

Chatton News



A Newsletter for Chatton and surrounding area

June 2017

As the holiday season approaches, we hope for some summer sunshine, especially on June 15th when Rupert and Murdoch attend the Duchess's Garden Party! However, we do appreciate the need for rain on farms and gardens. Please continue to support us, your contributions are appreciated. (Photo above by Michael Brewin) **Rupert and Murdoch**

A Most Spectacular Event

In October 1872 when Edward Prince of Wales and his Princess visited Chillingham, a meeting of foxhounds took place at half past ten in front of the castle. It was unquestionably one of the grandest



and most imposing spectacles that had ever taken place in the annals of Northumberland. Although the weather was not favourable no fewer than four to six thousand came on foot trudging through the dirty roads in their best though carefully armed with shawls and umbrellas. These were backed by two to three hundred horse-drawn vehicles and from up to twelve hundred horsemen forming a spectacular sight for everyone. Major Brown led the hounds, who were in immaculate condition, onto the lawn. A cheer announced that the Prince of Wales and his distinguished followers were on their way. His Royal Highness was mounted on a most handsome dark chestnut with a white face. A huge ovation was given to the Princess. She was dressed in a dark coloured morning costume, and, along with the Countess of Tankerville, took her seat in a handsome little carriage drawn by two beautiful bays. And then the hunt began. It was viewed by the Princess near Hepburn Farm. His Royal Highness went at a brisk gallop after the hounds. The Royal visit to Chillingham was terminated in the evening. The courtyard, the battlements were brilliantly illuminated by lights. The arch of the Till bridge was decked with the words "Will ye no come back again?" They were cheered all the way to Belford. The Royal party left Belford for the South on the ordinary Mail transport.

Information given by Duncan Ord from "Extracts From Local Records by T.Fordyce"

What's been happening?

Chatton Trout Fishery

Big weekend as the fishery hosted the ATTEFF England National Bank Final on Saturday 6th May 2017. We were delighted to host such a prestigious event with forty eight anglers competing from all over England, travelling as far as Devon and Cornwall.

The photo is of the ATTEFF England National Bank Champion 2017 Glen Appleby being



presented with his trophy by Alan Jenkins (Team Manager).

Congratulations to everyone who made the final and good luck to the Team when they fish the Home International in

Scotland in October.

On Sunday 7th May 2017 Chatton Trout Fishery hosted the Fritz 'n' Flies Pairs Final – twenty four pairs of anglers had to qualify at various venues to make the final. Congratulations to Lee Wilkinson and Connor Metcalfe from Newcastle who share the first prize of £1000. Gareth Tilley and Alan McPhail came second and they shared £600.

We would like to thank 'Head Groundsman' Kenny Foulis for the extremely tidy grass and a big thank you to Kenny McMahon and Geoff Hobson for all their help over the weekend.

Ali Brown

(There is a fishing fundraiser for Cancer Research & Barnado's at the fishery on July 1st, please see website for more details).

Chatton Village Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the coffee morning at the Village Hall on Saturday 29 April. Also a big thank you for donations of homebaking, which went down a treat, and raffle prizes. From the proceeds we were able to donate £50 each to the Air Ambulance and Northumberland Hospice. Kath, Dorothy, Vicki and Jo played a blinder on the day, working hard to make it an enjoyable occasion. We are planning another one in June – see under forthcoming events.

Jane and Isabel

Forthcoming Events

Summer Drinks Party

A Summer Drinks Party is to be held in Chatton Church on Saturday 8 July 2017 at 6pm – all welcome. Please look out for further publicity.

Contact Jane Butler (01668 215556) for further information.

Tour of Britain 2017 Sept 3-10th

On Mon Sept 4th, Stage Two of the event Kielder to Blyth will pass through Chatton from Wooler, turning up the Henlaw road, heading for Belford. *More details to follow.*

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Caroline Roberts on the publication of her fourth book "My Summer of Magic Moments".

