

ISSUE FOR OCTOBER 2022

QUEEN ELIZABETH II

As The Link goes to the publishers on 15th of the month we have not yet seen the State Funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

The Link Committee would like to send our deepest condolences to the family of Her Majesty. The Queen was the epitome of the words service and duty and her loss will be keenly felt for years to come.

In the meantime we have a new monarch and so we say - God save the King.

PARISH COUNCIL

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

IMPROVEMENTS TO THE GREENWAY IN CATON - Thank you to the residents who visited the display or commented on the proposals. The next stage is for the Parish Council to apply to LEAF for funding to help carry out the work.

COUNCILLORS - The Parish Council needs additional councillors, as it is under strength. The next elections are due in May 2023 but if you would like to get involved before that, the Parish Council has powers to coopt. If you are interested please contact the Parish Clerk or speak to a current councillor.

HORNBY ROAD CAR PARK - The renewal of the lease has been agreed, and work will be done to improve the car park surface. Costs will be shared between the Parish Council and Lancashire Highways.

WARMING PLACES FOR THE WINTER - Several organisations in the villages are considering how they can help by providing places where residents can keep warm over the coming winter. We'll try to keep you up-to-date on this.

WEEDS IN GUTTERS AND PAVEMENTS - Lancashire Highways reports carrying out one round of spraying and will do a follow-up. Lancaster City Council's street cleaning teams are expected to remove dead weeds in due course. Some strimming of road verges has been done too

SPEEDING ON BROOKHOUSE ROAD - Lancashire Police carried out a speed monitoring exercise on Brookhouse Road at the end of August and found a number of motorists exceeding the 20mph limit.

OCTOBER PC MEETING - is scheduled for Tuesday 11 October at 7pm in the Victoria Institute.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Our Neighbourhood Plan is still with the Independent Examiner, who is doing a thorough job. She raised a number of issues which the Parish Council considered at its July and September meetings. The final stage should be a referendum in the Parish, we hope at the end of this year.

A local resident has said "Many thanks [...] to the Steering Group for all the very hard, detailed and sometimes stressful work carried out for the benefit of our community".

HOW DO I GET THIS FIXED?

Water pollution in the River Lune or Artlebeck should be reported to the Environment Agency 24 hour hotline 0800 80 70 60. Take photos and if you can, collect any dead fish or other aquatic life.

PAINTING GROUP

The painting group will meet on 6th & 20th October from 1.30-3.30pm at the Lune valley Methodist Hub. Everyone is welcome whatever level of skill. We ask for a donation of £2 to cover costs. Tea/coffee provided. For more information contact Ruth 01524 770605.

CATON VILLAGE LUNCH CLUB

Caton Village Lunch Club remains very popular. It is held on the 2nd Thursday of each month. To increase variety we are trying alternating between the Ship and the Station which both serve us well. The October outing will be at the Ship on Thursday 13th October. To book a place or to arrange transport phone Sue on 01524 771559

CATON GALA - AGM

Just a quick note to let everyone know that our AGM will take place at 7:30 PM on *Wednesday the 5th of October 2022* at the Station Hotel, Caton. All are welcome to attend.

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 am, weather permitting.

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 pass the message on to us.

Bags and litter pickers are provided, and it is a good idea to bring your own gloves.

Next session: Saturday 1st October

LOCAL NEWS OF CATON & BROOKHOUSE

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Linking Caton and Brookhouse

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Baptist Church Artlebeck Bridge

10.30 am: Morning Service and Sunday School 6.30 pm: Evening Service

Lune Valley Methodist Hub Formerly Brookhouse Methodist Church

Monthly services at 10.30a.m. and 7p.m. See BMC news for this month's dates

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

month 1st Wednesday of the month. Holy Communion 10.00am

Brookhouse Community Church

held @ Victoria Institute 10.45 am Morning Service & Junior Church

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CATON & BROOKHOUSE FRIENDSHIP CLUB NEWS

