

LINK

ISSUE FOR NOVEMBER 2020

THE LINK AND COVID - 19 (CORONA VIRUS)

As 'The Link' goes to the printers in the middle of the month and the situation and Government advice regarding the public's response to Covid -19 is changing very rapidly, it may be that some meetings and events mentioned in this edition may not go ahead. Please check with the organizers of the meetings and events for up to date information.

PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk:- Gill Mason - 07882 949110. E-mail - catonparishcouncil@gmail.com

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - COVID restrictions mean that our traditional church service and ceremony at the War Memorial may not take place. Instead, a small group of parish councillors will meet at the War Memorial on Sunday 8 November to observe the two-minute silence, read the names of the fallen, and present a wreath.

SYCAMORE TREE ON STATION ROAD - There is a sycamore tree on Station Road which is beginning to grow into the road. It will be felled shortly.

BECKSIDE TREES - There is a report of possible ash dieback disease in the trees at Beckside. The Parish Council is getting an arboriculturist to report.

SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES on our roads The Parish Council is investigating new batteries for our existing SPIDs or possibly purchasing solar-powered SPIDs for the village.

FOOTPATH ALONGSIDE THE ARTLEBECK - The Parish Council is investigating how this might be reinstated, but it will not be soon!

HORNBY ROAD CAR PARK - The Parish Council has paid to have the hedges cut. It is now considering replacing the gravel area alongside Boots with a firm surface which is easier to maintain and better to walk on.

LANCASTER ROAD BUS SHELTER - The bus shelter near the junction of Quernmore Road and Lancaster Road is to be repaired.

GOAL POSTS AT FELL VIEW - The Parish Council is looking into replacing the goal posts at Fell View.

FELL VIEW PLAY PARK - Essential safety repairs have been carried out.

SAFETY AND SECURITY - There have been several reports of suspicious people prowling around parked cars and vans, driveways and sheds. Please ensure you lock up, especially at night.

POORS LAND - There will be no distribution by this charity this Christmas but the Parish Council hopes it will be possible next year.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING is on Tuesday 10 November. It will start at 6.30pm with a session to appoint a new chairman and vice chairman, decide who is on various working groups and who represents the PC on outside organisations. The main meeting will get under way at 7pm. It will start with the Open Forum, which is where local residents can raise issues of concern. If you would like to attend the meeting (via Zoom) please contact the Parish Clerk who will email you the link.

DEFIBRILLATORS - Caton & Brookhouse

Do you know how many Defibrillators we have in our village and where they are located?

Did you know if a someone has a sudden Cardiac Arrest their life can be saved by 'quick action'?

Do you know what to do in this emergency?

Call 999 FIRST : Commence hands on CPR (do you know how to do this?) : Get someone to retrieve the nearest Defibrillator – follow the audio instructions : The Defibrillator will not hurt the person only 'HELP' them.

The PTA at Caton St Paul's School have been busy over the past year, working with the Parish Council to acquire another Defibrillator for the village. This has been done and is located outside reception at Caton St Paul's School, it is accessible to everyone. We also organised training on how to use the Defibrillator and perform CPR earlier in the year. We thought it would be a good idea to produce a small card listing the locations of all the Defibrillators we now have in Caton and Brookhouse, one for every household in the village, for you to keep with you for reference.

The card is attached to the front of the Link for you. If anyone is interested in CPR & Defibrillator training please contact me via email: catonstpaulspta@gmail.com

Julie Pearson, Chair, Caton St Paul's School PTA.

CATON VILLAGE B4RN - ACT NOW!

This is a call to ALL RESIDENTS OF CATON to fill in the "GETB4RN" form. (<https://b4rn.org.uk/getb4rn> or search "GetB4RN" in a web browser) We need more properties to sign up. Filling in this registration form is NOT an obligation to take service but does show your interest.

See full details on the back page.

LOCAL NEWS OF CATON & BROOKHOUSE

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 Linking Caton and Brookhouse
www.facebook.com/catonbrookhouse

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10.30 am:

*Morning Service and
Sunday School*

6.30 pm: *Evening Service*

Brookhouse Methodist Church Brookhouse Road

10.45 am:

*Morning Service and
Junior Church*

7.00 pm: *Evening Service*

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 9.30am*

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

*Sunday Club in the Church
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Sundays except 1st
Sunday of month*

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CATON AND BROOKHOUSE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We are looking forward to next year in the hope that our programme can go ahead, especially with our coach trips. As agreed we are rolling over this year's programme to 2021.

