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LINK DELIVERY

On behalf of the Link team and the residents of part of the Sycamore estate, many thanks to Reece who has delivered the Link to residents there in recent years. Reece is relocating. This has prompted a mini-reshuffle. A Caton resident will now pick up Reece's delivery route whilst their route in Cloughton will now be taken on by a Cloughton resident. We are always grateful for any volunteers. If you think you might be willing to volunteer please use the contact numbers for Link distribution at the bottom of this page.

PARISH COUNCIL

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

New councillor: We are pleased that Tony Rei has been co-opted as a parish councillor.

Play Park We need someone to carry out regular maintenance, including minor repairs and raking the sand and Cushionfall. Please contact the Clerk for more information. And thank you to Lancaster City Council for replacing the litter bins.

Reporting faults The "Love Clean Streets" app is great for reporting potholes, blocked drains, faulty street lights, fly-tipping and fallen trees blocking roads and pavements. You can customise it to Lancashire Council, who are responsible for highways here.

Tree Planting The Coronation Living Heritage Fund has awarded the Parish Council over £700 for fruit trees to plant in our area. We will need volunteers soon, to help plant them. If you would like to get involved, please contact Judy Powell on 771154.

Oak tree at junction of Copy Lane and Brookhouse Road The Parish Council is looking at rebuilding the low wall around the tree, or finding another solution for the area. Our thanks to a local resident who has promised to help with the rebuilding costs.

Bus shelter at Copy Lane Thanks to Chris Lennon for cleaning and repainting the shelter. And for repainting bollards and repairing gates.

Greenway The "windows" in the hedges have been cut out again.

Bus services The Parish Council takes part in the Lancaster Bus Users' Group, and is taking up complaints about the number of buses which do not run.

Poors Land In 1724, Edward Fincham left land to be used to benefit people in need living in this parish. The land is let out for grazing and fishing, and the proceeds are distributed annually by the Parish Council. This year the Parish Council has a supplement to the Poors Land fund, in the form of a donation from The Link. These small grants are distributed every December, in time for Christmas. The amounts given are usually around £50-£100. Application forms are available from 1st November and have to be returned by 30th November. The forms may be collected from the Cottam Room at the Victoria Institute or obtained directly from the Parish Clerk.

Road safety will be a major topic at the November meeting of the Parish Council (Tuesday 12 November, 7pm, Lune Valley Methodist Hub). Do send in your comments before then. A reminder: Road safety is a major issue for many residents, and the Parish Council wants to take our proposals to Lancashire County Council. Our ideas so far are: the creation of a "20 mph zone" throughout Caton and Brookhouse; pedestrian crossings, speed limits and further traffic calming beyond Caton on Lancaster Road, Hornby Road and Quernmore Road; a 30 mph speed limit in Caton Green and onwards to Brookhouse; improvements to and around the mini-roundabout at the centre of Caton; making Holme Lane a No Through Road; a full review of the provision and quality of pavements throughout the built-up areas; consideration of making pavement parking illegal on some streets. Next we need comments from local people. You can collect a printed copy of our draft paper from the Victoria Institute (Cottam Room) or the Lune Valley Methodist Hub. Online it is on our website - links to it from our Facebook pages too. Or contact the Parish Clerk for a copy. Comments on paper can be left at the VI or LVMH, or emailed to the Parish Clerk.

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We welcome women of all ages and walks of life to join us for fun, friendship, education and the opportunity to contribute to the local area. Last month we had a brilliant African drumming workshop where everyone, younger and more senior, smiled, laughed and hit something joyfully. Check out the video on our Facebook page to hear us. The next meeting is Thursday 7th November at 7:30pm at the Victoria Institute. We will be getting knotted making a macrame Christmas decoration. This will be a great meeting to come to if you've never been before because there will be lots of time to chat and get to know each other whilst having fun. Come and try us out! Please also bring your hats for the homeless this month so we can donate them in time for Christmas to Tactical Street Angels. This project has been ongoing and even non-members have made hats for this local charity for which we are very grateful. Some of our wonderful ladies have even made more than 10!

