice, gave a most informative and comforting talk on the extensive care and provision given for the people of the North West. Only one quarter of their funding is provided by the NHS, the rest has to be met by donations and fund -raising events. They are appreciative of any help that we can give, particularly of our time. May 10th Coffee Morning. This will be held on the lower floor of the Institute and as usual it is an opportunity to catch up with friends and enjoy each other's company over tea or coffee. Donations for the raffle and for the produce stall are always gratefully received.

May 13th Review There will be the 2nd part of the Review of the event that took place in Hornby in 2006. The first part was shown in May last year and was a reminder of the chance that we had, to see and to hear some of the wonderfully talented people living in our community at the time.

#### **LUNE VALLEY SWIMMING POOL**

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported us and took part in our annual Sponsored Swim. Our amazing young swimmers managed to swim an incredible 126 miles and raised an amazing £2851 (before gift aid) for the swimming pool! The money raised will be going straight back into the swimming pools 'Energy Fund', allowing us to continuously provide swimming opportunities for all in the community. We will be running lots of Family Sessions, Open Family Swims, Lane Swims and General Swims over the May Half Term Holidays. Our May Half Term will run from Monday the 26th of May until Sunday the 1st of June, with sessions now available to book on our website. All spaces must be booked in advance to avoid disappointment! For more information on what we have on over the May Half Term, please visit our website or Facebook Page. Thank you for your continuous support! For all pool enquiries, please contact Georgia on: 01524 805666. www.lunevalleypool.com Facebook: Lune Valley Swimming Pool poolmanager@lunevalleypool.com

#### **CATON LEISURE CLUB**

Sadly our weekly talks have come to an end now, but what an interesting season we have had. So many talks on a wide variety of subjects, some humorous, some factual, some of lifetime experiences, but all fascinating. We start again in September so keep an eye out for what is on offer. You will NOT be disappointed.

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