There have been some more changes in our club since the last report. The committee have opened membership up to anyone of any age provided they can get to the regular pick-up points for trips. These are Hornby, Claughton, Brookhouse and Caton. Membership for the rest of this year is £5.00 and trips are £10 for members and £13 for non-members. To book a seat or to join please contact the secretary (Ally Whitfield) on 07738 912923. In January we will be increasing the membership fees and the cost of trips to meet with the rising price of fuel. Other changes are our planned trip to Manchester has now been rearranged for November 1' th for all your Christmas shopping and stocking fillers. We would like to welcome any new members young or old on any of our trips so feel free to give us a call. The committee have also been putting together a fun and exciting programme for 2023 taking in some places of interest and wonderful scenic views as well as opportunities to shop or visit historic buildings, museums and garden centres amongst other places.

Carlisle Trip August 18th - A great turn out for a shopping trip followed by a visit to Houghton Garden Centre for some light refreshments. A raffle on the coach raised some much-needed funds. Donations of raffle prizes would be gratefully received.

Lytham Hall September 15th - A report will follow in the next edition.

Upcoming trips are a Mystery Trip on Thursday October 20 th and Manchester on Thursday November 17th which is the final one for this year. Bookings are coming in already for these trips so to be sure of a seat please call as soon as possible on the above number. First come first served.

Everyone is invited to join our group for talks (see below) on a variety of interesting topics

Included in the cost for members of £1.50, non-members £3.00, (Annual membership £5.00) is the talk tea/coffee and biscuits, and of course friendship. We meet at the Victoria Institute Caton for a 1030 start and usually finish at about 12.15 Do please come along. You will be most welcome

3rd - Lynn Wiman & Stephanie Lawton. 'A Glimpse of Lakeland': 10th - David Aris. 'My Life in Shipping': 17th - Chris Workman. 'History of St Leonardsgate': 24th - Denise Nardone. 'Machine Embroidery': 31st - Ruth Gibbons. 'My Life

Due to unforeseen circumstances on some occasions the speaker may change at short notice

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

Bowling continues either outdoor or indoor Please contact David for further information Tel 01524 812342.

STATION ROAD WILDFLOWER PATCHES

The wildflower patches at the end of Station Road have now had their end of season cut, and the gradual restoration of these areas will continue. Still very much a 'work in progress', our Environment Group, all local volunteers, aims to increase the number and variety of flowers over time whilst naturally suppressing vigorous grass growth. Many hundreds of plug plants have been dug in, and the early spring showing was a great success. Disappointment struck when Travellers put their horse to graze on a glorious summer flowering and churned one site to mud! Many thanks to Erica Sarney for donating even more plants to rescue the situation. Hungry horse aside, the wildflowers have been a welcome source of food for a wide range of pollinators, many of which are in serious decline. If you would like to get involved in giving nature a helping hand and creating something very lovely to see, please get in touch with Judy Powell (771154).

Grow Caton now includes experienced growers as well as four families trying to fit growing veg around raising kids. We hope to be able to encourage and support each other and perhaps even all meet up one day when the gardens are at rest. As individuals we have been busy harvesting both what we have grown and what people have offered us. Anyone who wants a hand with picking fruit, please give Anne a call (771470), she is set up for processing apples, pears, plums, damsons, berries, everything! Empty jars are welcome too.

For any surplus beyond our needs and preserving capacity we have set up a produce point at Beulah Lodge (75 Brookhouse road). This has proven to be popular from the moment we set it up and anyone is welcome to take what is on the shelves, or drop off their own surplus to share with the community.

This growing season is coming to an end and the seed swap box will overwinter at home and return in spring. Looking ahead to next year, if you have a place in your garden that we could use, then please do let us know. Autumn is the ideal time to prepare the soil for a good start in spring. We remain contactable through Peter Collins at the institute and by email to Brigitte at growcaton@outlook.com

CATON AND BROOKHOUSE GARDENING CLUB

Our talk on the 8th September was well attended despite the very sad news a half an hour before we started of the passing away of our beloved Queen. Thank you all for coming.