THE PROJECT LINUS UK - QUILT MAKING DAY
We are planning to hold the first workshop in Caton to make Linus quilts. The workshop will be held at the Victoria Institute in Caton on Saturday 2nd November from 10-3pm. Project Linus UK is a 100% volunteer non-profit Community Interest Company. It is the mission of Project Linus UK to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children, who are sick, disabled, disadvantaged or distressed by donating gifts of NEW, HOMEMADE, WASHABLE quilts and blankets, lovingly made by UK volunteer knitters and quilters. If you have some sewing skills and would like to come along for the day and make some quilts you would be most welcome. Please contact Louise Stevens on 07808 204782, we are limited to 15 places so book early.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR IN AID OF CANCERCARE
There will be a craft fair on Saturday 9th November in aid of CancerCare. This will be held at Caton Baptist Church from 10am to 12noon. It's a good opportunity to start looking for presents and enjoy some refreshments in aid of a great cause.

SCOUTS CHRISTMAS FAIR
Get ready to celebrate the holiday season with joy and community spirit at our Scouts Christmas Fair! Saturday 30th November 1-4pm @ St Paul's Church Hall. There will be festive stalls selling crafts and gifts, delicious treats such as mulled wine and mince pies, fun craft activities and games such as splat the Grinch, Christmas craft activities and a tombola. Father Christmas has also agreed to take time out of his busy schedule and visit us! So drop into our FREE grotto to have a chat and take a memorable photo! Also, following their popularity last year, we will be selling real Christmas trees again. Look out for our flyers or visit our Facebook; www.facebook.co.uk/catonchurchscoutgroup. All monies raised go directly towards our Caton Church Scout trailer fund, to enable us to take our young people on more adventures, giving them skills for life.

BURNS NIGHT SATURDAY 18th JANUARY 2025
This popular village event will take place at 7pm until midnight at the Victoria Institute. A classic haggis supper, with vegan and gluten free options available followed by (brief!) traditional Burns Night speeches and, most importantly, a lively evening of dancing accompanied and Called by Caton Folk Band. A tot of whisky to toast the haggis is included in the £30 ticket price, all other drinks are Bring Your Own. There will be a raffle and a Whisky Roll competition. Places are limited so please contact tricia@marybankfarm.uk to book your tickets. All profits will be used to pay for the children's travel on our visit to France in 2025. Also, our excellent chefs prepare the food in return for a donation to St John's Hospice.

PAINTING GROUP
The painting group will meet on Thursday 14th & 28th November from 1.30 - 3.30pm at Lune Valley Methodist Hub. 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 maybe 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

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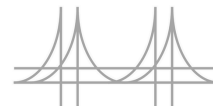
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CATON COMMUNITY CENTRE (VICTORIA INSTITUTE)
135 th Annual General Meeting The Annual General Meeting of the Victoria Institute will be held on Friday 29th November at 2:00pm in the Victoria room. Everyone is welcome to attend.
CATON COMMUNITY LIBRARY & 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 on 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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Website: www.victoria-institute.org.uk www.facebook.com/victoria.institute.caton/

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. Next session: Saturday 2nd November

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY AND ARMISTICE DAY

On Remembrance Sunday (10th November) there will be a service in the Victoria Institute, starting at 10.15. The ceremony at the War Memorial will start at 11, but you are asked to be in place by 10.55. Last post, reading the names of the fallen, presentation of wreaths. Afterwards refreshments will be served in the Victoria Institute. Thank you to Brookhouse Community Church for providing refreshments. On Armistice Day, Monday 11th November, there will be a short ceremony at the War Memorial. Please be in place for 10.50.

MISSION ALBANIA INFORMATION EVENING

Saturday 23 November at 7.00pm Caton Baptist Church. Come and hear an interview with Dan and Annie Dupree, founders of a charity, Tek Ura (At the Bridge). They will talk about Albania which is an amazing country that is emerging from a very troubled history, and the work they do with many different groups of people. One aspect of their work is to give young people hope for their future in Albania rather than wanting to leave their country. Teas, coffees and tray bakes will be served.