The committee have agreed to accept a quote from Bibbys and all being well we will be off on our first trip out to Boundary Mill on the 15th of April 2021 at 9.30am from Brookhouse, then on to pick up at the Victoria Institute.

Our AGM programmed for the 21st of January 2021 at 2pm will be held in the main hall at the Victoria Institute. We will be able to give more information nearer the time.

Sadly the November 19th 2020 Hot pot and race afternoon and the Christmas party on the 10th of December 2020 are definitely cancelled.

Everyone on the committee hopes for the best but we must plan for the worst, to ensure the safety of our members. Stay safe and keep well.

For further information please call our secretary Benita on 01524 771943

STATION FIELD

Some residents have been asking the Parish Council about Station Field. The Parish Council has liaised with the Caton Sports Association and Lancaster City Council Planning Department to answer some of these questions.

Isn't the field public? Don't local people have the right to use the field? Station Field has always been privately owned. The fact that previous owners allowed the public to use it informally, and made it available for Caton Gala, does not mean there are any rights to do so. The Station Field is now owned by Trust Inns Ltd. who lease it to the CSA. The current lease runs for 20 years, with a right to review after 10 years. In the latest Lancaster City Local Plan, Station Field is designated as Open Space, for use as a sports field. This designation does NOT give the public any right to use the field

Why has the entrance from Hornby Road been blocked off? And the access from Artlebeck Road? The Caton Sports Association (CSA) must provide a clean, safe area for children and adults playing football and other games on the field. Dog fouling has made this impossible. Notices asking people not to take dogs onto the field have been ignored. The CSA reckons fencing is the only solution.

What about rumours that the Station Field is to be sold for housing? The Open Space designation gives the Station Field a high degree of protection from future development, according to the Planning Department. Local Green Space designation, which is possible under our draft Neighbourhood Plan, may give it additional protection.

Do they need planning permission to put up the fences? No, not unless the fences are over 2 metres high, which they are not. The inner white fence is there to make it clear where spectators should stand.

Who benefits from this? The CSA hosts regular football matches for adults and youngsters. There is football training on the field several evenings a week, for adults and children. Over the summer at least a hundred young people and children played or trained every week. The CSA has several football coaches. In addition to the work the CSA does itself, the field is now used regularly by a ladies' keep fit group and for yoga classes.

How is it all funded? The routine costs are met by membership fees. Initially the people running the CSA covered much of the expense themselves. The Football Foundation – part of the Football Association – has given a grant of £26,000 which has helped buy a tractor, a mower and other grounds maintenance equipment, and cover part of the costs of buying and erecting the fencing and gates. A new clubhouse has also been installed on the field, and some car parking put there to reduce pressure on the car park at the gate and neighbouring car parks. The car park by The Station will be resurfaced. The National Lottery has agreed a grant of £9775 (January 2020) but has not disbursed the money yet. The CSA is not a registered charity.

What about the houses on Hornby Road and Brookhouse Road who have rights of access? This is a legal matter between those homeowners and the land owner. The CSA has given them all the key code for the gates. No further comment from the Parish Council.

What about Caton Gala? In the past the CSA has allowed the Caton Gala to take place free of charge. The new fencing has large gates in it, but the Caton Gala committee is going to consider their options when they meet, probably in January.

The footpath across Station Field from Artlebeck Road to The Station? There was never an officially-designated public footpath across the field. A number of local residents have contacted the Parish Council with memories of using it regularly. There is a procedure for applying to have the path designated as a public footpath and reinstated. The Parish Council has not decided whether to proceed with this or not.

I still want to complain to the Planning Department. You can do this on their website. <https://www.lancaster.gov.uk/planning/planning-enforcement>

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The Victoria Institute Annual General Meeting will take place on Monday 2nd November at 4.00pm. Due to the current Covid situation, this will be held as a Zoom meeting. Please contact Peter, by Friday 30th October, if you would like to attend the meeting and provide him with your email address for the Zoom link to be sent to you. Tel 01524 771733 or email admin@victoria-institute.org.uk

PHASE 2 RE-OPENING

These plans are subject to legislation and guidance from the government and may change at short notice.

