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## ISSUE FOR NOVEMBER 2021

### PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk:- Gill Mason - 07882 949110. E-mail - [catonparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:catonparishcouncil@gmail.com)

**WASTE BINS** - The Parish Council has asked Lancaster City Council to replace the waste bin at the lay-by on Quernmore Road, and to install a new one on Littledale Road, near the access to Ravenscar. They are awaiting deliveries of new bins and we hope to see action soon.

**MILLENNIUM WAY** - Lancashire County Council has recently surveyed the trees along the Millennium Way and identified a large number showing signs of ash dieback. Plans for felling and replanting with other species are expected.

**HORNBY ROAD CAR PARK** - The Parish Council has had the hedge at the car park next to Boots cut. Thanks to Chris Lennon for doing the work.

**A LITTLE EXTRA MONEY FOR CHRISTMAS?** 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 by the Parish Council. The charity is called the Caton Poor's Land. Small grants are distributed every December. To apply, please fill in a simple application form. You can get it from the Parish Clerk (telephone number above) or from the Victoria Institute in Caton. Copies are in the Cottam Room, or ask Peter Collins the Manager. Forms must be returned to the Parish Clerk or to the Victoria Institute by 30th November. Applications are considered in confidence and cheques issued in time for Christmas.

**NEXT MEETING** - The next Parish Council meeting is on *Tuesday 9th November at 7pm* in the Victoria Institute. Residents are welcome to attend.

### CATON GALA 2022

Caton Gala 2022, yes, that's right, Caton Gala 2022, is on course to take place. We have recently had a meeting and the seeds have been sown. We are unable to give much detail at this stage as there are still some matters to be finalised. Watch this space.

We are keen to reach out to all parts of the local community and would welcome suggestions and constructive criticism. With this in mind we cordially invite input and suggestions from anyone who may care to contribute. This can be done by attending our meetings, or by e-mail to "[catongala@catongala.co.uk](mailto:catongala@catongala.co.uk)" or via our Facebook page.

The next meeting will be held at *8:00 PM on Wednesday the 3rd November 2021* at the Station Hotel in Caton. All are welcome.

### CHURCHES TOGETHER - SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE - SUNDAY 14th NOVEMBER

Churches together - Remembrance Sunday

We are glad to be able to meet once again this year to commemorate and remember those from our communities that have given their lives in service.

We will be holding our Remembrance day service on Sunday 14th November at 10.15am at the Victoria institute. The service will be followed by the village act of remembrance outside at the memorial and then by refreshments back in the Institute.

We do hope you will be able to join with us as we remember those who have served and who continue to do so for our freedom.

### CHURCHES TOGETHER - SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE - SUNDAY 21ST NOVEMBER

Churches Together in Caton and Brookhouse (CTICB) will be holding a Service of Remembrance at Brookhouse Methodist Church on Sunday 21st November at 3pm. Hosted by Methodist Minister Rev Emma Holroyd, it will be an opportunity to remember and give thanks for loved ones who have died, especially during the past 18 months of Covid-19.

We would love you to join us for this service. If you would like the name of a loved one read out during the service, or have a photo of them which we can include for a montage to be displayed electronically during the service, please provide the details to Mary Platts at [office@stationgaragecaton.co.uk](mailto:office@stationgaragecaton.co.uk).

Tea and cake will be served after the service.

### MEAT TO EAT

Dear friends, we are delighted to announce that Meat to Eat will be starting back on Friday 5th November at the **Victoria Institute** at the usual time of 12-30. We will then meet on Friday 19th Nov. and Friday 3rd Dec.

After Christmas we will meet on Friday 7th Jan. and Friday 21st Jan. we will then hopefully continue on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each Month at the **Victoria Institute**.

We look forward to seeing you all.

God bless Pete and the team.

