



Chatton News



A Newsletter for Chatton and surrounding area

June 2018

Finally, sunshine lasting more than three days!. Better not boast too much or the 'Beast from the East' may hear us and decide to return! We have a very full issue for you this time, with lots of information to digest, which we hope you will enjoy reading. *Rupert and Murdoch*

Chatton War Memorial History



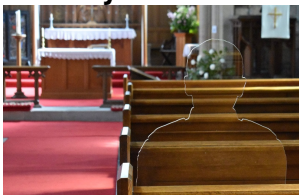
Chatton War memorial stands at the western end of the village Green in the centre of the village in its original position.

The principal dedicatory inscription is on the front face of the plinth. The left hand side of the plinth records the list of 12 First World War casualties under the dates 1914-1919, whilst the six Second World War names are listed under the dates 1939-1945 on the right hand side.

A public meeting at Chatton, held in the Spring of 1919, had resolved to install a memorial window or tablet in the Parish Church to commemorate the village's war dead. By September of that year the proposal had been reconsidered, instead a free standing war memorial would be erected in the centre of the village. This memorial cross had been raised by September 1920, commemorating 12 local servicemen who died in the First World War. Following the Second World War, the details of 6 men who fell in that conflict were added.

(Photo above taken pre 1940 by Rupert)

Tommy and me!



I have been asked how I came up with the idea of a 'TOMMY' for Chatton Church. I need to return to the really bad snowy day of Tuesday 27th

February. There was little movement in or out of the village, so with little more to do than watch TV, that's when the idea came to me. On the news there was a piece telling how, following the success of the 2014 poppy installations both at the Tower of London and around the UK, there was going to be a similar project to commemorate the centenary of the armistice. This was followed by a piece on 'there but not there' silhouettes. There were individual 'TOMMY'S' and two more sizes, one made of Perspex, plus a full sized one in metal.

After a discussion with Atay, we decided that we should get a Perspex "TOMMY" for the

church. Then, using the power of Facebook, I put out a general message to the contacts in my phone plus all those I knew in the village. I realised, that by giving just £1 each we could raise the cost of it. Using the heading "Chatton Church needs one of these" the message was sent. Within minutes everyone I had messaged agreed to give £1. Those I had no contacts for, I would high-jack either in the pub, the street and the shop. Within a few days I had the funds to purchase the 'TOMMY'. It shows how one simple idea, and a lot of generous Chatton villagers meant I was able to purchase the 'TOMMY' and therefore present it to the Church. I must also thank Ian Catchpole, Revd. Marion Penfold and Jane Butler for the actual installation. I think it is a very touching and moving monument to the fallen of the First World War but I would also like to think it represents those who have fallen in all wars, and can be a monument to all those who have past away in Chatton. This can be a reminder that we will remember them either individually, as family, or as a village. *Stefan Barker*

(The photo of 'Tommy' was taken by Ian Catchpole)

For more information: www.therebutnotthere.org.uk

Inauguration of Tommy into the Church. A short service to inaugurate a Tommy Silhouette will be held on **Sunday 10th June at 4.30 pm.** in Holy Cross Church Chatton. All are welcome. Please contact Ian Catchpole on 215712 or ian.catchpole@chatton.uk if you would like to take part in the service and read out one of the names of someone who fell during World War One.

What's in Store For The Village Store?

We are very excited to let you know we will be taking over Chatton Village Store and Post Office at the end of July. We have a few plans up our sleeves, from a takeaway bait station, to being as plastic free and environmentally conscious as possible. Our main objective is for the Store to be somewhere you, the residents of Chatton and surrounding area, can rely on for all of your essentials. With this in mind, we would LOVE to hear from you... What is the one (or more) thing you would love to see in the shop? What opening hours would you like? Pop us an email at hello@chattonvillagestore.co.uk and let us know. We can't promise to accommodate everyone's wishes, but if there is a clear demand we will do our best to meet it. Jeff has done a fantastic job for the last 17 years, and, we very much hope we will be able to carry on his good work! It may take

us a bit of time to get every thing running,so please bear with us. We look forward to seeing you! *Ally Prytherch and Shi-Shi Ord xx*

What's Been Happening?

Chatton Parish Council.

New Parish Chairman

At the AGM on May 10th 2018, Michael Strother was voted in as Chair. Please see more details on the PC website.

Chatton Bridge

The Parish council have been pressing NCC for progress on repairs. Their last update said – *"We still need confirmation that the Insurer of the vehicle responsible for the damage will accept the claim. Notwithstanding this the bridge will have to be reconstructed at some point and now we are out of the colder weather we will recover the salvageable stone and get the process underway reordering stone with the hope we will get reimbursed from the driver's insurer in due time and is one of several re-builds that need to be completed this year. The rebuild will necessitate the closure of the bridge but the bridge remains open under delta blocks at the current time."*

Village Hall BBQ

The PC is working with the VH committee to provide a covered BBQ facility on the site of the old Parish hut, and has agreed a donation to supplement grant funding.