From Monday 2nd November:

Library and IT Resource Room will re-open, under the following conditions: -

- A phased re-opening (increasing as required)
- Via a Booking system: Telephone (01524) 771733 or email admin@victoria-institute.org.uk
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- Wednesday - 1:00pm to 3:00pm
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- 30-minute booking slots (or combination) bookable via telephone or email
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- All visitors to comply with the Victoria Institute Covid-19 conditions, including; not entering the building if you have the Coronavirus symptoms, wearing of face covering, use of hand sanitiser, social distancing, following of the one-way system and use of toilets

Kitchen & Drop-in refreshments

- The kitchen remains closed and the 'drop in' refreshments will continue to be unavailable.

Community Pandemic Support

Regarding telephone befrienders, collection of prescriptions and shopping for people who are self-isolating or unwell, please phone (01524) 771733

CATON THEATRE INTEREST GROUP

We have been contacted by the Blackpool Grand theatre regarding postponing our booking for the pantomime 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs', from the 2nd of January 2021 to the 1st of January 2022. The seats are at the front of the dress circle the same as our last visit.

The Octagon theatre in Bolton have moved our booking for a performance of 'One man two governors' from September this year to the 26th June 2021.

So with a bit of luck and a fair wind we will be back to our live theatre again very soon.

To book or for further information call Jean on 01524 770980 or Benita on 01524 771943

LEISURE CLUB

The current situation, going into the winter is not looking good. Plans have to change sometimes with as little as 2 days notice and even before the ink is dry on the 'Link' so giving up-to-date information is impossible. Our plans into next year have not changed from those we published last month.

We send you our best wishes and look forward to seeing you all in person as soon as we are able to.

On a more positive note:

The Chair Exercises continue on their usual Monday timeslot 9.00 -10.00 and are well attended with everyone enjoying the social aspect in addition to the physical exercises. Classes remain excellent value at £2.00 per class.

Short Mat Bowls has returned and will continue to meet weekly on Wednesdays 10.00-12.00 until the end of this year. Contact David for information 01524 812342

We now also have a dedicated email address: sec.leisureclub@gmail.com to contact us or call Susan on 01524 771862.

VILLAGE CLEAN-UP

The regular first Saturday village clean-up has been successful in tackling some of the problem areas in the village. Especially picking up litter, and weeds blocking gutters.

Next session is Saturday 7th November. Weather permitting. Bags, litter-pickers and gloves provided, but you might wish to bring garden tools.

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CATON ST PAUL'S SCHOOL

Our wonderful PTA at Caton St Paul's have been busy finding alternative ways to inspire the children and raise funds for school. Our Art competition is in full flow and will end with a virtual exhibition - check out our Facebook page to view this. The theme was Autumn and children have used their initiative to produce designs using a range of media. We also have a mufti day on 23 October where children can wear their own clothes to school.

We are continuing with our charity work and were pleased to welcome Sara to talk about the Samaritan's Purse shoebox appeal. Usually, our School Council would purchase items to go in the shoeboxes but obviously this couldn't happen this year. Instead, children are bringing in full shoeboxes, or items to pack into shoeboxes. We also sponsor a child in Mombassa, Kenya, and our Year 6 children are writing to them before Christmas.

Because we can't hold an open day this year, we produced an open day video which has gone viral on Facebook - please have a look at this if you, or anyone you know has a new starter in September 2021. We are able to hold Covid-safe tours of school after 3:30pm. Please ring the office on 01524 770241 to book yours. Also, look out for our flyer that is being displayed in local shops and nurseries.

We are working on achieving our Forest School accreditation so we can continue to offer excellent outdoor education in our lovely grounds. Two of our teachers recently attended a week-long course to enable them to deliver this knowledge to the rest of the staff. This shows our commitment to Forest School education.

Our Wraparound care club continues to thrive. Breakfast club is from 8:00 - 8:50am and includes a snack (including a bacon sandwich one day a week). After-school care runs from 3:10 - 5:50pm and also includes a snack such as toast, crackers or similar. At the moment, it is run with children keeping to their daily bubbles to ensure that children can safely attend without additional risk.

CATON PRIMARY SCHOOL

The window is now open for primary school applications for a September 2021 start and the closing date is 15th January. Although we can't hold our usual open day, we are very happy to offer visits round the school. Our pupils benefit from excellent teaching in a nurturing environment with small class sizes; a suite of educational visits, including a Year 6 trip abroad; and an unrivalled location with our own forest and a large, detached sports hall. If you would like to find out more about our wonderful school, please ring the school office on 01524 770104 to book an appointment with the Headteacher.