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We had a fantastic open day on 17 October where we invited prospective parents into school during the day and in the evening. They had the opportunity to witness floodlit PE, our wonderful choir, marshmallows in forest school and lots more. Our Y6 children acted as ambassadors and toured parents round, as well as demonstrating their skills and abilities in a range of subjects.

We also displayed our Standfast and Barracks mural that was made after we entered the competition in summer; look out for photos of this beautiful artwork on Facebook.

If you missed Open day but would like a tour round school or Pre-school, please contact Mr Gittins on 01524 770241 to book in.

We are currently advertising a KS2 teaching vacancy to start in January. If you, or anyone you know, are interested, contact school or check on the LCC website. Closing date is Friday 1 November.

We were thrilled to be a driving force in planning the windfarm open day, working hard to ensure our Y5 children were able to tour the windfarm and learn more about our local area.

Excitingly, our Y6 children had the chance to cave in Long Churn, one of the most famous caves in the North of England. This is an opportunity very few primary school children will have and it is the culmination of an exciting outdoor programme followed by all children in school.

Our harvest festival was wonderful and it was lovely to see Church full, with standing room only. All children performed for the parents and the atmosphere was wonderful.

We hope to see you at one of our events soon: look out for more information about the PTA treasure hunt that is being planned for Thursday 5 December, everyone welcome. This year we are fundraising for a new minibus through our PTA events.

We have spaces in our Pre-school on most days at the moment, although these fill quickly throughout the year. Call us to book a tour.

CATON SPORTS ASSOCIATION/CATON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

Prize draw result... Oct '24 – Ryan Lackey - £50 Our prize draw can be accessed through our website catonsports.co.uk and is £5 per month for one entry.

The club is delighted to have appointed Richard Close as our new first team manager. With a wealth of experience across the West Lancashire Leagues, we look forward to the positive impact he will bring to Caton United. We'd like to thank Adam Garnett, and Greg Brayshaw for their brilliant work with the squad since moving leagues. Their hardwork and dedication helped us finish mid table in our first season. Players – If your son is 16 years old, and looking to join an open age team, they are more than welcome to come and train with us at Caton United. We train each Wednesday at Dallam High School on the 3G pitch. The time is 18:20-19:20. All coaches are qualified and have DBS certificates. Fixtures: Unfortunately, we are unable to provide information on fixtures in the Link due to them being published after the Link goes to print. We do post fixture information on social media sites, so please do check and come along and support if you can, it will be greatly appreciated. From November, our matches kick off at 2pm. Volunteers – As always, we are on the lookout for more help in around the club, and would love to welcome more volunteers, especially on Saturday afternoons. Please get in touch if you are able to help info@catonsports.co.uk

HAFFNER ORCHESTRA CONCERT

Sat 30 November 7.30pm, Great Hall, Lancaster University (pre-concert talk at 6.30pm)The Haffner Orchestra's first concert of the 2024-25 promises to be a particularly entertaining concert performance of the hilarious comic opera La Pasquale by Italian composer Donizetti, in Italian with English surtitles and with soloists singing the 5 principal roles.

Adults: £17; 18yrs & under: free; Students & benefit claimants: £6 on the door. Buy online at www.haffnerorchestra.org Tickets are also available on the door, subject to availability (NB recent concerts have been sold out with latecomers disappointed!)

