

# Chatton News



A Newsletter for Chatton and surrounding area

February 2019

It's 2019! The last year flew by which seems to happen as we get older.

Thank you for all your contributions last year, please continue to send them in. We are very happy to include births, deaths, and marriages, in, or with connections to the Parish, but only on your request.

Welcome to all who have moved into the area recently, we hope you enjoy living here. Wishing everyone all the best for the coming year.

**Rupert and Murdoch** (Photo above by Dean Smith)

## Review of 2018



### Beast from the East

We certainly felt the bite of the beast from the east in March, which was a shock to the system especially after previous mild winters.



### Coffee Mornings

The coffee mornings have continued to be well attended and raised amazingly £840 over the year to donate to charities.



### Tommy

Tommy was installed in Holy Cross Church in Chatton as a monument to the fallen of the First World War. A service was held in June to inaugurate

the silhouette into the church.



### Chatton Village Store

After 17 years, Jeff Smith retired from the Village Store and Post Office.



Now Ali Prytherch and Shi Shi Ord have taken over.

## Scout Hut – Then and Now



Thirty years ago, Boy Scouts and Cubs came to Chatton. Here is a photo (from the Gazette) of Scout Leader Muriel Dobson with parents who helped to erect the hut. If anyone has any more details or stories to share with us please let us know.

As you can see, houses are now being built on the site.

## What's Been Happening?

### Carol Singing

We started the evening with a larger than usual gang and sung on our usual itinerary through the village. A big thankyou to all our "pit-stop" hosts who encouraged us with mince pies, warm soup and the odd 'mood changer'. Not that such sustenance was needed, as at times it sounded as if we really were a rehearsed choir, with descants provided by the girls.

The troupe ended the evening at The Percy Arms, giving a grand total of £356 which has been given to the Village Hall Trust.

It was mooted that next Christmas we may organise another team on a different night to visit Chillingham and the outlying hamlets and farms, like we used to do. **Jim Railton**

### Chatton Village Hall Theatre Night

#### 'The Little Maid Who Danced To Every Mood'

A very successful Theatre Night was held in Chatton Village Hall on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. 'The Little Maid Who Danced to Every Mood', performed by the Northumberland Theatre Company (NTC), was a fantastic performance enjoyed by all those who attended. With ticket sales, the bar, a raffle and ice creams we have managed to make a profit of £240 which has been paid into the Village Hall account and will be used to offset the cost of repairs to the Village Hall Meeting Room.

Particular thanks go to Sally on the door and for selling so many raffle tickets, Stefan and Vicki for the bar and ice cream sales, Shi Shi and Ally for ticket sales, Richard for sorting the heating, Gill and Jane for the purchase and storage of the ice creams.

NTC is a professional small scale touring theatre company based in Northumberland at its new home in The Dovecote Centre, Amble. Now in its 40<sup>th</sup> year, NTC prides itself on 'Making Theatre Accessible' to all. They tour shows around the country, predominantly using village halls and community centres as venues in small rural villages. For anyone who hasn't yet seen a performance by the NTC, I can strongly recommend them. **Andrew Pigg**

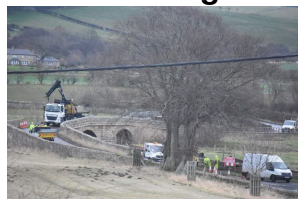
### Chatton Coffee Morning



Thank you to everyone who came along to the Christmas Coffee morning on 8th December at the Village Hall. It was great to see so many people there and to see the raffle, guess the weight of the cake and number of sweets in a jar

proving popular! The produce stall was full of lovely homemade goods, thank you for all your donations. We were able this time to donate £320 to the Village Hall. **Chatton Coffee Morning Team**

### Chatton Bridge



Following the incident in August 2017, the work on Chatton Bridge is almost complete. It started early January when the bridge was closed for several

weeks, although the team working on it opened it for the school bus to pass through and for other drivers when it was safe to do so. The bridge is now open with just the pointing to be done when the weather permits.

*Photo by Ian Catchpole*

### Chatton Flavoured Alcohol Competition



What a great way to spend a snowy Sunday afternoon!!! A big thank you to everyone who attended the village hall on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, and to all the competitors. We had a staggering 35 entries and a wide range

of alcoholic drinks, all made to an amazing standard. However, there can only be one winner and that honour went to Susan Harrod with her Blackcurrant Gin, which was a hit with both judges. Runners up were: Adrian Pardey with a Gooseberry Gin and Lou Cross with a Damson Gin. I would especially like to thank the judges for their time and expertise on the day, Jenny Saxon and Michael Strother. Also thank you to Freya Moss, Vicki Pigg and Atay Dervish for their help. £140 was raised for the village hall. **Stefan Barker**

### Tillside Parish Council

Following consultation with the Community Speed Group, the PC have agreed to purchase a Speed Warning Sign for the easterly approach to Chatton, and are now choosing the model to be installed.