Unfortunately our published speaker for October from the Wild Life Trust is not now able to visit. So instead we are very fortunate to have secured the services of a local amateur group called For Peat's Sake who are campaigning to stop the use of peat in horticulture. They have agreed to talk on Thursday October 13th at 7pm in St Pauls church hall as usual. The talk covers the valuable role that peat plays in carbon capture, flood control and supporting biodiversity. They will be bringing along samples of peat-free growing mediums and discuss their application, availablity and cost. The group are enthusiasts and are very open to hear about how local gardeners feel about two thorny issues - changing gardening habits and climate change.

This talk may well be of interest to a wider audience than just members of the gardening club so do come along - all welcome. Entry is £1/£2 for members/non-members respectively which includes refreshments. Our new King would of course very much endorse the aims of our speaker! How appropriate is that?

And do not forget to bring your tree decorations as urged by Tricia at our last meeting. God save the King.

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The Lune Valley Remembered by David Kenyon - 'The Lune Valley Remembered' book by local historian David Kenyon is on sale at Caton Community Library for £15.00, all proceeds go to St John's Hospice

Books for Sale - Duplicate and books that we just don't have space for are frequently available to buy, for a small donation.

Holiday Closure Days -

The Library & IT Room will close at:-

12:00 noon on Thursday 22nd September and re-open at 10:00am on Monday 3rd October

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ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT FLOODING? - Floodsax are available for sale from the Victoria Institute. The cost is £30.00 for a pack of five. Please contact Peter for more information.

EMERGENCY CENTRE - The Victoria Institute is our village's Emergency Centre. If there are problems such as flooding, long periods without mains water, or power cuts, the Victoria Institute will be staffed and you'll be able to get practical help and information.

GET IN TOUCH - For all queries, including hiring the Victoria Institute please contact: -

Peter Collins the Community Centre Manager at the Institute on 01524 771733

Office Hours; Monday & Wednesday 10:00am to 12:00 noon and 1:00 to 3:00pm Tuesday & Thursday 10:00am to 12:00 noon

You can email us on: admin@victoria-institute.org.uk

Further information can be found at our website: www.victoria-institute.org.uk

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THE OLD POST OFFICE CAFE

We have had a busy summer and want to thank all our customers, especially our regulars!

Cake O'clock has been a success so we have decided to extend this offer until the end of the year. If you haven't managed to try us yet this is your chance to have cake and coffee for £5 from 2pm each day. Our cakes are all homebaked using free range eggs and organic flour, with scones baked Sunday mornings. Please note our winter opening hours are Friday, Saturday and Sunday 10am -3pm. We are away on holiday from Sunday 25th September (inclusive) reopening Thursday 6th October when soup will be back on the menu See you soon, Clair & Pablo.

CATON WI

It was with some trepidation that, with glass cutters in hand, most members attending our last meeting took part in a workshop run by Ann Somers of Ark Glass, Hornby, making fused glass coasters. Fortunately no one was injured and everyone enjoyed it – even those just watching.

Our next meeting, on October 6th at 7.30pm in the Victoria Institute will be our AGM. Following the business part, the committee will provide a supper of filled baked potatoes.

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CATON PRIMARY SCHOOL

At the beginning of September, we welcomed eleven new children into our Reception class. They settled into school life seamlessly and we could not be more proud of them! We warmly welcome their families to our Caton Primary School family. We have also welcomed Mrs Rebekah Wadeson to our staff team as the Year 1/2 Class Teacher.

The children's learning has got off to a flying start with some really exciting topics including inventions, transport, peace and conflict and the United Kingdom. Class 3's topic "Where did all the mills go?" is a fascinating local history project which we're particularly excited about. To bring learning to life, the teachers have planned some wonderful trips, including a residential visit to London.

The window for applications for Reception places in September 2023 is now open. If you have a child of pre school age, please come along and see what our wonderful school can offer. Our Open Day takes place on Saturday, 24th September from 1pm to 3pm. Visitors are welcome to browse at their leisure and to meet the teachers in their classrooms. There will be guided tours of the school at 1:30pm and 2:30pm and a special gathering in the sports hall at 2pm with a few surprises! Refreshments will be available and there will be many exciting activities to be enjoyed by all ages.

