



Chatton News



A Newsletter for Chatton and surrounding area

October 2018

Welcome to Autumn, with storm Ali causing chaos already.



Here are Fletch and Mick Douglas clearing the debris from the tree on the Village Green.

Chatton News Delivery Changes

From the next edition of Chatton News, copies for Chatton residents will **be available only from the Village Store.**

If you would prefer an email copy, or if you have problems getting to the shop, let us know.

Thank you, to Ian Nixon and Andy Pigg for all their hard work delivering copies. It has been really appreciated. John Scott will continue to deliver copies in Chillingham. *Rupert and Murdoch*

Chatton Village Store

'Big thanks for everyone's fabulous support' from Chatton Village Store. There is now a slight change to **Sunday hours which will be from 8.30am until 11.00am.** *Shi Shi and Ali*

History of our Village Store

The history of the Village Shop goes back many, many years. This issue will cover some of the earlier history, bringing us up to date in our next Newsletter.

The building which now houses the Village Store was built by Northumberland's Estate in 1913 as a shop and workroom for Mr Colville, a tailor. It was built on the foundations of a former joiner's workshop. Mr Colville moved here to accommodate his team of 12 employed tailors, including Helen Douglas (nee Ford) who still has



descendents living in the village. It was a quality business, with the Duke and Duchess among its clients. Mr Colville also sold, paraffin, hardware, boots, tobacco, basic groceries, and other useful items.

The present shop still has some of the original features, including an old stove, used to heat up the flat irons (goose irons) used by the tailors.

There is also a depression in the floor in the back shop where the tailor stood hour after hour to cut cloth. The shelves in the shop are still precisely the width of a bale of cloth! There was also a

workshop upstairs which could only be reached by taking the outside flight of steps at the rear of the building. The blocked off door can still be seen at the top of the steps on the back wall of the shop. When Mr Colville retired, his son Tom took over the business.

When he retired, the premises were taken over by Elisa Morton, her husband Bill and daughter Iris. They ran the shop as a general store, selling groceries, cigarettes, hardware etc.

In 1955 Mr Harold Lockett and his wife Betty moved into The Store from their existing shop in Old Road. They continued to run it as a general store, extending the range to wool, clothing, newspapers and toys.

In 1961 there was a fire which burned the back garage and far roof of the building. Fortunately the shop itself escaped unscathed. The fire brigade couldn't draw water from the hydrants, having to pump from the river instead. Every one rallied round, and the shop was cleared in no time. It is alleged that Billy Douglas from Mill Hill Farm personally moved some 40 gallon drums of paraffin! I remember watching these events as a young girl. While not quite the Great Fire, it was nevertheless, very memorable and scary at the time! *Written by Rupert with references from 'Chatton a Portrait' by Joy Palmer-Cooper.*

Service of Remembrance

Remembrance Sunday is special this year as not only does it fall on the 11th November, but also marks the 100th anniversary of the Armistice that ended the fighting of World War I. A special Service of Remembrance will be held at Holy Cross at 9:30am which will culminate in the playing of the bagpipes, all are welcome. The Act of Remembrance will continue at the War Memorial with a two minutes silence at 11:00am and reading of the names of the fallen from Chatton & Chillingham Parishes. As well as the laying of the wreaths, a wooden cross will be planted for each of the fallen - volunteers will be required to plant a cross, so make yourself known if you would like to plant one of the crosses. Again, everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served in The Percy Arms at the culmination of the services. *Ian Catchpole*

What's Been Happening?

'Tea for Angela' Sunday 19th August

Thank you to everyone who braved the awful wet weather to support the event. Over 200 people attended and we raised £2500! A big thank you to

everyone who contributed and to our helpers on the day. *Joyce & Joan*

Fishing competition

Anglers Alec Harvey and Carl Nixon organised a two day fishing fundraiser at Chatton Trout



Fishery on Saturday 1st September and at Thrunton Long Crag Trout Fishery on Sunday 2nd September. The fundraiser was to

raise funds for 'Tiny Lives' the baby special unit at the Royal Victoria Infirmary in Newcastle upon Tyne.

£1863.00 was raised at Chatton Trout Fishery on the Saturday and the grand total raised for the charity was £11,000..fantastic!

The kindness and generosity has been overwhelming. Thank you to everyone who donated prizes, bought raffle tickets and gave donations for such an amazing cause.