Following a number of changes, the PC are seeking nominations of residents to become Parish Councillors. The current Tillside Parish Councillors are –

**Chatton** - Michael Strother (Chair), Richard Tebay (vice Chair), Bryony Stimpson, Mark Hunter, Robert Ord (1 vacancy)

**Lilburn** - Ali Wrangham, Tony Hume, Henry Prytherch

**Hetton** - Tracie Faa-Thompson (2 vacancies)

**Chillingham** - John Renner (1 vacancy)

*Please see the PC website for more details.*

### Forthcoming Events

#### Chatton Angling Association AGM

The Chatton Angling Association AGM will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>

February at 7pm. All local and associate members are invited. Anyone, with an interest in fishing is very welcome to come along.

*For further information, contact Dorothy Douglas on 01668 215543*

#### Chatton Village Hall

##### Spring Season of Talks

**Feb 7<sup>th</sup> Torness Nuclear Power Station**, just up the road on the way to Edinburgh, a thorough explanation of what the advanced gas-cooled reactor does, by Murray McGregor, the training officer. Creating electricity since 1988 and projected to continue to 2030, it experienced a shut-down a few years ago by a jellyfish getting into a pipe!

**March 1<sup>st</sup> The Ad Gefryn Distillery** in Wooler - their vision, the historic site, the development and the future by Chris Ferguson, part of the family who are running the project.

**March 22<sup>nd</sup> Chillingham and the Tankervilles** - a history by Charles Bain-Smith, Lady Tankerville's nephew, with a fascinating insight into former times in this area. Charles has a unique archive of material and photographs to illustrate his fascinating talk, with colourful upstairs/downstairs "goings on" on the estate and in the castle!

**April 25<sup>th</sup> Carl Fabergé** - the man and his eggs. An illustrated talk by our local Russian Olga Douglas, who is also an expert on the Fabergé phenomenon.

##### Regular Activities:

**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](http://villagehall.chatton.biz) or follow us on Facebook! Jim Railton

**Theatre Nights 2019 (Chatton Village Hall)**  
**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September - 'The Stars Look Down'** Curtain up 7:30pm, refreshments from 6:30pm.

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December – 'The Snow Queen'**  
Curtain up 6:00pm, refreshments from 5:00pm.  
**More details on each performance will be published later in the year along with ticket prices. Ticket sales available from Chatton Village Shop five weeks before each performance.** Andy Pigg

### Chillingham and Chatton Churches



By now most of you will know that I have put my resignation into the Bishop. I have had much soul searching and prayers of the right time to go from The Breamish and Till Benefice.

I had a meeting with the Bishop in the summer and we both thought Pentecost would be the

right time for my last day with you. Pentecost is when the Holy Spirit comes descending on all the people and gave them all courage and strength to serve Christ no matter what the future holds.

During my ministry in all the parishes 7 and a half years in total (Glendale Team Eglington, South Charlton Old Bewick and Ingram) it has been a privilege to serve you all in the good times and in the bad.

For Chatton and Chillingham I was licenced in February 2017 as your vicar and I have married so many of you and baptised your little ones too. It has also been privilege to walk alongside you when there has been a bereavement.

In the time I have been with you I have been so grateful of all your support and love. The help that I receive each week from Dorothy Bolam our Churchwarden and Anne Murray our deputy Churchwarden has been immense to me.

The "boys" the other Churchwardens, Terence Pardoe and John Lovett, have worked very hard to maintain the building, and the finances to keep the church running. Ian Catchpole has been the treasurer of the churches since I arrived, and I can't thank him enough for his expertise. And teaching me Rugby!! You will have to ask Ian about that!!

The Penfolds are going to move to Tweedmouth, we have a small bungalow and we are looking forward to getting it just right for our retirement. We are trying to sort our furniture out from a 5 bedroom vicarage to a 2-bedroom bungalow!