Our PTA annual general meeting took place on 13th September and was very well attended. Lisa Ward and Caroline Willis retired as Chair and Treasurer. We are very grateful to them both for their many years of hard work. Our ever-popular family autumn Bingo event will be taking place once again on Thursday, 3rd November. Everyone in the community is really welcome to join us. Food will be served from 5:30pm with eyes down at 6pm.

At the end of the summer term, we said goodbye and thank you to Bob Griffiths who had been a governor of our school for 13 years. Bob was always a very active member of the governing body, supporting events and sharing his wisdom and expertise. As a result of Bob's retirement, we have a vacancy on the governing body. If anyone is interested in finding out more about the position, please contact Mrs Bowskill, the Head Teacher.

Our large, detached sports hall continues to be available for hire. It has a fully-equipped kitchen, stage, pleasant meeting room and toilets. For further details, contact the school office (01524 770104).

CATON ST PAULS C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

We were sad to say goodbye to our Y6 children at the end of the summer term but we know they are ready for the next part of their school journey - they leave CSP with skills for life that will stand them in good stead as they make their way in the world. The end of term was incredibly exciting with the production of 'We're all going on a summer holiday' making everyone laugh and being well received by parents and grandparents. The children worked incredibly hard to perform a show that 'brought the house down'. We also had a traditional leavers' service at St Paul's Church, our last service with Reverend Paul. As tradition now dictates, the Y6s ended their time with us by taking part in a leavers' parade around Brookhouse and Caton - this was certainly a sight to behold.

The summer term also saw our first summer fair which was a great success - the highlight of the evening was the children being given the chance to soak Mr Gittins with wet sponges.

Term is now in full swing and our new starters have settled in well; we welcome them and their families to our CSP family. We also welcome Mrs Heather Scott to our teaching team and Ms Mcilmmuray as part of our support staff.

We still have a welfare vacancy available - if you can spare an hour a day, any day of the week, please give us a ring.

We are busy planning our open day for Friday 14 October - we would love to welcome you and your children around school. PLease call 01524 770241 for an appointment. Our Pre-school is filling up fast, although we do have a few spaces left. Give us a ring if you want to have a tour around.

We have a foundation Governor vacancy at school. If you feel you have skills that would be of use to our Governing Board, please ring 01524 770241 for more details.

CRAFTY TOTS

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 18months+. Come and join us for crafts, stories and singing with a brew for the mums (and dads). For more information or to book your child's place please email - catoncraftytots@gmail,.com

The cost will be £2.50 per session. Please note there is now a waiting list. If you are interested and keen to join please contact Laura at the above email address or on 01524 771371, she will be happy to chat with you and keep you updated.

The date for October - 14th

LITTLE STARS TOTS GROUP

The dates for Little Stars Tots Group for October are 5th, 12th and 19th We meet in St Peter's, Quernmore at any time from 8.45 -11.00. All welcome!

SATURDAY SOCCER AND NETBALL

The local churches are continuing to run Saturday Soccer and Netball at Caton Primary School Field/Sports Hall on Saturday mornings, 10.00am to 11.45am. Soccer is open to children aged 7 to 14. Soccer will run weekly from 17 Sept to 3 Dec 2022 but not on 22 and 29 Oct (half term). Netball is open to children aged 9 to 13. The netball dates are 17 Sept, 1 Oct, 15 Oct, 5 Nov, 19 Nov and 3 Dec. £2 per person, per session. Sessions will include coaching, games, juice and biscuits and a short Bible message. For further details please contact Amelia Preece on 01524 771682

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HORNBY PENSIONERS

EVENTS DURING OCTOBER - Dominoes Evenings will be held on alternate Saturdays on the ground floor of The Institute, beginning at 7 p.m. Those evenings being on October 1st, 15th and 29th.

No previous experience of the game is needed and everyone is welcome.