Pictured are the organisers and winners.. left to right Alec Harvey, Junior winner Jack Metcalf (landing a 9lb rainbow), Josh Piper (3rd), Davie Parker (2nd), Winner Gareth Tilley and organiser Carl Nixon. *Ali Brown*

'HEARTSPUR' - Cancellation and Refunds

It was with great regret that the Northumberland Theatre Company had to cancel their production of 'Heartspur' in Chatton Village Hall on Wednesday 19th September. Unfortunately the high winds and dangerous driving conditions prevented them travelling from Amble in their high-sided vehicle. Full refunds are available until 18th October 2018 from Chatton Village Shop on presentation of a valid ticket. Any unclaimed money after this date will be donated to the Chatton Village Hall Fund. *Andy Pigg*

Chatton Village Hall Quiz Night

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the quiz night on Thursday 6th September. It was a fun night with the winning team donating their prize money of £30 to the Great North Air Ambulance Service. £40 was also donated to the Chatton Village Hall BBQ Project. *Sheila, Dorothy and Isabel*

Chatton Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who came along to the coffee morning on Saturday 22nd September at the Village Hall. Once again there was a great turnout and we were able to donate £70 from proceeds to the Village Hall BBQ project. Thank

you also to helpers and supporters and for the kind donations of cakes and produce.

Chatton Coffee Morning Team

Chatton Angling Association Competition



The annual Jim Nesbit Trophy competition was held on the rearranged date of Saturday 18 August due to the exceptionally dry weather. Anglers who came along however were rewarded with a catch of brown trout.

Congratulations to the winner

Dick Taylor who caught the largest fish to win, and was presented with the trophy at the Percy Arms afterwards. *Richard Tebay*

National Vinduro Returns



Another very successful weekend event which took place at Fowberry Moor. *Photo by Gill douglas*

Tillside Parish Council

The minutes of the September PC meeting have now been published on our website and on the usual notice boards. The PC have put forward our main transport priorities to the County Council. Following on from ongoing traffic surveys, we are seeking additional provision of parking within Chatton village. We are also requesting resurfacing of the main road through Chillingham village and the main road through Chatton village. We are also pressing the County Council to keep paths clear and inform us of their weed spraying schedules for the Parish. On a similar point, the PC will be writing letters to residents where overhanging bushes have been causing a problem. Anyone interested in becoming a Parish councillor should contact the Clerk or any members of the Council.

Forthcoming Events

Chatton Village Hall Theatre Night

Saturday 22 December 2018 'The Little Maid Who Danced To Every Mood' An adapted Scandinavian children's adventure by Laura Jayne Ayres. Through dance, song and physical theatre, we follow our heroine to find her true place in the world. Meeting grouchy farmers, a flock of flamenco dancing pigeons and finally a handsome prince - but is the life of a princess

something our little maid truly wants? And will she still be allowed to dance? *Suitable for family audiences of all ages. Curtain up 6:00pm, refreshments from 5:00pm. Ticket sales: the price will be announced closer to the date. Sales from Chatton Village Shop only approximately five weeks before the performance.*

Yoga in the Village Hall

Slow and gentle yoga suitable for all abilities. Classes begin with a short period of rest, connecting with the breath. The focus is then on using breath with movement, loosening up the joints and the spine to bring some strength, flexibility and openness. Sessions are led by Lyn Watson and cost £8, beginning at 1pm every Tuesday, lasting 1hr 30mins. Bring a mat and a blanket for a slow and mindful practice to some beautiful music and leave calm and relaxed! For more information see Lynlife Therapy on Facebook or at lynlife.org

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! To keep up to date, do look at our website villagehall.chatton.biz or follow us on Facebook!

Next Chatton Quiz Night

The next quiz night will be held on **Thursday 18th October** at Chatton Village Hall, start time 7.30pm. £2 per person entry fee with a maximum of 6 members per team. Please bring your own refreshments and come along and join the fun!
Christine Lawson and Richard Tebay

Sloe,sloe,quick quick, sloe.....

Do you enjoy making sloe gin or any other fruit/vegetable alcoholic beverage? Do you think your bottle is the best and have a competitive "spirit"? If so, an event is being planned in early February (date to be arranged) to find the best local tippie. Just a fun night but there will be a prize. So, with the current abundance of fruit and vegetables get foraging! If you would be interested in taking part please contact me. *Stefan Barker 01668215410*
stefanatay@me.com

Chillingham and Chatton Churches Harvest Festival Services

Sunday 7th October at 9.30am St Peter's Chillingham.

Sunday 21st October at 6.00pm Holy Cross Chatton.