## LOCAL NEWS OF CATON & BROOKHOUSE

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### Baptist Church Artlebeck Bridge

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6.30 pm: *Evening Service*

### Brookhouse Methodist Church Brookhouse Road

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*Morning Service and  
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### Caton Methodist Brookhouse Road

10.30 am:

*Morning Service and  
Junior Church*

### Catholic Church Station Yard

*Holy Mass*

*Saturday Evening 6.00pm*

*Holydays of Obligation*

*Mass on eve of Holyday at  
6.00pm*

### St Paul's C of E Brookhouse

*Sunday Communion  
Service 10.00am*

*All Age Worship, read  
and led by children – 1st  
Sunday of the month*

*Sunday Club in the Church  
Hall, all term time*

*Sundays except 1st  
Sunday of month*

*1st Wednesday of the  
month.*

*Holy Communion  
10.00am*

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**CATON ST PAUL'S C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL**

We have had an exciting month in school: our new Reception children have settled brilliantly and our Pre-school continues to go from strength to strength. We have spaces in Pre-school so please ring 01524 770241 to book a tour of our brand-new facilities. Pre-school children can also access our wraparound care club 7:45 - 8:45am and 3:15 - 5:30pm.

Our open day on 15th October was a great success. Don't forget, the window for Primary school applications is now open. We are happy to show parents and children around: please contact us for a guided visit of our school.

Our Y6 children had a wonderful time caving at Ribbleshead viaduct.. They faced their fears and challenged themselves to squeeze through some tiny holes. We are very proud of their determination and resilience. All our children take part in an outdoor education experience every year - Y4 scrambling is next.

Our girls football team played brilliantly to win the Carnforth sports cluster tournament - well done girls. Ours mixed tag rugby team were excellent when participating in the Lune Valley rugby tournament. We continue to offer a range of enrichment clubs to all our children.

Would you like to join our staff team? We are looking for a welfare assistant to work 1hr a day for 5 days a week. This post is available as soon as possible. Please ring 01524 770241 and ask to speak to Ian Gittins.

**CATON PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Thank you to everyone who attended our open day. If you didn't manage to come along and would like to look around our school, please call the school office to make an appointment. The deadline for applications for September 2022 Reception places is 15th January. We also have a few places available in other year groups and we offer a very popular after school club and breakfast club.

Our pupils are very much enjoying music this term. Many of them have private music tuition in school and these talented musicians have come together to form our brand new school band. They hope to play some Christmas carols for all to hear outside the Co-op in December. Class 2 are learning to play the ukulele with weekly lessons from the Lancashire Music Service. Class 3 are really enjoying their learning about democracy and dictatorship. They have examined how the power of the monarchy has changed over time and they have used King John's rule as a case study through which to identify how and why the Magna Carta was necessary. They have defined the terms 'dictatorship' and 'democracy' and researched dictators from throughout history, including Mao and Stalin. Class 1 would be very interested to hear from anyone who has lived in Caton for a long time and witnessed changes over the years. Please call school if you would be prepared to come and share your knowledge with us.

The PTA's 'Bonfire Bingo' evening will take place on Thursday, 4th November in our sports hall. Food is served from 5:30pm and then it's 'eyes down' at 6pm. Everyone is very welcome, even if you don't have a child at our school.

Our annual Christmas fair will take place on Friday, 3rd December from 5pm to 7pm. Stalls, games, refreshments, Father Christmas - it's just too good to miss! Everyone welcome.

Our large, detached sports hall is available to hire on a regular basis or for one-off events. It has a fully-equipped kitchen, pleasant meeting room and toilets. For further details, contact the school office (01524 770104).

**CATON WI**

Last month was our AGM, when Ruth Gibbons was re-elected as our President. At our meeting next month on November 4th in the Victoria Institute, starting at 7.30pm we will be celebrating our 100th birthday so we shall have a party with entertainment provided by David Dale and Ian Midgley! The Chairman of Lancashire Federation of Women's Institutes, Jackie Hobson, will be joining us and presenting us with a glass trophy. If there are any ex-members who would also like to join us that evening, please let me (or any other current member) know, we would love to see you. We have had a commemorative plaque made which will be mounted on the front wall of the Victoria Institute as soon as possible after our meeting. Despite being so old, Caton WI is proud of its achievements and as we approach our 101st year we will go on trying to inspire and enrich the lives of women and girls who wish to play an active role in our community, widen their horizons and learn new skills.

