

Chatton News



A Newsletter for Chatton and surrounding area

October 2017

We hope you all enjoyed your summer holidays despite the poor weather here. One event which brought us together was the Tour of Britain Cycle Race which was very spectacular to watch.

Rupert and Murdoch

Chatton Presbyterian Church

Following on from the history of the Presbyterian Church, we take up the story after Jim Railton bought the building.



'I used to walk past the large imposing building, walking the dog in the evening, when The Manse still had its tennis court behind the church; although it still had its

URC church signs up, it was obviously fairly derelict. It was a grey rendered church with two large arched windows to the front, and two doorways to the rear.

When it came onto the market there was little interest, and I managed to buy it for £4500 - almost the price of new car in 1980! Several people said I was bonkers, as it would cost a fortune to do up, but we "set to" with a band of local workers. Geoff Scott, now at Chillingham Bank Top was responsible for much of the interior, as it still had its 'U' shaped balcony all the way round, supported on cast iron pillars. Many local boys helped including the Jones brothers, Ian Thompson, the Crosses, etc. We re-roofed it in the snow, I remember, and that was before any health & safety rules applied. The rendering we knocked off by hand, which revealed quality dressed stone with good coins & lintels.

The front elevation had two large arched windows in it - as you will see from the pictures.

We removed these and put in four small windows to echo the sides. It formed a breakfront Georgian style house, by putting a door in the middle. The overdoor is actually a stone fireplace that came from the Old Vicarage in Shilbottle. If you look carefully, you will see it is like a mantelpiece! The pillars in the



entranceway I found lying in a garden in Lowick. The work took over a year, and we used it as a showroom for antique furniture, and a restoration workshop. We held what we 'tongue-in-cheek' called 'A Deconsecration Ball' when it was habitable, and many still remember that party with dancing into the wee small hours.

Robert Turnbull and his partner John Fieldhouse purchased at Easter in 1994, and he converted the upstairs into residential accommodation.

An English Heritage official tried to list it a few years ago, saying that it was obviously a fine example of early nineteenth century architecture, not realising that it was in fact only thirty years old!' *Jim Railton*

What's been happening?



There Goes The Bridge!

In the early hours of August Bank Holiday Saturday, the peace of the village was shattered by a

helicopter with search lights, plus a number of emergency vehicles due to an accident on the bridge. The vehicle was recovered next morning. It is not yet known when repairs to the bridge will be carried out, meanwhile it may be crossed with care.

(Picture by Dean Smith)

Chatton Traffic Survey July 2017 Results

The survey was conducted over a 4 week period in July. Between the hours of 08:00am and 16:00 pm during which all vehicle movement through the village was observed & recorded.

- All figures stated apply to the eight hour monitoring period. Which means the true vehicle movements figures for a full 24 hour period will be higher.
- The total number of vehicle movements observed & recorded was an astounding **13,440**. To break this down **3360** movements per week, **480** per day, **60** per hour.
- The largest category of vehicles passing through the village are cars, accounting for 55% of all vehicles observed. Second largest were vans 20% next

HGVs 10%. Agricultural vehicles 10%
Buses & Motorbikes accounted for 5%.

Contrary to popular belief, the busiest period of the day was not the usual rush hour periods, 13:00pm – 14:30pm was consistently the busiest hour, however 08:30-10:30 was the busiest for HGV's and alas this was also the busiest time for pedestrians and children to be crossing the roads or on the narrow footpaths trying to avoid all the parked vehicles on North Terrace; and West End. There was also very little difference in vehicle volumes for any particular day of the week the numbers were pretty uniform and consistent throughout the weeks without revealing a "busy day" Sunday however seemed to be the bike day. Many thanks to all the participants of this survey.
Tony Cairns

Cycle Race

The Tour of Britain Cycle Race came through Chatton on Monday 4th September to a large welcoming crowd. Many thanks to the Percy Arms for providing a delicious complimentary BBQ.



Photos by Jim Robson and David Harrod

Quiz Night

The Quiz Night in the Village Hall on 21st September was well attended with seven teams participating. The questions were varied - some easy and some challenging, but that depended on your perspective. An ongoing Ding Bat sheet ensured full participation throughout the evening. "Bring Your Own Refreshments" meant it was a very affordable evening - although some went to excess by bringing (what seemed) a full banquet - with cash prizes going to the winning team, as well as a lesser cash prize to the team deemed 'Not quite clever enough to win anything but thanks for taking part' (you know who you are). We organised and run this event, but, it's hoped that, it can become a regular event in the Village Hall with different people taking turns to organize each event. If you fancy being a quizmaster for the night, please step forward. Ian & Mary Catchpole

Poptastic!