Thank you to everyone who took part in our family treasure hunt through Wray, Hornby and Kirkby Lonsdale. By the time this edition reaches readers, the winner will have been announced on our Facebook page.

Sadly, we have had some problems with damage to our grounds in recent weeks. We are able to identify people coming onto the school grounds through our CCTV and ask that no one enter the grounds in the evenings or at weekends so that it remains safe for our pupils. We need to replace the bark area on our trim trail and the quotes we have received are prohibitively expensive. If there are any willing volunteers in the local community who might be able to help, we would be so very grateful if you would get in touch!

Our large sports hall is still available for hire (subject to government guidelines) and is cleaned thoroughly after each use. We also have a pleasant meeting room with Wifi, available to hire separately. Contact the school office on 01524 770104 for more information.

CATON WITH LITTLEDALE PLAY PARK ACTION GROUP

Well, at last, our Play Park has been thoroughly cleaned up. No more slugs. No more dog poo. Trees trimmed. Overspill cleared. No more wild flowers blown in. Cushionfall, sand, raked, levelled. Rotted wall sleepers replaced in wood. Worn equipment bits replaced. So far, so safe, so tidy. What about the play experience for our children? The play experience created by the design?

Dreadful damage has been inflicted on the play experience created by the design for our children to enjoy, for their wellbeing. Where are we now?

Woodhenge, icon of the Play park, wiped. Favourite climbing challenge for older children, gone. No more woodhenge artwork celebrating Forest of Bowland moorland, our community identity. Woodhenge demolished, not repaired, not replaced. Is the Park to be an urban shadow of its former self?

Design is to the Play Park as the Shambles is to York. Curves are from nature. Curves relax, challenge, integrate, blend natural boundaries. Curved play paths from Maggy Howarth's Owl mosaic: ripped up. Fun random stepping stones, wiped. Curved board walk for young bouncers, clonk of springing steps, wiped. Wiggle in wood morphed into linear cemented boredom. Still, no replacements for the missing fruit trees, and ferns. Detailed report from the designer, options to keep landscape design intact, ignored. Estimates of recommended local expert contractors, never sought.

Our community was gifted a Ferrari. Maintenance uses Ford Focus spares. You pay the parish precept - pledged to conserve the design for the benefit of our children. Caton with Littledale Play Park Action Group believes our children and community should not be short changed of the play experience of our wonderful, much loved Play Park. If you agree, and wish to support us in any way, please see our facebook page, or email clppag@gmail.com. Thank you!

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The Good News: We actually managed to have a day trip in October, when we enjoyed an excellent ride in the Yorkshire Dales. The countryside was lovely, especially the autumn colours around Aysgarth Falls & in Swaledale, and we had short stops in Hawes and Reith. It was so good to have a change of scene after months of confinement! Many thanks to Kath & Chris Bibby for arranging such an enjoyable day out for us.

The Not-good News: Sadly, because of the virus situation, we have had to cancel our December Christmas Party as well as the November Potato Pie Supper. We know this will be a big disappointment for many of you, but we had no choice. Next month we will be deciding about the events planned for January & February. Watch this space, but don't hold your breath!

In the Meantime: Take care everybody, stay safe. We earnestly hope to see you all again soon-ish.

NATIONAL COMMUNITY LOTTERY FUND GRANT FOR LUNE VALLEY SWIMMING POOL

Exciting news -. We have been awarded a significant grant of almost £30,000 from the National Lottery Community Fund. This will greatly assist with alleviating the additional costs incurred with both the shutdown period and the subsequent running of the pool under the current Covid19 restrictions designed to ensure your comfort and safety.

We will also use the National Lottery Community Fund grant to offer subsidised family swimming opportunities for the local community and we are planning to work with local GP surgeries to offer subsidised rehabilitation and remedial swimming opportunities. In addition this grant will allow us to replace the ageing boiler and install CCTV in the reception and office/admin areas. Further details and special offers will be on our website <http://www.lunevalleypool.com> in due course..

We are very pleased to report that as we celebrate our 2nd anniversary of re-opening of the pool it continues to be extremely well supported by the local community. Despite the necessary Covid 19 restrictions the response has been very encouraging. Thank you so much to all our supporters, staff, 'pledgers' donators and community volunteers.