PENSIONERS OUTING - Our fifth and last excursion of the season is to experience the Autumn Tints. A suitable destination will be decided by Bibbys on Tuesday 11th October.

The cost will be £12 for members and £14 for non members. It will be a slightly shorter day out, leaving at 10 a.m. from Hornby Bank, picking up at Hornby Church, followed by the Institute. The bus will also stop at Brookhouse bus stop and Caton Institute, if necessary.

Tickets for this excursion will be available from Kath Helme, at the Institute, on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

LUNESDALE PROBUS CLUB

During the Summer break Lunesdale Probus club visited the superb Haworth Park Art Galleries in Accrington to enjoy a lovely lunch followed by a private guided tour of the unique Tiffany Glass collection. On the return journey we included a short stop at Boundary Mill Outlet in Colne to round off a very enjoyable away day.

Following on, we have arranged the following speaker meetings for October

On Monday October 3rd. we welcome back professional photographer Gordon Bartley with images of vintage and veteran aircraft types,. Standard and narrow gauge steam railways, and an overview of the Royal Navy's new aircraft carrier HMS Prince of Wales.

And on Monday October 17th. Melanie Melloy from Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service will give us a talk on home fire prevention issues and protection along with advice and support in the home and an overview of the work of the service in Lancashire.

Lunesdale Probus Club meetings are held on the first and third Monday of each month.

Guests, friends and visitors are always welcome to join us at the Hornby Village Institute at 10.30 hrs for coffee and chat before each meeting. No obligation to join - just come along and enjoy a nice social break from routine.

Further details or any information on this or other Lunesdale Probus Club matters please contact - Roger Carter. Hon.Secretary; Lunesdale Probus Club. 015242 22283

LUNE VALLEY COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL

Now that the long hot summer is behind us schools are back and the new Winter timetable applies. Details available on the Website. See below.

There are still plenty of opportunities to exercise, relax or just enjoy the clear warm waters of your local family-friendly pool. Just ring up pool reception to organise your bookings. You'll be assured of a warm welcome.

Speaking of keeping warm we are holding a 'Winter Warmer'-Splish Splash night on the 19th November... tickets are now available for this 'Energy' fundraiser at the Lunesdale Hall in Kirby Lunesdale featuring The Jetsons of course. For further details and to book your tickets please email or call us. We'd love to hear from you..

For all pool enquiries and tickets please contact Georgia or Scott on 01524805666.

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JAZZ IN HORNBY - 19TH NOVEMBER

Thanks to everyone who came to see the annual reunion of the Chris Coull Sextet; the perfect example of what happens when six top class musicians listen to each other and respond. Thrilling magic.

I want you to be the first to know that I've just booked the Steve Andrews Quartet: Steve leading on tenor sax, with on piano Pete Major, one time pianist in Les Bull's Jazz Band; Steve's long time oppo' Roy Cansdale who has just successfully made the transition from double bass to bass guitar, and on drums Andy Smith, the only band member who has hitherto not been here.

The style of their jazz could be heard in the clubs in the 30s and 40s, and in Steve`s tone on tenor you will be reminded of the sax giants of that era; I`ll say no more.

Usual venue: the Village Institute, Main Street (A683) LA32 8JR. 19th Nov. Doors & bar open at 7.30, music from 8p.m. Tickets £16, on the door or ring 015242 22227. I hope you`ll be able to come.

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BROOKHOUSE COMMUNITY CHURCH

We meet in the Victoria Institute every Sunday Morning at 10.45am. There is always a very warm welcome for anyone who joins us. Junior Church is available each week for the children. The service is always followed by refreshments and a chat.

Meet to Eat - This month Meet to Eat will be on Friday 7th and 21st October. This costs £5 per person for a two course lunch and a drink. All are very welcome.

Coffee and Cakes is on the second Wednesday of every month. Wednesday 12th October this month from 10.00am-11.30am. Come along and meet friends old and new and enjoy time and fellowship together.

Tiddlywinks Toddler group - St. Paul's Church Hall each Thursday during term time from 10am - 11.30am. £2 per family with refreshments served.