Chatton Village Coffee Morning 24 June

A further coffee morning is planned for Saturday 24 June at 10.30am in Chatton Village Hall.

Please come along if you can and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee, homebaking and plenty of chat.

Entrance is £1.50

including refreshments. There will also be a homebaking and produce stall (donations of cakes and produce would be very welcome). Proceeds from the morning will go to Diabetes UK. *More details from Jane (215556) or Isabel (215560)*

Chatton Cricket Club

Thank you to everyone who came along to support us, and donated raffle prizes, at our Race Night in April, where we raised over £400 towards our pavilion fund. Thank you also to Mick Hope who did a great job running the event and to our hosts and sponsor, the Percy Arms.

We've had a good start to the season with some great wins. It has also been good to see a few spectators join us on Sunday afternoons at home. As the weather improves, please come and join us if you can, you will be made very welcome. Our next home games are;

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| 2 July | Genetics |
| 16 July | St. George's |
| 23 July | Ulgham |
| 6 August | Captain v President |
| 13 August | Mitford |

On 6 August we are aiming to have a Village Day BBQ and will be looking for local friends, cricket fans and supporters to make up our teams on that day. Look out for more information on this event. You can also follow the club on our Facebook page **Chatton Cricket**. *Richard Tebay*

Summer Fete – Tea for Angela (In memory of Angela Matthewson)

The fete will take place on Sunday 20 August at South Hazelrigg from 1-5pm. Entry £1. All proceeds will go to Hospice Care North Northumberland. There will be afternoon tea, raffle, tombola, a chainsaw display, an auction at 2.30pm and much more. Please note this date in your diary and come along and support this worthy cause. Any donations for raffle, auction and baking gratefully received. Just to help us in organising the event, please let me know as soon as you can if you are able to help with baking or an auction prize for the day. Thank you.

Joyce (01668215156)

Percy Arms

Well, the summer is almost here and the Percy Arms is 'pressing all the buttons' benefiting from the good weather and the increased footfall from tourists visiting our corner of Northumberland.

Our catering team is settled, although we have been joined by Scott Angus who is a great addition to the troop!

A new summer menu will be on the cards soon. Our front of house team has been bolstered by Ruth Gregory, Lucy and Olivia Graham from the village, while we are also pleased to see the return of Emma Watson and Ryan McManus from University for the summer season.

We have recently created a new private dining room-Roy's Room-from an old redundant store room! The new room seats 12 guests comfortably around one big table and is ideal for conferences, birthdays, anniversaries and shooting party dinners. Our function rooms have been redecorated the "logs" wallpaper has gone and has been replaced by a stunning mural of the Cheviot Hills.

Our window boxes and hay racks have been restocked with bedding plants which will give us a splash of summer colour. *Trevor Thorne (Percy Arms) 01668 215244*

Further Features

Thanks

Gordon and Margaret Carr would like to say thank you to the Lilburn ladies who transported Margaret to and from Cramlington hospital during Gordon's recent illness. They are most grateful.

Visit Chatton Village Store



Pick up outdoor toys for your girls and boys,
Icecream and lollies too,
bringing summer to you.

Great North Run

We have heard so far of four of our local readers who are training hard to take their place in this year's Great North Run on 10 September. All are running for a nominated charity:

Claire Clark (Diabetes U.K.), Jacqui Spours (Hospice Care, for the new dementia/ care home project), Claire Munro (NE Children's Cancer Research) and Colin Lee (Hospice Care North Northumberland).

We wish them the very best. Please let us know of anyone else locally who is taking part.