Parking in Chatton

Tillside councillors are meeting with NCC on May 30th to discuss the parking issues affecting Chatton. We are also asking for a full traffic flow survey to inform any decisions.

Walkaround Chatton Village

Councillors made a circuit of the village to consider Assets of Community Value and Green Spaces for designation, planning sites and heritage issues to be discussed with NCC. We plan to do the same for Chillingham and other areas in Tillside Parish. *Michael Strother, PC Chair*

Musical Evening at Chatton Village Hall



An amazing musical evening was enjoyed by everyone who came along on Saturday May 19th. Marty Craggs (ex

Lindisfarne and Happy Cats front man teamed up with Trevor Sewell (Grammy Award winning guitarist) to give a fantastic performance. The evening was organised by Joyce Fairbairn to raise funds for the Northumberland Hospice and approx. £700 was raised. Joyce would like to thank everyone who worked hard before, during and after the event and to everyone who came along to support it. There was a promise that they might return in the future.....

Chatton Village Hall Quiz Night

Thank you to everyone who came along to the quiz night on Thursday May 3rd. It was a great turnout with plenty of laughs along the way. Over £100 was raised for Hospice Care. Thank you to compere Colin and also to Bobby and Julie for their help in organising the evening. *Joyce Fairbairn*

Cricket Race Night

Chatton Cricket Club would like to thank everyone who came along to support our fund raising Race Night at the Percy on April 14th. We raised over £600 towards our pavilion fund. The Village Cricket Day is planned for Sunday July 8th - more details to follow. *Max Renwick*

Chatton Coffee Morning

Thank you everyone for coming along to the coffee morning on Saturday April 14th at the Village Hall. A big thank you to all the helpers and for the kind donation of cakes, produce and prizes for the tombola stall which proved to be very popular. We were able to donate £200 towards the Village Hall BBQ project.

Chatton Coffee Morning Team

Chatton Village Hall – June 2018

- **Tillside Secrets!!** Dr Ronald Campbell, Senior Biologist for The Tweed Foundation, gave a fascinating talk on 19th April about changing patterns in salmon runs within the River Tweed system, and the amazing ecosystem that is our very own River Till. 47 people (mainly enthusiastic anglers) attended.
- **Antiques Roadshow with Jim Railton**
Jim closed our Spring 2018 speaker night programme on May 24th with his very own version of Antiques Roadshow. People came from as far afield as Shropshire to hear his wisdom! Jim talked about his career in the trade, changing fashions, what is collectable, and what is not. He appraised and valued a wide variety of objects brought by those present, from jewellery, through militaria, porcelain, clocks and furniture, as well as showing us some of his own precious items (no bird's eggs!).
- **Hospice Fundraiser: 19th May.**
By unanimous vote, this was a triumph! Well done to those who organised this event: may there be many more.
- In the meantime, **Coffee Mornings and Quiz Nights** have gone from strength to strength.

Yoga Is Back! After a very successful taster session, Lyn will be offering sessions from **1 to 2.30pm on TUESDAYS**. The cost will be £8 per

session. Please bring a mat and blanket. We look forward to seeing you there.

New Treadmill and Main Hall Floor Upgrade: A brand new treadmill has been installed in the gym, as part of our quest to update and upgrade our equipment. We have recently applied for grant funding towards restoring the stage and Main Hall floor, so that they can be smooth, shiny and pristine once again.

Village Hall Annual General Meeting: This will be on Thursday 14th June at 6pm (note earlier time) All welcome.

Regular Activities:

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

Yoga: Tuesdays 1-2.30 pm. £8 per session. Contact Gill Rollings on 01668 215 613

Carpet Bowls: Wednesdays 7-8.30pm. Contact Tony Harrison on 01668 215 613

Bright Ideas and Suggestions..... are always appreciated! 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 follow us on Facebook! *Alistair Cochrane*

Percy Arms

Summer is here, the sun umbrellas are up, grass trimmed and the window boxes planted up with flowers. Business has been good and we are all ready for a busy summer, working hand in hand with bed and breakfast businesses in the area. Our new menu is being well received, with the Thai curry, seafood linguini, halibut and bistro rump steaks being firm favourites. We've had a couple of hotel inspections recently, one from Visit England, and the other by a travel writer from the Telegraph. I think both ladies were impressed with what we are trying to create at the Percy.

The kitchen team under Alistair Merrey has now been here for nearly two years and is a slick operation, well prepared and committed to excellent food. The fresh baked cake to welcome guests to their rooms is always a winner, but it always needs to be sampled by management before being despatched! Pleased to welcome Donna Keenan into our "front of house" team, a waitress/bar person with lots of experience and a welcoming disposition. Emma Watson has finished her university studies and has returned to work for the summer vacation.



On a personal note, I was delighted to be invited to 10 Downing Street by the Prime Minister in late April as a Conservative County Councillor following the election results. It was good to meet Theresa May who gave a very impressive speech.

I was pleased to pledge £5000 from my Members Small Scheme Money at NCC to the proposed playpark project in Chatton. I hope this money will act as a catalyst to encourage further donations.