In March the Penfold's celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary and we plan a trip overseas for that. When we retire, we will spend a month on our favourite Island (Cyprus) in the sun. I have decided that I will not take on anything for 6 months after my retirement but will take on a hobby. If you have any ideas, please let me know! There will be 2 weddings in June after my leaving date. Technically I am still the incumbent until the 30<sup>th</sup> June and the Bishop has agreed for me to take them, which I'm delighted about. All other weddings will go to our new Area Dean Louise Taylor-Kenyon when she arrives on the 1<sup>st</sup> April to Bamburgh, Belford and Lucker. My last service will be at St. Michael, Ingram at 4pm on 9<sup>th</sup> June followed by afternoon tea in the village hall. I do hope that you will be able to come and say goodbye to me. Now it's your turn. Thank you to everyone who has loved and supported me whilst being with you. It isn't easy to hang my collar up, but I know it's the right time for all my parishes to have new blood and a new vicar (a younger model!!) May your God and My God Bless you always. **Rev Marion x**

### Quiz Night

The next fabulous Quiz Night event will be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019 from 7pm. Bring your thinking caps (drinks and nibbles) as we take a journey through memory lane! Please come along to support our village hall. Further details to be confirmed. **Atay Dervish**

### Chatton Coffee Morning

The next Chatton Coffee Morning will take place on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February in Chatton Village Hall from 10.30am-12.00pm. Entrance of £2 includes refreshments. There will also be cakes and produce for sale. Any donations of baking or produce would be very much appreciated. Hope you can come along! **Chatton Coffee Morning Team**

### Creative Writing Introductory Workshop

Have you ever felt the urge to write? You don't need to write a novel, just have fun using imagination to explore your creativity. Bring a notebook and pen and join me for **a free introductory workshop at Chatton Village Hall on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February from 2-3.30pm.** For further information please contact Christine on 01668 215306.

### Percy Arms



We hosted an excellent Burn's Supper at the Percy Arms with great support from the village. The haggis, neeps, and tatties were rolled out of the kitchen to the music played by our piper and

the fine words from our MC. We are planning a **gin tasting evening with Hepple Gin on 29<sup>th</sup> March**. A tasting, a talk, then producing a light supper. **17<sup>th</sup> of April is 'Malbec Day'**. We hope to host a Malbec evening with accompanying Argentinian dishes.

The door is always open for anyone wishing to book a wedding, a christening, a funeral or a birthday party. A special menu, flowers, and private party are all part of the package.

Delighted to see the repairs to the bridge are virtually completed. Thanks to the Highways Department at NCC for working with local businesses, farmers and our villagers to keep traffic moving.

On a political front, I have been appointed as Vice Chairman for the North East on the Rural Services Network in London, where I shall be flying the flag for Northumberland.

*Trevor Thorne, Manager*

### Seasonal Snippets

We are starting to see snowdrops and aconites emerging in the village and surrounding area.



### Weather

*David and Meg Thompson of Chillingham Barns years have been recording for 66years.their daughter Anne now provides us with the rainfall figures.*

October 2018 56.13mm/2.21ins

November 2018 70.66mm/2.79ins

December 2018 27.43mm/1.08

Years rainfall 26.90ins.

May-Aug about 1in down from average. March was 7.4ins, the rainiest March on record. (Beast from the East!)

-11.7C was recorded here on Saturday 2nd February. The coldest temperature in England and Wales this winter, according to national newspapers and TV!



### Recipe

#### Beef Carbonnade

1 ½ lb of braising steak (cut into 1 ½ inch/4cm cubes)

3 tablespoons of flour

4 tablespoons oil

2 large onions, peeled and thinly sliced

1-3 large garlic cloves crushed

½ pint brown ale

½ pint beef stock

1 tablespoon (small tin) tomato puree

Pinch of nutmeg

1 bay leaf

2 teaspoons brown sugar

1 ½ teaspoons French mustard

4 carrots cut into thick sticks

40s button mushrooms

Black pepper and salt

1. Coat meat with flour seasoned with salt & pepper. Fry meat in oil until browned. Transfer to casserole dish.

2. Fry onions and garlic in the same pan until lightly coloured, stir in remaining seasoned flour and cook for 1 minute.

3. Gradually add brown ale, beef stock, tomato puree, nutmeg, bay leaf, sugar and mustard. Pour over the beef in casserole dish.

4. Add carrots, salt & pepper then cook for 2 ½ hours or more at 160 C

5. Taste and adjust seasoning. Add mushrooms and return to oven for 25-30 mins.

Serve with mash or lovely with dumplings.

*Jane Comley*

### Handy Hints

*The first one is real, the second one is just for fun.*

- Get rid of water marks or stains on your bath by sprinkling coarse salt on to a grapefruit/lemon and giving it a good scrub. (does work!) *Al Gon.*
- Try rubbing grapefruit on anything and see what happens! *May Tingle*

### Last Word

Q. What is an ig?

A. A snow house with no toilet (No improvement for 2019!)

**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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