This is all very good news at what has been a turbulent time. At the end of 2019 there was an existential threat from accrued debts and operating losses but the combination of this grant and efforts by our team to reduce operating losses means that we can now say with some confidence that, all things being equal, the immediate future of the pool is guaranteed. While there is no room for complacency, we can continue to provide a safe environment for leisure and exercise and maintain local employment opportunities.

We hope you will come along and swim with us in the near future. Please remember to book in advance because numbers are limited and some sessions are over-subscribed. Please check our website for the revised operating guidelines and the new timetables. Above all enjoy your pool.

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PAINTING GROUP

Sorry to say, but we still can't meet yet because of social distancing. Hope everyone is keeping well and I hope it is not too long before it is safe to meet together again.

Take care & stay safe, Ruth

CATON AND BROOKHOUSE GARDENING CLUB

Now the dark nights are with us you might like some cheer by being reminded of the many lovely gardens we have here in Caton and Brookhouse.

Our Open Garden event in 2018 was filmed and this film is on You Tube for all to see. And many indeed have done, world wide - it has had nearly 6800 views when last I looked! All you need to do is put Caton and Brookhouse Open Gardens in the google search box and up it comes as a You Tube video, posted by B McLaughlin in August 2018. Enjoy.

VILLAGE LUNCH CLUB

Greetings to all my friends in the village lunch club. I hope you are keeping well and coping OK with the new restrictions. I look forward to the day in the distant future when we can all meet again. I hope you are managing to keep in contact with friends & family.

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DECEMBER PASTORAL SERVICE FOR THE VILLAGE at ST PAUL'S CHURCH, BROOKHOUSE

Due to the current coronavirus situation it has been decided to cancel the December Pastoral service. The service was due to take place on the 8th of December. It is very disappointing, but we felt we had no alternative.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AT St PAUL'S CHURCH

There have been several developments recently at St Paul's Church that not everyone in the village may be aware of. As you pass by the Church at the moment you will see the ranch boarding and the scaffolding around the church building. This is to enable significant repairs on the roof to be carried out before the winter weather arrives. The work on the roof is being funded entirely by donations.

Work on upgrading the Church Hall has been taking place during the last twelve months. In October last year the exterior of the Hall was painted with preservative and damaged woodwork repaired. The base of the building was protected by the installation of weather resistant boarding and the gutters and drainpipes were replaced. The doors to the main entrance and the kitchen were also replaced.

In the spring of this year the toilets were re fashioned and upgraded. The flooring to the entrance way and the toilets has also been replaced.

Thanks go to the Cottam Trust and to Thrive (an organisation set up to assist in reducing energy costs in community buildings) for funding most of work carried out in the Church Hall.

In the churchyard the relaying of the main pathway into the church has been completed. The relaying of the pathway onto Caton Green road is due to begin shortly. The work on this piece of pathway development has also been funded by the Cottam Trust. This will also enable the installation of the BARN cable through the churchyard and thereby facilitate BARN connection to the properties on the north side of Caton Green Road.

Other work planned for the near future includes the installation of BARN into the church.

Exciting times at St Paul's.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF LUNESDALE

Club members are adapting to meeting on line just as we are all having to adapt to the new "normal". This does have some advantages eg. our club secretary Richard Parsons and myself were able to attend, on line, Carnforth Rotary Club's 74th formal Charter celebration. It required that we provided our own food and drink at home and took part in the total occasion in our own homes. Highlight of the evening for me was Richard winning the raffle a big, fluffy and loveable teddy-bear. It was probably his highlight too!

All Rotary clubs celebrate their charter/birthday evening. Just for your information the first Rotary Club was founded by Paul Harris in Chicago in 1905.

Among the interesting speakers we have had recently was Nan Mc Creadie the first lady President of RIBI who took up office on 1st July 2013. A quote from Nan's inaugural speech: "We are currently undergoing a new stage in our development and more and more women and younger people are wanting to join Rotary and to help their local communities." Helping our local communities is still one of Rotary's priorities. Paul Fisher was our speaker on 10th September. Since 2014 he is the RIBI co-ordinator for the BBC's very popular Children In Need national, annual collection. 60 Rotary clubs across the country support this event including our club. Several clubs, in past years, have joined together at Heathrow Airport to collect where as much as £25,000 is raised in the terminals. Due to Coronavirus collecting methods will have to change this year and different ways found to collect by all clubs including our own.

Martin Coombes, a trustee of Amasango School in Grahamstown, South Africa first told the club about this school 5 years ago. It was a pleasure to welcome him back on

8th October to have an update on its progress. It is a special needs school aiming to provide primary school education and to build self esteem for its pupils. It is a school, although primary school level, which will have children referred who are much older in years than what we consider to be primary school age.