Ruth Gibbons

**CATON WITH LITTLEDALE PLAY PARK ACTION GROUP**

Please watch out for the coming survey results to meet our preferences for new outdoor facilities for our community! A summary will be on our Facebook page, and a full report should appear on the village website. You can also ask for electronic copy by email. The survey is the start of the evidence trail to help plan and move forward to make our community an even better place to live in.

We still have some 'covid hangover' co-op funds to spend on events. With luck we will be able to make definite events and dates for your diary. Your ideas are very welcome for events which you think families especially children and young people would enjoy - or equipment for outdoor activities. Events could be a repeat of the very popular Easter egg hunt or something different - Covid permitting!

If you think there may be something needing repair on the Play Park, or something which is not working as it should please message us via our facebook page. We can then see what needs doing and ask the Parish Council to act as pledged to the Play Park funders.

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**Library Helpers** - We have really missed the helpers who kindly deal with the book returns and donations, we would like to invite them to come back and anyone else who would like to volunteer to help. Please contact Peter if you would like to help.

The Library has a good range of book and there are a small number of jigsaws that can also be borrowed.

We have 4 computers with Internet access and a 'multi-function' printer which also serves as a photocopier and scanner. Paper sizes A4 and A3 can be printed or copied in mono and full colour. You also can bring along your laptop or tablet and connect to our Wi-Fi (for the same IT costs). We have a paper shredder to dispose of your confidential and unwanted documents.

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**HERE TO HELP** - Peter Collins, our Community Centre Manager is here to help. Peter will help with a variety of admin tasks and on-line services.

#### 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

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**BUSINESSES, TRADES & SERVICES** - The Victoria Institute has allocated a display board for businesses, trades and services to promote themselves. Please leave your poster, business cards etc. with Peter at the Institute.

**FREE TO ADVERTISE 'FOR SALE' BOARD** - People are selling 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.

#### CATON AND BROOKHOUSE GARDENING CLUB

We had another lovely and well attended evening in the church hall last night. Thank you all for coming and many thanks to Nygel for entertaining us with his stories of working for Ken Dodd and telling us of his ideas for planting by the phases of the moon and about companion planting. The book about foraged food was Wild Food by Roger Phillips and the tables of companion plants were in A Guide to Companion Planting by Michael Littlewood.

Next month we revert to environmental mode. It is our DvD evening and we will be showing a film about the beautiful upper Lune Valley from its source in the Howgills down to Hornby. You may remember we saw the section from Hornby to the sea two years ago. The film shows great views from the air and relates many unusual stories about the towns and villages through which the river passes. Of course there will be time for refreshments and socialising in the convivial surroundings of the church hall after the showing. So do come along, all welcome, to *St Pauls Church Hall, 7pm, on Thursday 11th November*. See you then.

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**CATON AND BROOKHOUSE FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

Our trip to Whitby was everything you could hope for in a day out by the seaside: a full coach, sun, sea, music, laughter and fish and chips. The scenery on our journey was superb, thank you to Peter Bibby for an excellent drive.

The last trip on our programme for 2021 is Liverpool on the 21 st of October to late for this edition so I will report back next time.

More to look forward to in our Winter programme:

Starting with a Hot pot and horse racing on the big screen on the 18 th of November, 12.30 for 1pm, in the Victoria Institute.

Catering by Julia Parker cost £11.00 includes tea and coffee. Orders for food by the 10 th of November please.

The Christmas party is on the 16 th of December 12.45pm for 1.15pm in the Victoria Institute.