Friday Friends - Friday Friends is a group of members from Brookhouse Community Church who are getting together to sing familiar old songs and hymns. We would love to invite those living with dementia or memory issues and their carers, to come along and get involved in singing and playing percussion instruments. We believe that meeting together and singing promotes wellbeing and happiness. Friday Friends meets on the 4th Friday of each month from 11.30am to 1.30pm at Victoria Institute. Our next meeting is on Friday 28th October. The cost will be £2.50 per person. This will include a light lunch and a drink.

For further information please contact Pete Legg Tel: 07434727620/01524771372 or email plegg822@ gmail.com

If you would like to get in touch with someone from the church please contact Jim Hutchinson at pottyeats@gmail.com.

ST PAUL'S CHURCH BROOKHOUSE COFFEE MORNING

The next Coffee Morning will be at the Parish Hall on the 5 th of October at 10.30. The October Coffee Morning is in support of the MacMillan Nurses, who as we know do sterling work for those suffering from cancer. As usual there will be a raffle, a quiz, as well as several stalls displaying a

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 col drink as well as biscuits.

The September Coffee Morning was a great success and raised £106.66 for the St John's Hospice. Thanks go to everyone who attended and supported this invaluable organisation.

"So Long, Farewell, Auf Wiedersehen, Goodbye"

Apologies to The Sound of Music for borrowing some of their lyrics but I felt they seemed appropriate on this occasion.

Well, what can I say? There's so much and it has been 35 years of great variety - laughter, tears, births, marriages, deaths and retirements oh and the odd national crisis thrown into the mix! Sadly, we now find ourselves at the end of the road and this has not been an easy decision as there are three very important people also involved. As this is a retirement made out of necessity rather than a whim I am thankful and happy to report that the future is now looking promising for all concerned.

It just remains for me to say an enormous thank you to all of our lovely, loyal customers from near and far who have supported us over the years, some of them before we even took over in 1987. The biggest thank you of all must, of course, go to Chris for having the foresight to think that it would be a good idea to buy the butchers and then buy cattle from his brother, Frank, so that we could sell good quality local produce and maintain a family connection. I am so pleased and proud to have been able to exercise the his least and the second between the able to carry on with his legacy and happy to have been such a big part of village life, first with the milk round and then here at the shop. I do apologise for depriving Hornby of a business (and pies) but there is light at the end of the tunnel with not one, but two pubs re-opening fairly soon and after being without for so many years I know they will be a welcome sight and I wish them both well.

Thank you for all your good wishes and I'm off to smell the coffee!!

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CATON ST PAUL'S

We are now in a period of interregnum, but our services continue as usual and everyone is most welcome!

Our All Age Worship led by the children will be on October 2nd and on October 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30 th we will be celebrating services of Holy Communion. All services are at 10am and followed by refreshments.

Our October coffee morning will be held in the church hall on Wednesday October 5 th at 10.30am and is in Aid of Macmillan nurses. Again, everyone is very welcome to join us.

CATON METHODIST CHAPEL

Weekly Sunday Service: 10:30am

We will worship at Caton apart from Sunday 9th October when we will be at The Lune Valley Methodist Hub, Brookhouse. Everyone very Welcome

Harvest Weekend - Saturday 1st October 'Friends from Roeburndale' 7pm. Supper at the close

Sunday 10:30am Christine Wightman. With Ruth Champley Playing

Annual Cream Tea for St John's Hospice: We raised an amazing £230. Thank you to everyone who

There will be no Saturday Soup this month

Crafts @ Caton: Thursday 27th October between 10-12am Come along for a coffee and chat

Bible Study Live and via Zoom: Wednesday Fortnightly 7pm is held at The Lune Valley Methodist Hub with Rev Emma, and also by zoom

For dates please check Facebook or contact Emma

If you would like to contact Rev Emma Holroyd: Emma.holroyd@methodist.org

LUNE VALLEY METHODIST HUB(Formerly Brookhouse Methodist Church)

Sunday Service: 9th October 10:30am. With Rev Emma Holroyd, with Coffee and Biscuits at the close. Everyone Welcome

Bible Study Live and via Zoom: Wednesday Fortnightly in October 7pm With Rev Emma and also by

Book and Jigsaw exchange: Saturday 15th October 10am – 12pm.