Tillside's very own Smashie & Nicey were broadcasting across the airwaves in August when I was a special guest on Alistair Cochrane's

radio show aired on Lionheart Radio. This was my second appearance on the show where I shared my eclectic mix of favourite music spanning 5 decades from the 1970s to chart hits of this year, inclining toward electronica dance music (Faithless opened and closed the show). As well as the music, Alistair & I discussed Chatton's recent successes in the Northumberland Tourism Awards, Chatton Community Speedwatch, Community First Responders together with snippets from the local & international news.

Cochrane's Corner is broadcast on Monday evenings, 6:00-7:00pm on Lionheart Radio 107.3 FM or listen online at www.lionheartradio.com. Ian Catchpole

Vinduro



Fowberry Moor was once again the venue on September 7th for a series of timed races for classic motorbike owners. The Vinduro Hot Trod Vintage Enduro went round a 22km course. *Photo by Gillian Douglas*

Chatton Village Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who came along on Saturday 23 September to support and enjoy the coffee Morning. On this occasion we were able to offer (very popular) bacon butties thanks to Ian Catchpole who donated home cured bacon, and Jeff from our local shop who donated the bread buns. From this event, we were able to donate £100 to Macmillan Cancer Support. A very big thank you to helpers on the day and to everyone who kindly made donations of money, baking, plants and produce. *Chatton Coffee Morning Team*

Chatton Cricket Club

Chatton Cricket Club would like to thank everyone



who has supported us during the year, including our Vice Presidents and main sponsor The Percy Arms, Chatton. *Chatton Cricket Club*

Forthcoming Events Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning will take place on Saturday 25 November in Chatton Village Hall from 10.30am. Come along and join us if you can.

Entrance is £1.50, including refreshments. We are planning an early Christmas theme for this one to include a raffle and baking/produce stall. Proceeds will go to a nominated charity. Look out for posters and fliers with more information. Hope to see you there. *Chatton Coffee Morning Team*

Save the Date Church Services

13th October – Glendale Voices in Holy Cross Church with light refreshments.

15th October – Harvest Festival with Auction of produce and others.

12th November – Remembrance Service in Holy Cross Church at 10.00 am and afterwards at the War Memorial on the Village Green.

24th December – Carol Service in The Church at 6.00 pm with seasonal refreshments.

25th December – Holy Communion at St. Peters Chillingham.

Concert in Holy Cross Church, Chatton



Please come along and enjoy Glendale Voices & Border Tarts and Friends on Friday 13 October from 7.30pm at Holy Cross Church, Chatton. Entrance is £10 per person – please pay at the door. Drinks and nibbles will be available. *Terence Pardoe*

Chatton Village Hall News

A Busy September September was a busy month, with all our normal events, also, a Christening party, a superb quiz night and a lovely coffee morning on Saturday 23rd, as well as our own AGM on the 19th.

Toddler Group Chatton Toddlers Group has firmly established itself, so we are becoming accustomed to hearing the patter of tiny feet in the main Hall! Now alternating with Sing With Me sessions, Toddlers takes place every other Wednesday, from 9.30-11.30 am. Entry £1 per child: all accompanied babies and toddlers are welcome. Further details from Susie McDonald on 07768 755244.

Sing With Me with Avril Huntly. Are you looking for a relaxed, fun and friendly way to spend time with your little one? Then come along to a Sing With Me session. Wednesday 4th October and 18th October: 10 am-11 am. £4 per child (£3 for additional children) to include a drink and a biscuit.

Speaker Nights: (always 7pm)



Thursday 23rd November: Caroline Roberts, Chatton's own, bestselling author, will be telling us about her latest book (set in a fictional Northumberland harbour village) due to be published early November, and her writing career more generally.

Thursday December 7th: Atay Dervish, our magician in the kitchen, will be giving a cookery demonstration, showing off his signature dishes in his own, inimitable style.