Catering by Julia Parker a two course meal with drinks and entertainment cost £10.00.Orders for food by the 9 th December please.

For further information or to book call our secretary Benita on 01524 771943

**CATON THEATRE INTEREST GROUP**

We are very sad to report that we have had to cancel the matinee performance of the pantomime Snow White and the seven dwarfs, at the Grand theatre Blackpool on 1.1.22.

A full refund will be given if you have paid already.

The interest group will be looking for theatre visits for next year. The message from the theatres has been they look forward to seeing us again very soon.

For further information please call Jean on 01524 770980 or Benita on 01524 771943

**LEISURE CLUB**

November

1st Norman Harris 'New York, New York so good they named it twice'

8th David Aris 'Liberty Ship' - David has spent all his life working in shipbuilding. At retirement he was managing director of Tyne Shiprepair. The subject of his talk is the time he spent as a volunteer engine room watchkeeper on US owned LIBERTY SHIP on a voyage from Le Havre to San Francisco, crew, 52 Americans, one Brit!

15th Paul Andrew talks on 'The Quakers of Quernmore'

22nd Mr A White 'Terraced houses in Lancaster'

29th Pat Ashcroft 'Irish Horse Power'

Due to unforeseen circumstances some of the talks may change at short notice.

The Christmas Party will be held on **6th December 12.00-3.00**

An excellent extensive cold buffet is provided and includes a choice from several naughty desserts!

A professional magician has been booked for your entertainment following the meal.

Cost: £10.00 pp for members. Names being taken now.

Chair Based Exercise continue throughout the year every Monday 09.00-10.00

Note. There will not be a class on December 6th and 27th

Dru Yoga classes, are held every Thursday 10.00-11.00.

Note: The last class before Christmas is 16th December with classes restarting again on 6th January 2022.

Short Mat Bowls Wednesday 10.00-12.00. For further information contact David 01524 812342

If you would like any further information on any of the above call Susan on 01524 771862 or email sec.leisureclub@gmail.com

**THE ROTARY CLUB OF LUNESDALE**

During the past month Club members have enjoyed a Fellowship meeting which provides an opportunity, when we do not have a speaker, for members to enjoy having a meal together and then relax and catch up with personal news. We did have an excellent talk by Alistair Richards and his colleague Charlotte Ellwood from North West Cancer Research. Alistair explained that the priorities are to tackle the cause, improve the care and to find the cure of this dreadful disease. Charlotte's job is a community fund raiser in Lancashire.

There are occasions also when some members are away attending meetings at other Rotary Clubs within our localities. Occasionally you know from previous reports that sometimes clubs link up for a special event using the Zoom facility so we certainly have variety.

Tickets for The Defenders concert on Saturday 6th November are on sale at the Tourist Information in Kirkby Lonsdale or from Nigel Pullen on tel 01524 732873.

We are looking forward to a really enjoyable evening with this popular group and their music at QES.

Hope to see you there.

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### HORNBY PENSIONERS ASSOCIATION

**Potato Pie Lunch:** 1pm on Tuesday, 9th November, upstairs in Hornby Institute. Maurice the Singing Postman will entertain us afterwards. Tickets are £8.50 p.h. Kath has been taking bookings. If you have not yet managed to see her, please ring her on 07597 774681 before Sunday 7th. If she is unable to pick up your call, please leave a message & she will get back to you.

**Christmas Party:** PLEASE NOTE THE NEW CHANGE OF TIME: 12 noon on Tuesday, 14th December. Some members of the Occasionals will perform for us afterwards. Cost & booking arrangements will be in next month's edition of this newsletter.

**Dates For Your 2022 Diary:** We have provisionally agreed to have a Coffee Morning on Saturday, 8th January. See next month's edition for further details. Our 2022 A.G.M. will begin at 2pm on Tuesday, 8th February. It will be followed by a social event, yet to be decided upon.