Neighbourhood Plan Residents Survey

We had an excellent number of returns of the Tillside Parish Residents Survey carried out this Spring. You can see the detailed analysis, and a summary of the main points to be taken forward, in the Neighbourhood Plan section of the Tillside Parish Council website. Alternatively, you can obtain a paper copy of the analysis by contacting your local Parish Councillor. We would welcome your feedback neighbourhood.plan@tillside.uk or via the Parish Council. *Ali Wrangham*

Reader's Letter

I would like to express our appreciation for another excellent edition of the Chatton News. April's issue really did have a broad and interesting variety of topics. From some fascinating local history to all the detailed events taking place in the community. It is plain to see that a lot of hard work, investigation and planning has gone into preparation and editing of Chatton News. *Dean and Sheree Smith*

P.S. Could you please find out if any of your readers are aware; why a piece of land just north of Ros Castle is called Robin Hood's Bog. Is there a story or legend behind it?

Chatton Village Hall News

Speaker Nights: Since we last went to print, a full house heard Angus Collingwood Cameron talk about his illustrious naval hero predecessor, Admiral Lord Collingwood. On Thursday 25th May, Julie Frost talked about North Northumberland Hospicecare, and the wonderful work which it does for our community. It was an incredibly revealing and indeed moving presentation, which Julie dedicated to the memory of Angela Matthewson.

Next season's series of Speaker Nights will be announced in the autumn.

8th June 2017: A Big Day: The Hall was used as a polling station once again for the General Election, and Eglington WI met in the Meeting Room.

Redecoration Work: Our decorator, John Humphries, has painted the entrance hall and corridor areas and this has really brightened up

the Hall. He is currently working on the gym, to freshen up this space, so please bear with John, and us! John will then move onto the outside of the building, so our Village Hall should be greatly revitalised within the next couple of months.

Village Coffee Morning: Saturday 24th June:

10.00 am. Entry £1.50. The first of these took place at the end of April, and was a really worthwhile and enjoyable event. Do come along: it is a great chance to meet up, make friends, and enjoy each other's company.

Village Hall Committee Meeting: Wednesday

14th June 7pm: If you have any suggestions or ideas for improving the Hall or what it has to offer, please contact Alistair Cochrane on 07801 981377 or any of the other Trustees.

Regular Activities:

Zumba: Mondays 6.30-7.30pm. For details, contact Julie Lee on 01668 215 378

Archery: Tuesdays 7.00-9.00 pm. Contact Lowick Archery Club lowickarchery@gmail.com

Carpet Bowls: Wednesdays 7-8.30pm. For details, contact Tony Harrison on 01668 215 613

There is a huge amount going on at the Village Hall. Further events, such as Gin Nights, and Scottish Country Dancing, may also be in the pipeline. To keep up to date, do look at Tour revamped website (villagehall.chatton.biz) or join the 80 plus followers of our Facebook page!

Alistair Cochrane

Chatton and Chillingham Church Services

1st Sunday Holy Communion Chillingham 9.30am

2nd Sunday Evening Prayer 6.00pm

3rd Sunday Holy Communion Chatton 9.30 am

4th Sunday Lay led Service of the Word 9.30am Chatton

5th Sunday Group service 10.30am. Varied Venue. See notice sheet in Church *Terence Pardoe*

Weather

David and Meg Thompson of Chillingham Barns have been providing weather information for the area to the Met. Office for over fifty years.

Total rainfall for May 14.8mm .58ins

Average rainfall for May 54mm 2.1ins

Rainfall for last 5 months 7.38ins

On May 30th, according to the BBC late news Chillingham Barnes was the hottest place in Britain at 27°C

On a lighter note.....



Recipe

Rustic Peach, Raspberry and Almond Galette With Crushed Amaretti

This rustic 'free-form' tart is an easy way of making a quick, seasonal tart. It will turn out differently every time you make it, and pretty much any fruit, or combinations of, can be used.