HORNBY PENSIONERS NOVEMBER 2024

Dates for dominoes Saturday 2nd, 16th and 30th. Meetings take place in Hornby Institute. For information regarding these events, please contact Eileen Barton on 07780461517

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CATON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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If you would like to get a feel for our amazing school, we have a new video on our website which showcases the opportunities to learn with laughter that we offer our pupils. Please take a look! As always we have had lots of visits and visitors last month to bring our curriculum to life. Reception took a walk through the village, hunting for treasure and using their phonic learning to crack the code. Year 6, practised their life preservation skills in their swimming lessons (in pyjamas!). KS1 had a fun day packed with Science and Engineering with a Curious Investigators Science Show and a workshop with Dr Irene Wise from Lancaster University. A group of KS2 pupils visited our link school, Dallas Road in Lancaster, to meet with pupils and discuss their different religions in RE. We are looking forward to them visiting us! We also welcomed Alan Wadsworth into school to answer Class 2's questions about how Christians pray. Our lovely Year 5 and 6 children completed their playleader training and have been spotted putting their learning into practice at lunchtimes, leading games for the younger children. Enrichment clubs have continued at lunchtimes and after school with Crochet Club now well on their way to completing their first project.

CATON AND BROOKHOUSE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

September has been a busy month, we had a visit to Keswick and enjoyed the market and shops although the afternoon tea in Grange was a disappointment after the lovely tea we had last year. A week later and we were visiting Penrith for another good morning shopping and sight-seeing followed by an afternoon in and around Lowther castle with its lovely gardens and nice cafe. On November 7th we will be at the Station Hotel for a coffee morning followed on the 21st with a visit to Liverpool. December begins with our visit to Chatsworth House on the 5th and ends with our annual Xmas lunch on the 19th December. For details of membership or further information please contact Ally Whitfield on 01524 770827 or 07738 912923

RUSHLEY SINGERS CAROL CONCERT

Thursday 19th December at 7.30pm at St. Paul's Church, Brookhouse. The Rushley Singers, with their conductor Rachael Lee and accompanist Andy Plowman, will be performing their annual carol concert in the village this year. Tickets, which include a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie, available from Janet Barker (text 07833361916, or email ntg.direct@outlook.com).

AFFORDABLE CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 16th November 10am-3pm. Victoria Institute, Caton. Handmade gifts from local artisans, crafters, and charity fundraisers – and everything at £10 or under! Join us for our wonderful refreshments café, raising funds for the Victoria Institute. Help make this a lovely community event and find some special gifts and items, too. Great for children wanting to buy presents with pocket money, and for anyone who loves handmade. If you want a table and haven't yet booked one, call Alison on the number below. If you would like to volunteer to make a cake or biscuits for the fundraising café, that would be fantastic. See you there! For all further information or questions, call Alison 07359135612.

DAYTIME CAROL SERVICE FOR THE VILLAGE at ST PAUL'S CHURCH, BROOKHOUSE

Everyone is welcome to St Paul's Church for the Daytime Carol Service. This will take place on the 10th of Dec at 11am at St Paul's Church. There will be a short service, approximately half an hour. Afterwards we hope you will stay for a chat and refreshments in the Church Hall. We hope you will join us for this short time of reflection and fellowship.

CATON AND BROOKHOUSE GARDENING CLUB

Our next meeting is on Thursday 14th November in St Pauls Church Hall at 7pm. It is our Dvd evening and this time we will be showing a film about the Arnside and Silverdale AONB. Lots of local interest and some fascinating anecdotes about our local beauty spot. All welcome.

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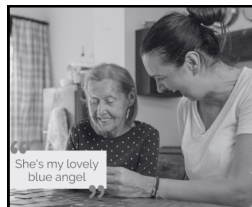
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You are welcome to come to St Paul's for our services every Sunday at 10am. The first Sunday of the month is All Age Worship, led by the children, and the following Sundays are Communion Services, with Sunday Club for the children (except during school holidays). All are welcome to join us for our services and for refreshments afterwards.

St Paul's Youth Group 'SPY' meets every fortnight at 4.15pm in the Church Hall. SPY is open to all those in Year 5 and above. If you would like to come along, please can parents fill in a registration form, available from Helen Scamman at vicar@stpaulscaton.org.uk 07515498860, or to download from our website. We will be meeting from 4.15 – 5.45 on 14th, 28th November, and 12th December for a Christmas party! Do come along!