Harvest Supper with Fund Raising Auction to be held on **Saturday October 27th** at 7pm, Chatton Village Hall, Tickets £20 to include a three course meal. Any help will be gratefully received, as well as any offers of auction lots.
More details and tickets from Jane on 01668 215556

Wine Tasting Evening

We are delighted to let you know that Lance Strother has agreed to put on a wine tasting evening in Chatton Village Hall on **Thursday 6th December** as part of our Speaker Night programme. There will be further publicity and tickets will go on sale in the next couple of weeks. *Chatton Village Hall*

Crafts Evening/Get together

I've newly come to live in Chatton and enjoy painting and sewing. I wondered if others in the area with the same, or other, craft interests would like to get together at the Village Hall and share our skills with each other. It would be informal and if there is enough interest we could decide how often to meet and discuss any other ideas to support the community. If this is something you would be interested in please contact me.
Heather Logan 01668215670

Chatton Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning will be held on **Saturday 8th December** at the Village Hall from 10.30 – 12.00, £1.50 entrance fee which includes refreshments. There will be a Christmas Raffle and baking & produce stall. Any donations, of raffle prizes, baking or produce would be very welcome. Hope you can come along. Proceeds will go towards the Village Hall. Thank you.
Chatton Coffee Morning Team

Glendale Community Christmas

This was a great success last year, with 50 people attending for Christmas lunch and around 130 individuals, businesses and organisations playing a role in preparing for the day. We all know someone who will be on their own for Christmas – maybe their family lives too far away. Perhaps they have no family they can spend the day with. It might be that they have poor health. Or maybe there's a couple or a family that just don't look forward to Christmas. Others would just like to do something with others to celebrate Christmas and have some fun. **Whatever the reason and whatever the age and household, everyone is welcome at the Glendale Community Christmas Day!!**

This year there'll be tea and coffee to welcome everyone at around 11 a.m. Then we'll have a little entertainment, followed by Christmas lunch with

all the trimmings (vegetarians and vegans can also be accommodated). We'll watch The Queen's broadcast on TV and then everyone can make their way home, with transport available for those who need it.

If you'd like to come along and take part or help out, just contact us by the 1st December with your telephone number and email address if you have one at Jane Pannell 01289 388321 or jane.pannell51@btinternet.com.

Murder Mystery Evening

Back, by popular request, will be another Murder Mystery evening in the Village Hall during the coming New Year. Those who attended last year will appreciate the success of the evening would not have been possible without the enthusiasm of the helpers, both in an acting role and those behind the scenes. If you would like to be involved in next year's production (in whatever capacity) please make yourself known. Of course, it can never be a success without a great participating audience so keep your eyes open for tickets going on sale - the event will be strictly ticket only with only a limited number of places available, so get in quickly to avoid disappointment. *Ian Catchpole*

Further Features

Things People Ask Us

Does the tree on the Village Green need to have a health check, as it is leaning to one side? It could possibly be an accident waiting to happen, especially if the strong winds continue.



Seasonal Snippets

Bridget Murphy, admiring the sunflowers much taller than her, in her garden at Blacksmith Cottage.

Weather

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

August 2018 rainfall 46.0mm/1.49 ins.

September 2018 59.5mm/2.15 ins

Recipe



Toffee apple crumble

100ml/3½fl oz water

225/8oz granulated sugar

30ml/1fl oz golden syrup

30g/1oz unsalted butter

450g/1lb cooking apples, peeled, cored and sliced into wedges

150g/5oz plain flour

100g/3½oz unsalted butter

100g/3½oz demerara sugar

6 free-range egg yolks

75g/2½oz caster sugar

600ml/1 pint 1½fl oz whole milk

1 vanilla pod, seeds only

Preheat the oven to 180C/350F/Gas 4.

For the toffee apples, place the water and sugar into a saucepan and slowly bring up to the boil. Reduce the heat once the sugar has melted, add the syrup and butter and then bring up to the boil again, stirring constantly.

Turn down the heat, add the apples and cook, stirring gently, until just soft. Place into an ovenproof dish.

For the crumble, rub the flour, butter and sugar together in a bowl with your fingertips until the mixture resembles breadcrumbs. Spoon the crumble evenly over the toffee apple mixture and place in the oven to bake for 15 minutes, or until crisp and golden-brown.

For the custard, place the egg yolks and sugar into a bowl. Place the milk and vanilla seeds into a saucepan and bring to the boil, then pour into the egg and sugar mixture. Whisk until well-combined. Return the custard mixture to the saucepan and warm over a low heat until it thickens enough to coat the back of a spoon.

To serve, divide the crumble between 4-6 serving plates and place a dollop of custard on each.

Rupert and Murdoch

Handy Hints

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

- Don't worry if apple slices turn brown when you are making a pie. Cooking will turn them white again. *Pru Leith (Bake off)*
- Do worry if teeth turn brown while eating masses of toffee apples, and sticky treats. They may never turn white again!

Phu Teith

Last Word

And the awful jokes continue!

There were two people standing in front of a large apple. One of them cut it into two so that there was one big piece and one small piece. The other reached out and took the largest piece. The first person said - 'If I'd been you, I would have taken the smallest piece.' The second one looked at him and said, 'What's the problem? You **have** got the smallest piece!'

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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them to contact us.**