Serves 6 – 8

½ a 500g block of short crust pastry

170 g (6 oz) marzipan such as Dr Oetker Ready-to-Roll

6 small or 4 lge ripe peaches or nectarines (or 2 tins in syrup, well drained)

150 g (5½ oz) fresh raspberries

a knob of butter, melted

demerara sugar

To decorate – icing sugar, amaretti biscuits, edible dried or fresh rose petals, pistachios

To serve - crème fraîche, flavoured with a little Amaretto if you like

Preheat the oven to 200C/400F/Gas6. Line a baking sheet with silicone paper. Roll the pastry into a circle roughly 38 cm (15 in) across. It doesn't have to be perfect by any means - wobbly edges add to the rustic charm!

Using the coarsest side of a box grater, grate the marzipan over the pastry, leaving a 5cm (2 in) rim around the edges. Cut the peaches in half, discard the stone and slice into segments. Pile up on top of the marzipan in the middle of the pastry and scatter the raspberries over the top, nestling them into the peaches.

Bring the margins of the pastry up over the outside edges of the filling leaving most of the fruit showing and pleating the edges over and over each other, forming a wavy effect. It needs a bit of height to hold the filling in whilst cooking. Brush the crimped pastry rim with melted butter, spooning any leftover butter over the fruit. Sprinkle the fruit lightly with demerara sugar, then dredge it more generously over the pastry rim. Chill for 20 – 30 minutes or until required.

Cook for 20 – 25 minutes, or until golden and bubbling. It doesn't matter if some of the filling spills out – it's meant to be rustic and this will depend on the ripeness and water content of the fruit. Cool for 15 minutes or so on the baking sheet, before sliding onto a serving plate or board.

Just before serving scatter with a few roughly crushed amaretti biscuits and dried or fresh rose petals and serve with Amaretto flavoured crème fraiche or double cream. If serving warm, allow to stand for at least 20 – 30 minutes before eating. Serve warm or at room temperature, not piping hot.

Get-Ahead

- Prepare to the end of Step 3 anytime on the day, or to the end of Step 4 up to 2 days ahead, and re-heat a little or serve at room temperature. You may want to leave the tart on the baking sheet if you intend to warm it a little before serving.

Hints & Tips

- If the peaches aren't ripe spread the segments on a baking paper lined baking sheet, and cook in the preheated oven for 5 – 10 minutes until softened, but not too soft. *Jane Lovett*

Spoof Agony Aunts – Iz and Dot's spot

Q. Dear Iz and Dot, I noticed walking the lanes of Chatton last autumn that many of the ewes had different coloured backsides. Is this how they determine what colour the fleece will be dyed to make jumpers? Some of the ewes had multiple

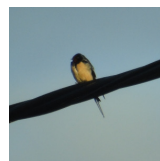
colours does this mean they will be used for patterned jumpers? Some were red and green? Christmas jumpers? **Yours Puzzled**

A. Dear Puzzled How clever of you to make this assumption. Not everyone does! Arran sweater sheep have distinct patterns, and look out next year for the Fair Isles!

Keep Calm The colours show the tups have done their work!! the first 14 - 17 days are one colour, then these change to indicate when the lambs might be born.

Thank you for this contribution. We are amazed and delighted to receive these 'problems'. Please keep sending them in, by letterbox or e-mail, and we will try to answer them. Keep them clean!!

Seasonal Snippets



Tradition says swallows return to England in time for St George's day on April 23rd. This one was taken on April 17th by Jim Robson.

Cuckoo to you too!

From 26th April, for three successive days I was sitting with my dog on the moor when I heard the cuckoo calling. I wondered if it was the for the first time this Spring. Then I saw the cuckoo on a fence a good way off and began to mimick its call. It immediately started to hop towards me, checking out "the intruder". It was still calling and listening to me when it was only twelve posts away. What a great experience!

Fletcher



Last Word

Last silly dictionary definitions unless someone can think of some!

Inquest – A search for pubs.

Triangle – An attempt at fishing.

Zebra - Something worn under ze dress!

Contact details

If you would like to include something in the next newsletter, please get in touch with us by phone, letterbox or e mail, details below:-

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