Regular Activities:

Archery: Tuesdays 7.00-9.00 pm. Contact Lowick Archery Club lowickarchery@gmail.com
Chatton Toddlers: Alternate Wednesdays 9.30-11.30 am. Further info from Susie McDonald on 07768 755244

Sing With Me: Alternate Wednesdays (4th October and 18th October and t.b.c. after this). Contact Avril on 07772794872

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

Working Party Day: Saturday October 7th: 10.30 am- 1.00 pm. We shall be doing work on the outside yards, and the kitchen. All welcome!

Bright Ideas and Suggestions..... are always welcome! Contact Alistair Cochrane on 07801 981377 or any of the other Trustees. To keep up to date, do look at our website (villagehall.chatton.biz) or join our many followers on Facebook! *Alistair Cochrane*

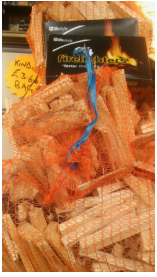
Further Features

Tad's IT Spot

Viruses have been around for just as long as computers, and we have still not been able to get rid of them completely. Thousands of new viruses are created every day, and millions of them are circulating around the world. The good news is that your anti-virus software will pick these up before they do you any harm (you do have up to date anti-virus software, don't you?). That hasn't stopped just as many emails and messages flying around warning you of some new and devastating manifestation. There are also other messages circulating the internet passing on warnings from the police or informing you how to do Cough CPR on yourself if you have a heart attack. These all have two things in common:-

1. They (supposedly) originate from an eminent source (Police, Cardiologist, etc.).
2. They tell you to circulate to all your friends. The latter point is the big clue that they are a hoax – anything telling you to distribute it as wide as possible is usually a hoax, so don't do as it says. Most are harmless, but others are carriers for viruses and malware themselves. If you think it may be genuine, either Google it or go to hoax-slayer.com to check its validity before passing it on. Just as with Like Farming (see previous issue) if you do not know the validity of the information, you may effectively be posting "I'm gullible & here's me and my friend's contact details". Above all, keep your anti-virus software up to date and never open an attachment or link that you do not know the provenance.

Visit Chatton Village Store



Stop over in October
Buy your kindling and firelighters,
Perspire by the fire,
Young or old,
No need to be cold!

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 July 68.8.mm 2.75ins Aug

31.9mm 1.26ins

Rainfall for last 8months 17.4 ins

Seasonal Snippets

All children's photos must have parental/guardian permission.

Lucy and Freddie Munro beside the planters they too, are taking care of in the community garden.



Fallow deer in summer coats at Chillingham Parks.
Photo by Jim Robson

On a lighter note.....

Recipe

Penne Alla Vodka

Serves 10 (or five if you are hungry)

Ingredients:

1 large onion finely chopped
2 tablespoons of garlic oil or normal olive oil
salt (to add to pasta water)
2 tins of chopped tomatoes
2 tablespoons of double cream
1kg penne pasta
125ml Vodka
4 tablespoons of unsalted butter
grated Parmesan cheese
Ground black pepper

Method:

Put a big pan of water and slowly bring to a boil for the pasta
Heat oil in frying pan on medium heat then add onion and a little salt (the salt will stop the onions colouring as you want to slowly cook them for 10 to 15 mins)



Tip the 2 cans of chopped into the onions and slowly cook for 15 to 20 mins. If you are cooking this sauce a few hours or a day ahead you can stop here and re-heat when you ready to cook the pasta

When the sauce has cooked, stir in the cream and take off the heat

When the water for the pasta comes to a boil, add a good amount of salt and add the pasta

Cook until al dente which should a few minutes before the packet time stipulates

Reserve a cup of the pasta water, then drain the pasta

Stir in the reserved cup of pasta water into the tomato sauce

Tip pasta back into pan, pour the vodka over the pasta and stir in the butter and then stir in the pasta sauce. The vodka will evaporate so you won't taste it too much

Serve with grated Parmesan and ground black pepper Atay Dervish

Handy Hints

Back by popular request. The first one is genuine, the last one is just for fun.

- For difficult to clean ornaments, or hard plastic objects, pop them in your dishwasher. (Not your granny's china!)
Will Shine
- Avoid cleaning false teeth or spectacles in a similar manner. May Decinta- Grate

Last Word

Once again a lost and lonely pair of wellies have made their way on to the village green. Refer to Dec 2014 welly appeal. Whilst we sympathise with their plight, Chatton News can not become a centre for weary wellies, if, indeed that was the intention. We are also querying the possibility of this being an act of fly tipping?? Rubert and Murdoch P.S. There may be a happy ending as the wellies have now disappeared.

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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