The Village Graveyard We hope you will notice that the wall in the 'new' graveyard has now been renovated, taking into account the tree root disturbance. Thank you so much to all those who donated to make this possible. If we have further donations, we will be able to extend the path to the bottom of the graveyard. Please make any payments to Caton St Pauls PCC, Charities Aid Foundation, Sort Code 40-52-40, Account No 00036642, cheques payable to Caton St Paul's PCC, and can be put in the small safe in the church, or posted to Rev Helen Scamman, 153 Brookhouse Road, Brookhouse, LA2 9NX. Please state that these are for graveyard improvements. Thank you!

'Love your Graveyard Day' On Saturday, November 2nd, from 10 – 1pm we will meet in the car park at St Paul's Church, for a morning of tidying up our graveyard, clearing leaves, seeing what needs doing, and making it ready for the winter. If you would like to come along and join in, (either for some or all) please come with any useful garden implements, such as secateurs and rakes. Come for all of the time, or just for some! Families welcome. Hot drinks, squash and cake will be supplied.

THE LUNE VALLEY METHODIST HUB, BROOKHOUSE

Sunday Service 10:30am Sunday 3rd November with Keely Lund This is an All-Age Worship Services – followed by refreshments.

Saturday Soup 9th November 12:30pm with homemade soup and cakes, £3.00 per person

Book and Jigsaw Shop Saturday 16th November 10am-12pm With Coffee and biscuits choose a book or jigsaw.

Bible Study Wednesday 7pm 13th and 27th Nov, The 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month
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. Contact lunevalleymethodist@gmail.com or visit www.northlancsmethodist.org.uk

WHAT'S ON AT CATON METHODIST CHAPEL

Weekly Sunday Service 10:30am Except on 3rd November, when we will be at Brookhouse

Saturday Soup 9th November 12:30pm At Lune Valley Methodist Hub £3.00 per person homemade soup and lots of Cake Everyone Welcome

Crafts @ Caton Meet up for coffee and chat on Thursday 28th November 10-12pm

Bible Study 7pm Wednesday 13th and 27th November (The 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month) At the Lune Valley Methodist Hub

CATON WITH BROOKHOUSE COMMUNITY HUB

Greetings all. We hope you have had a lovely summer and as the nights draw in the community hub is up and running again. We meet on the first Saturday of the month at Lune Valley Methodist Hub. The Hub is run by people from the community for the community and we are always looking for bakers/crofters and helpers if you want to get involved.

Saturday 2nd November, in conjunction with Lancaster Council, we will be running a session on the Local Environment Plan. There will be a creche for this session which will run from 1-4 pm. **Saturday 7th December** Wreath Making and other Christmas crafts.

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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 number above.

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 speakers for this month are :- 13th Liz Wicken's (Capernwray) 27th Barbara Clark

Crafty Tots is a fortnightly toddler group held in Caton Baptist Church, sessions start at 9.30am until 10.30am and are open to pre school children from the age of 18 months+. 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. However we are now at full capacity and if you would like to come to future sessions please email the above address to put your name on the waiting list. Thank you. The dates for this month are 1st, 15th, and 29th

GIFT SHOE BOXES 2024

Imagine a year without Christmas presents! For children and adults living in poverty in many countries of our world the gift of a shoe box can be a dream come true or an answer to prayer. International Aid from Preston deliver shoe boxes to people of all ages from children to elderly people throughout the year but especially at Christmas. So who could you send a smile to? Can you help?

1- Gift wrap a shoe box and lid separately so the lid can be lifted off, please don't wrap individual items and use an elastic band to keep the box together, or we can provide FOC ready to build gift boxes.

2- Choose the age and gender of the person you want to receive your shoe box and fill the box with suitable items. Shoe boxes are sent to all ages from children to elderly people.

3- Label the box with who it is for e.g. girl aged 3-5 years, boy aged 9-11 years, adult female 60 plus years. You can write your own label or use the label from our instruction leaflet.

4- For more details and ideas for contents please see our website- www.catonbaptist.org
Or call pastor Alan on 07971634330 for more information. Caton Baptist Church on Artlebeck Bridge is being used as a collection point for this area. Collection deadline for Christmas is 17th November. Thank you.