Keep safe and keep well. Lilian

CATON BAPTIST CHURCH ANNUAL BONFIRE AND FIREWORK DISPLAY.

Please note that we will NOT be holding our annual bonfire night celebrations due to the ongoing covid restrictions.

Every year we raise money at different events for local good causes, this year we are supporting Parkinson's UK and the good work they are doing for the many people who suffer as a result of having Parkinson's. This year we will be giving the normal amount we spend on fireworks for this worthy cause. If anyone would like to help in supporting this charity then please get in touch with Pastor Alan - 01524 771371

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ST PAUL'S CATON

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Sunday 8th November - Remembrance Service at 9:30am. If you would like to attend this service but do not regularly worship at St Paul's, please contact Paul on revpaulboulter@gmail.com so we can accommodate everyone in a Covid-safe fashion.

Sunday Club for primary age club is taking place online on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays at 10am. Please contact Paul for login details.

Please check the St Paul's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/StPaulsBrookhouse/> for the latest information.

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We will continue to have services every Sunday on Youtube so if you can't make it please look us up there.

For more information do look at our website www.catonbaptist.org or look us up on Facebook.

CATON METHODIST CHAPEL

Weekly Sunday Service 10:30am It has been some months since we were able to meet at the Chapel but after a Risk assessment we re-opened on the 6th September.

Letter from our new vicar.

Hello,

My name is Rev Emma Holroyd and I am the new minister at Caton Methodist Church. I have pastoral responsibility for 4 other churches in the North Lancashire Methodist Circuit.

I moved to this area in August 2017 and it is my first appointment – I was ordained last summer. I am really looking forward to getting to know you all here in Caton, but I have arrived in unusual times and we as a church have met a few times in September and October but have just made the decision to take our worship back online and in paper form in order that we might do our bit to keep ourselves and the community safe at this time. I have already enjoyed one assembly in Caton St Paul's school and look forward to more time with you in the future.

I am a city girl, being born and brought up in Liverpool but also living for several years in Ireland, both north and south of the border. It was during my time in Ireland, where I taught in several schools, that I developed a love for puppets. This certainly helped me not only in the classroom but also in church and community alike. I am pictured above with Moses who helped me during one of my recent zoom assemblies.

In my spare time you can find me either swimming in the river lune, the sea or Capernwray diving centre or playing my flute. I love both swimming and music and they definitely help me to relax but also enabling me to connect with God's wonderful creation.

I live on my own in my manse in Carnforth, although I do share my house with 4 cats and two rabbits.

I look forward to meeting you all in due course. There will be a weekly zoom service if you would like to join us, please contact me on email. emma.holroyd@methodist.org.uk and I can send you the log in details.

Thanks & God bless

Rev Emma

CHURCHES TOGETHER

Please find below some links to some of the local churches and their activities.

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B4RN (Broadband For the Rural North) have plans to roll out gigabit capable full fibre broadband across the village! For most parts of the village this will be done through the pavements and an access box will be left at the boundary of every property to use now, or in the future. However, before going ahead B4RN need to see there is a high interest in the village. We need more properties to sign up. Filling in this registration form is NOT an obligation to take service but does show your interest. (If correctly submitted an email confirmation will be received, try again if no email received.)

Without a high level of interest being shown B4RN will not be able to fund any work in the village and the opportunity to have access to gold standard, world beating broadband from £30 per month will be lost for the village. This is a project that will benefit many NOW and the whole village for the FUTURE.

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Brookhouse residents – as we're further on with our project and already have fibre in the ground we may use pavements to access hard to reach areas. To release the funding to enable this to happen we also need anyone who thinks they may want a B4RN connection at some point in the future to also register NOW at <https://b4rn.org.uk/getb4rn> - it is possible to reach every property in Brookhouse!

More B4RN news

CATON - As outlined on the front page, this project won't happen unless enough people register their interest. Do it now at <https://b4rn.org.uk/getb4rn>

BROOKHOUSE - We also need everybody that thinks they may want a B4RN service at some point to register now. This has the potential to release more government funding so we can get the project completed faster and also have the funds to get to hard to reach areas. There will be a lot of activity over the next few months resulting in connections in the region of Caton Green Road, Kirkbeck Close and Rotten Row.

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by Pamela Downing

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