**Games Evenings:** These are currently being held fortnightly, in the upstairs room of Hornby Institute. This month they will fall on 13th & 27th November, starting at 7pm. There is a small admission charge, to cover costs, & a raffle of prizes brought along by the players. Anybody who fancies a game of Whist or Dominoes is very welcome.

### HORNBY LUNESDALE PROBUS CLUB

Lunesdale Probus Club continues their monthly programmes with another round of wonderfully entertaining speakers and wide ranging subjects...

On Monday the 4th October Sue Bull gave us a fascinating comprehensive history of Hornby Castle, the site, various structures and owners, from Norman times right up to the present day.

In contrast on Monday 17th Andy Crossley talked about being a crew member on a large luxury yacht being delivered from Rhode Island to Cuba via Bermuda. - many good salty tales involved.

In November we have two more interesting talks lined up as follows..

On Monday November 1st there will be a presentation on Climate change- The Past, Present and Future. This very topical subject will be covered by our speaker, Robin Mcilveen.

On Monday November 15th one of our members and noted historian, Christopher Robson takes us back to Medieval Lancashire, with an emphasis on the life and times of Lune Valley residents..

Hornby Lunesdale Probus Club meet in the Hornby Village Institute on the first and third Monday of each month.

For further information please contact - Roger Carter. Hon.Secretary; Hornby Lunesdale Probus Club 015242 22283

### LUNESDALE SWIMMING POOL.- HORNBY

The Trustees are pleased to announce that we have a new Pool Manager

Kieran Smith joined the team on Monday 27th September and was able to spend time with Chris for a short handover period. He has experience at both public and private leisure and swimming pools in the area .

The Trustees feel he will be a great addition to the team as we continue to move the pool towards sustainably serving the local communities. Kieran would be pleased to meet you at the pool and around the area as he settles in to his new role within the community.

We have also recruited additional poolside teaching staff and life guards to meet increased demand.

Please check our Facebook pages for further details of all our courses and family fun sessions. We'd love to see you.

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### BURNS NIGHT WITH THE TWINNING GROUP

Tickets for the Burns Night Supper on Friday 28th January will go on sale in mid November. £25 per head for a traditional Haggis Supper, Burns night traditional speeches followed by music and dancing until midnight. Bring your own drinks.

Numbers will be limited so please contact [tricia@marybankfarm.uk](mailto:tricia@marybankfarm.uk) for more information and to reserve your tickets.

### STATION HOTEL BOWLING CLUB

The AGM is planned to take place this year on Thursday 2 December 2021 at 7.30 pm in the Station Hotel. Due to Covid restrictions we were unable to hold an AGM last year. All members are encouraged to attend and there will be some light refreshments provided.

At the meeting we plan to present a Memorial Plaque in memory of Eric Croft to Eric's wife Sally. Eric passed away last December and Sally is kindly allowing us to display the plaque in the Clubhouse for anyone to see.

Reg Robinson (Chairman), Keith Hudson (Secretary) and Ged Nicholls (Treasurer).

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### BROOKHOUSE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Brookhouse Community Church will be meeting in the Victoria Institute on a Sunday morning from 10.45 am for the month of November. Junior Church is available each week for the children,

Sun 7th - 10.45 -Service taken by Chipping Young People

Sun 14th - 10.15 am - Remembrance Day Service with Churches Together

Sun 21st - 10.45 am - Shoebox Service

All are very welcome to come along and join us. Refreshments are served each week after the service.

### ST PAUL'S CHURCH BROOKHOUSE COFFEE MORNING

The next Coffee Morning will be at the Church Hall on the 3rd 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 £171.10 for the MacMillan Nurses. Thanks go to everyone who attended supported this invaluable organisation.

### St PAUL'S CHURCH BROOKHOUSE

#### VILLAGE CHRISTMAS PASTORAL SERVICE

After missing last year's Pastoral Services we are delighted to announce that there will be a Christmas Pastoral Service for the Village on 14/12/21 at 11 am at St Paul's Church.