BROOKHOUSE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday morning worship every Sunday morning, 10.45 at the Victoria Institute. Junior Church and Creche available. You are most welcome.

'Tiddleywinks' Toddler Group: held at the church hall, Brookhouse, on Thursday mornings, 10 to 11.30. Come mums; dads; grans and gramps - you are most welcome.... £2.50 per family

Meet to Eat: next chomp-together, Friday, 15th Nov. 12.30 at the Victoria Institute. £5 per person. Bring a friend and chomp together.

CATHOLIC CHURCH STATION YARD

Holy Mass Saturday at 6.00pm. Holydays of Obligation Mass on eve of Holyday at 6.00pm.

ST PAUL'S CHURCH BROOKHOUSE COFFEE MORNING

The next Coffee Morning will be at the Church Hall on the 6th of November at 10.30. The November Coffee Morning is in support of The Mother's Union Caravan, who as we know help to provide holidays for disadvantaged families. 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 October Coffee Morning was a great success and raised £122.50 for the MacMillan Nurses. Thanks go to everyone who attended supported this invaluable organisation.

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GARRY TWINAME Rosemary and family would like to thank everyone for their kindness during the past few weeks and in particular after Garry's death on the 27th August. Thank you in particular to Rev Helen Scamman from St Paul's for her support and kindness during this sad time.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2024

St Peter's Church Quernmore LA2 9EL. Friday 29th November to Sunday 1st December
Open 10am - 5pm on Friday and Saturday. On Sunday 3rd opening times will be 11am - 4pm after the Family Service. Sunday 3rd December there will be a Family Service at 10am. Free entry. Refreshments available. Raffle. Local primary school choirs including Caton Primary School will be singing on Friday afternoon.

GROW CATON

Autumn has truly arrived and we are tidying up our gardens, cutting back foliage and putting mulch down to protect the soil from the harsh winter weather. Harvest celebrations have been held and we are grateful for the produce we've grown, it really does taste so much better. These quieter months offer great opportunities to meet up and learn new things. Our group has attended two sessions on fermenting and kimchi making and we are hoping to meet up again to share our preserving experiences. Two community compost bins have been set up at the Methodist Hub. If you live local and would like to participate (i.e. drop off suitable compost items in the bins) then let us know and we'll make sure you get access.

The trees in our community orchard have established well and a little plague has been placed on site to identify the orchard. The seed swap box has come home for winter. If you have any spare seeds then please keep them until Spring when the box will be activated again. There are some seed saving sessions in town for anyone who wants to learn how to save seeds from their own gardens. We have noticed a lack of pollinators this year and it will be great to plan more insect friendly flowers for our villages next year. To find out more about any of the above, learn more about our group, or join us on WhatsApp please email growcaton@outlook.com, contact Anne 771470 or Brigitte 770771

CATON LEISURE CLUB

If you were not with us in October you missed a treat. The talks were Fab-u-lous. Why not come along this month to be entertained, educated and enlightened by our speakers:- 4th Tales of Holker Hall Linda Jenkinson. 11th In Search of Arctic Wonders Dr Rob David. 18th The Scandal of Edward Gibbon Colin Perry. 25th Lancaster Memories Elizabeth Roberts. We meet at Victoria Institute at 10.00 for 10.30. Only £3 each time including tea/coffee and biscuit. A friendly welcome too!

Angela Rippon can still do high kicks at 80 years old. Maybe you could too by joining Norma's Chair Exercise Class. They take place each Mon from 9 until 10 am for the modest charge of £2. Short Mat Bowls have started again on Wednesdays at the Institute. 10 to 12. Come along for fun and companionship. Why not give it a try? Again you will be welcomed and shown what to do. Please contact David 01524 812342 for further details. P.S. We are returning to the Station Hotel for our Christmas Party which will be held on 9th December. Applications for places will be out soon. Book up early, it was a great success last year.

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