Trevor Thorne Manager Percy Arms

Forthcoming Events

Next Quiz Night (with a difference!)

Will be held on Thursday July 5th at 7.30pm. to be hosted by David Harrod and Stefan Barker In aid of the Great North Air Ambulance Service.

Watch out for more details. *Stefan Barker*

Chatton Angling Association Competition

Following the success of our Jim Nesbit Trophy fishing competitions in 2016 and 2017, we will hold another competition this year on Saturday 7th July. All local and associate members are welcome. Meet at the Percy Arms, Chatton 10am, fish to 4pm, and then enjoy a buffet in the Percy afterwards. *More details from Richard Tebay on 01668215560.*

Chillingham and Chatton Churches

Chatton & Chillingham Churches: Harvest Supper with Fund Raising Auction to be held on Saturday October 27th 2018, 7pm, Chatton Village Hall, Tickets £20. We would be very grateful for any offers of auction lots. Further information, and to reserve the hottest ticket in town (!), please contact Jane Butler on 01668 215556

Chatton Coffee Morning June 23rd

The next coffee morning will be held on Saturday June 23rd at the Village Hall 10.30-12.00, £1.50 entrance which includes refreshments. There will be a sales table with cakes, produce and plants. All donations very welcome. We will also be selling bacon butties. Hope you can come along. Any profits will go to Village Hall BBQ project. Thank you.

Chatton Coffee Morning Team

'Tea for Angela' A diary date!



*Remember to put a note in your diary for the annual Garden Fete to be held on **Sunday 19th August.***

Joyce & Joan 01668215156

Further Features

Weather

David and Meg Thompson of Chillingham Barns years have been recording for 66years.

April 2018 rainfall 73.1ml/3.14ins.

May 19.5 ml/0.77 ins

Actual for last five months 10.45ins

May was an extremely dry month.

The Get-Ahead Cookbook



The GET-AHEAD COOK

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Jane Lovett's new book '**The Get-Ahead Cook Book**' was published in April and the title perfectly sums up her style of cooking. The recipes are easy, uncomplicated, foolproof, contemporary and beautifully presented. Importantly for the home cook, they all have get-ahead elements to spread and lighten the load, and offer a confidence-boosting guiding hand in the kitchen. Her get-ahead recipes and numerous handy tips are invaluable for the home cook, especially when entertaining. Here is an easy summery seasonal Frittata from the book.

Asparagus, Pea, Mint, And Goat's Cheese Frittata



A lovely frittata for spring to early summer, celebrating the vibrant green new season's asparagus and peas, with the fresh kick of mint. Serve with green salad and tomato and onion

salad. Serves 4 - 6

- olive oil
- 1 onion, sliced
- 1 clove of garlic, crushed
- 8 eggs, lightly beaten with a fork
- 170 g (6 oz) peas, cooked
- a good sprig of mint, leaves roughly snipped or chopped
- salt & freshly ground black pepper
- a knob of butter
- 12 asparagus tips, cooked until just tender
- 1 x 100 g Somerset or Capricorn goat's cheese
- 1 tbsp Parmesan, grated

1. Preheat the oven to 200°C (400°F) Gas 6.
2. Heat the oil in a deep-ish, preferably ovenproof, frying pan - 20 cm x 4.5 cm (8in x 1 ¾ in) - and cook the onion until soft and beginning to colour a little. Add the garlic and cook for a further minute.
3. Add the peas, mint and some seasoning to the eggs, followed by the onion. Mix well together.
4. Wipe out the frying pan, melt the butter and add the egg mixture. Cook on a medium heat, until the bottom is golden and the egg is set around the edges and about half way through its depth. This will take 5 – 10 minutes, depending on the depth of the pan.
5. Slice the cheese into four discs, tear each one in half and arrange over the top of the

un-set egg mixture. Arrange the asparagus spears over the top in a cartwheel pattern, sprinkle with Parmesan and cook in the pre-heated oven for 10 – 15 minutes, or until barely set in the middle. Leave to stand for 5 – 10 minutes. Serve from the pan, or loosen with a palette knife and slide onto a serving plate.

Get-Ahead

- Prepare to the end of Step 3 any time on the day. The peas and asparagus can be cooked up to 2 days ahead.

Hints & Tips

- Bear in mind if using a larger, shallower frying pan it will need a shorter cooking time.
- For a picnic, or rustic appearance, serve the frittata on a sheet of greaseproof or baking paper.
- For non-ovenproof frying pans, finish off under the grill, heated to its highest setting.

Cut into small pieces this is delicious served cold with drinks. *Jane Lovett*

Handy Hints

The first one is real, the next one is just for fun.

- Try placing orange peel in the garden overnight to humanely remove slugs and snails which should attach themselves to the peel. *Moll Escargot*
- To avoid getting dirt under your fingertips in the garden, simply sit on a bench and smell the flowers! *Les Graft*

Last word (Continuing the theme of dreadful jokes!)

Q. What is the world's leading cause of dry skin?
A. Towels.

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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