This will consist of a short service with hymns and readings. It will last approximately half an hour. Afterwards we hope you will stay for a chat and refreshments. Everyone is welcome to join us for this short time of reflection and fellowship.

#### LIVING ADVENT CALENDAR

Living advent is back and we need volunteers!

Each evening from 1st-24th December a different window will be decorated with a Christmas scene in the village. At 6pm each evening a window will be 'opened'. The locations for each window will be posted on facebook via the village pages. Once open they will remain in situ through until the 28th December so people can enjoy them and if any are missed they can catch up. Cards will be available for the children through the schools so they can collect the windows they have found.

If you would like to volunteer or find out some more information please get in touch with Laura Wadsworth via the Caton Baptist Church facebook page or Laura-wadsworth@hotmail.co.uk. All we ask is that the window you decorate will be visible from the street so no-one needs to enter the grounds of your property and that the window is able to be lit every evening from your date until 28th December from 6pm for a few hours. Thank you.

#### CRAFTY TOTS

Crafty Tots is a fortnightly toddler group held in the Baptist Church on a Friday morning on the date shown below. Sessions start at 9.30am and run until 10.30am. We are open to pre-school children from the age of 18 months. Come and join us for crafts, stories, singing and a snack with a brew for the mums (and dads!).

Please book a place so that we can plan the crafts accordingly. For more information or to book your child's place please email [catoncraftytots@gmail.com](mailto:catoncraftytots@gmail.com). The cost is £2.50 per session.

The dates for November are 12th and 26th.

#### FIRST SATURDAY LITTER PICK

A group of residents get together on the first Saturday of every month to pick up litter and tidy the village. Meet outside the Victoria Institute at 10.00 a.m., weather permitting and in line with social distance guidance. Bags and litter pickers provided, and it is a good idea to bring your own gloves.

You decide how much time and where abouts 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, please contact Peter Collins at the Victoria Institute (771733) and he will let the litter pickers know. Next session:- Saturday 6th November

#### FLOODING ALERTS

Earlier this year, the Environment Agency set up an automated flood alert system for the Lune at Caton. Residents in the areas most at risk have been contacted by the Environment Agency. There are 6 properties in Zone A, likely to be at risk when the river gauge reaches 6 metres at Caton. Another 83 properties are in Zone B, likely to be at risk when it reaches 8 metres. The map can be seen at the Victoria Institute. To register for alerts for your property, contact Floodline on 0345 988 1188, or online.

The EA is also working on an alert system for the Artle Beck, and hopes to have it active later in 2022.

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November services at St Paul's

Weds 3rd @ 10am - Holy Communion before the coffee morning

Sun 7th @10am - All-Age Service.

Sun 14th @ 10:15am - Remembrance Sunday service at the Victoria Institute

Sun 21st @ 10am - Holy Communion with Forest Church

Sun 21st @ 3pm - Service of Remembrance at Brookhouse Methodist Church

Sun 28th @ 10am - Holy Communion with Sunday Club

A weekly online service on Weds mornings at 9:30am is also being held, please contact Paul for login details.

#### Monthly prayer meeting

Sat 20th November @ 10am in St Paul's - all welcome to come and pray for our church and community, with refreshments afterwards.

### CATON BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Alan Wadsworth - Tel 01524 771371

Church Website - [catonbaptist.org](http://catonbaptist.org)

We continue to meet for worship on a Sunday at 10.30am and 6.30pm. 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 Fellowship:-** 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 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 need a lift. The dates and speakers for November are 10th Ruth Lawrence 24th Tony and Joy Newsham We look forward to seeing you.

### CATON METHODIST CHURCH

**Weekly Sunday Service:-** 10:30am

**Lune Valley Cluster Service:-** Sunday 7th November 10:45am

We will be at Brookhouse Methodist Church with Rev Emma Holroyd. Everyone welcome

**Saturday Soup is back!** Saturday 13th November at 12:30pm. Enjoy a bowl of soup and homemade cakes with friends. £3.00 per person

**Crafts @ Caton** 10am-12pm We meet on the last Thursday of each month

The next meeting will be on Thursday 25th November. Following on from the success of last year's knitting of Advent sheep, we will be making knitted Christmas Angels this year.