With Coffee choose a book or jigsaw, any donations go to charity

We continue to work with 'Caton and Friends of Ukraine'. This group meet on 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month between 2-4pm for coffee and cake, offering support for both Host's and Guest's from Ukraine If you would like to get involved, please do pop along any Saturday afternoon. You would be very welcome!

Would you like to hire the building? Enquiries are invited and terms are available from circuit@ northlancsmethodist.org.uk

If you would like to contact Rev Emma Holroyd 01524 941266 Emma.holroyd@methodist.org Lune Valley Methodist Church

CATON BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Alan Wandsworth - Tel 01524 771371 Church Website - catonbaptist.org

More details on our website and Facebook page.

We continue to meet for worship on Sundays at 10.30am and 6.30pm. Sunday School during the morning service. We also have crèche facilities available during the morning service.

Please also remember if you would like to know more about becoming a Christian and finding new hope in Jesus, or if you have any concerns and worries and would like prayer or a chat you can contact Alan on the above

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 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 October are -

5th - Bentham Praise, an afternoon of singing old and new favourites.

19th - Mrs Linda Bovenizer.

We look forward to seeing you.

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THE ROTARY CLUB OF LUNESDALE

At every Rotary meeting the Club President invites members to raise their glass for a loyal toast to HM the Queen. That must now change and the toast will be HM the King. Rotary Clubs around the world (Rotary is a global organisation) like the rest of our nation and indeed people in countries around the world were saddened to learn of the death of the Queen.

Last Rotary Year and this year the Club Presidents have supported as their charity NW Cancer Research. On the 18th September it was a pleasure to have as our speaker Charlotte Elwood of that charity. Charlotte brought members up to date with work being carried out by NWCR and was delighted to be presented with a cheque for £1,500 to help the Research continue. It is customary, when a new member has attended a few meetings, that they are invited to give a talk to club members about what they have done during their working life. Ken Kay our latest recruit was happy to do so on 25th August. During lockdown clubs were able to meet online using the Zoom facility. Zoom continues to have its uses when other Clubs issue invitations to join in their meetings. It is especially interesting to join in with clubs in other countries often for special events eg conferences, or to hear a notable speaker. Some Club members are looking forward to a visit to the Leyland Commercial Vehicle Museum which demonstrates the variety we enjoy in Rotary activities.

If you think you would like to know more about what this global organisation, and in particular your local Rotary Club is about, with a view to possibly becoming a member and making some new friends then please do give us a call on 015242 73166. Come and join us for a meeting at The Highwayman where we meet weekly on Thursdays, enjoy a meal, often a speaker or maybe an activity.

Stay well, keep safe. Lilian

B4RN HYPERFAST BROADBAND

The Caton & Brookhouse group held a small celebration in September to thank key volunteers for their help, hard work and support in getting B4RN into the village. Thanks to everybody who has helped over the years.

Caton Update - We are still patiently waiting for all to be put in place to complete the last area of Caton down Ball Lane. Everyone else in the village has B4RN full fibre, 1Gb broadband available whenever they want to connect. If your contract is coming to an end and you would like to switch to B4RN, go to the "GETB4RN" page on the B4RN website and fill in your details to let B4RN know you would like connection. Vouchers are still available from DCMS to help with the cost so you would need to respond to the GOV.UK email. It can take a few weeks to complete the final connection so do apply in good time before your contract expires.

Brookhouse Update - If you're new to the village and aren't aware of B4RN Community fibre broadband then please check out b4rn.org.uk If you're in an existing long-term contract with another provider with less than 12 months to run, you'll be able to get B4RN for £5 a month until that contract runs out with B4RN's Connect+. Note that your Connect+ application MUST be approved before you go live as you can't apply retrospectively.

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