**Bible Study Live and via Zoom:-** Wednesday 3rd and 17th November at 7pm. Led by Rev Emma Holroyd. A Zoom link will be available from Emma if you would like to attend.

If you would like more details of what is happening at Caton Methodist you can contact Emma.holroyd@methodist.org or check on our facebook page.

### LUNE VALLEY CLUSTER GROUP

Announcing a new venture for the Methodist Churches in the Lune Valley

From September 2021 Methodists in Caton and Brookhouse have come together with those in Arkholme and Roeburndale as the Lune Valley Cluster.

As well as holding Sunday Services and other activities in their own chapels, they will be having joint sessions such as mid-week Bible study and fellowship, which is both in-person and by Zoom, so that anyone who cannot travel to the in-person site can attend remotely.

Occasionally Sunday worship will be a joint Cluster Group Service. The next one will be on 7th November at Brookhouse Methodist Church at 10.45a.m., led by the Lune Valley's Minister, Rev Emma Holroyd. Everyone is welcome.

There will be an open Morning on Saturday 30th October between 10am – 12pm at Brookhouse Methodist Church

Refreshments will be served.

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**CATON UPDATE** - The "hard dig" in Caton has been delayed due to permit issues to work on the main road. However, these should have been resolved and the last stages of the village underway. It is now expected that the hard dig will complete early to mid-November before moving on to Brookhouse.

Many properties in Caton are now live on hyper-fast full fibre broadband, with numbers increasing each month. The Institute is also live and received a free connection and receives free service. One of the benefits of B4RN being a "community benefit society".

It is still a good time to sign up at "GETB4RN" and get connected whilst B4RN are still busy in the village and the volunteer group active. However, the toby box is in the pavement at the edge of each property for people to take service at any time in the future.

The weekly Caton meetings are going to be in the Station Hotel at 8.00pm on Mondays starting 1st November.

**BROOKHOUSE UPDATE** - Call in at our weekly drop in sessions at the Black Bull every Tuesday between 7pm and 8:20pm to get your questions answered.

During a hold-up in Caton in October, the street contractors dug pavements in a few areas of the village. They then returned to Caton to finish up there and will hopefully have returned to Brookhouse by now to complete the works here by January. They will start in the south side of Brookhouse and then move onto the north side (Brookhouse Road being the dividing line). They will also dig along Brookhouse Road which is the main route to get all properties to the distribution cabinet near Artle Beck. Chapel Square and New Street works are planned for January.

We now have a dedicated contractor team who will dig your front garden for you and install the house kit in lieu of you receiving the Dig Grant. To take advantage of this, you must firstly have registered for the B4RN service at [b4rn.org.uk/getb4rn](http://b4rn.org.uk/getb4rn) and responded to any emails from B4RN and/or the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS). This results in a funding voucher being issued. At this stage we can arrange for your garden to be dug by the team by emailing [b4rn4bn@gmail.com](mailto:b4rn4bn@gmail.com).

Once you are live with the B4RN service in December/January, remember to respond to a further email from DCMS which will release the government funding to our project.

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Our work has a number of different elements. During lockdown, we helped set up the community support scheme run from the Victoria Institute. In an emergency, we can staff the Victoria Institute so it can act as a centre for the village - there is a generator in case of a lengthy power cut. We have lists of useful people who can be of practical assistance in a community crisis, for instance by clearing fallen trees. Throughout the year, we advise people on how to prepare for an emergency, such as flooding. We keep in touch with Lancaster City Council, Lancashire County Council and other organisations to make sure they know about our needs, and to send information out locally to residents. We meet occasionally as a group, and try to attend training exercises run by Lancaster City Council together with the emergency services.

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