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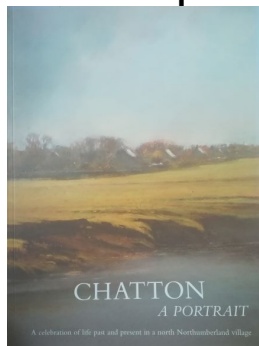


A Newsletter for Chatton and surrounding area

June/July 2019

Thank you so much, we were delighted with your considerable response, and understand there is still a place for Chatton News. Ian Catchpole has shared ideas for an online model, and Ian Nixon and Andy Pigg are very kindly offering to put their postman hats on again to deliver around the village. Remember to let us know if you would like something in the newsletter, please keep your contributions coming, without them the newsletter wouldn't exist. *Rupert and Murdoch*

The Development of the Chatton Book



Several people have asked how the Chatton Book came into being, so here is its origins.

In May 1998, the Parish Council decided to celebrate the new Millennium within the village.

The Chatton Community Development Forum Committee emerged,

consisting of some Parish Councillors, including myself, and interested community members. Several projects were decided, which included a line of chestnut trees planted from the gallery to the bridge, the restoration of troughs and other village features, the Millennium Statue (designed by John Bolton) was to be created and erected, plus, the compilation of a Chatton history book. It was decided to ask Professor Joy Palmer Cooper, Pro-Vice Chancellor of Durham University at that time, if a student could research the early history section of a proposed book. Joy also offered to compile and edit the rest of the book, which was no mean task!

I volunteered to write an environmental chapter, and asked Audrey Hedley, from the village, to illustrate the months.

The central pages of the book feature a photograph of most people in the village and surrounding area. The photographer was elevated on a loader, to create an aerial impression and to ensure everyone was included. Joy Palmer Cooper now takes up her part of the story:

'When it was decided that a village book would be an ideal contribution to the celebration of the millennium, I was very happy to set about the task of compiling this. It was a huge and lengthy task

that took place over two and a half years, but a very pleasurable one given the immense support provided by people of the village and beyond. Certain individuals contributed substantially, notably Dorothy Douglas who compiled the 'Stroll Through the Seasons' diary in poems and prose, whilst David and Meg Thompson provided 50 years of meteorological data.

I conducted countless interviews with village residents, including the young and the elderly and those who went to school, church or worked in the village, and researched the various historic documents, maps, walks and trails associated with Chatton throughout its complex history. The compilation of the work attracted great enthusiasm from village people, who gave so much, but also the sense of a community in generously of their time, memories, reflections and historic photos. All who contributed helped the book convey not only a sense of the rich history of the village, times of change, looking to the future.

The book was launched in the Percy Arms in November 2003.

The village has benefited from the installation of a top quality defibrillator and a 'top of the range' weatherproof cabinet for it, plus batteries and pads and installation costs. As the years have gone by, battery and pads have been replaced with money retained for ongoing maintenance of the device. Also, various flower tubs have been provided, that have enhanced the village and a water butt has enabled ease of watering of the village green.'

Robert Turnbull, from Chatton Gallery, agreed to do the artwork for the cover and the final page. Copies of the book 'Chatton a Portrait' may still be obtained at the Gallery. *Professor Joy Palmer-Cooper and Rupert*

What's Been Happening?

Chatton Coffee Morning

Thank you everyone for once again supporting the Coffee Morning at Chatton Village Hall on 13th April, by coming along and/or donating baking and plants to sell on the day. It was great to meet some new people who have moved into the village and surrounding areas. We were able to donate, on this occasion, £160 to the Village Hall. We had agreed last year at the Village Hall AGM to focus on the Village Hall and are pleased to

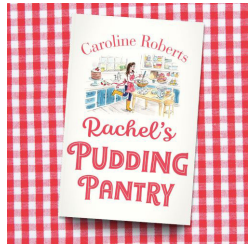
say that from April 2018 to 13 April 2019 we have donated a total of £1030.

Chatton Coffee Morning Team

Village Hall Quiz Evening

Another successful quiz was held on 18th April with funds raised going to the Village Hall. Tony Harrison put teams through their paces with an interesting mix of questions, missing vowels and linked answers. The winning team were Fowchillchat with 3 villages sharing the glory - well done! *Gill Rowlings*

Chatton Author



Caroline Roberts' new book 'Rachel's Pudding Pantry' is now out. It is set on a farm in the foothills of the Cheviots, and is inspired by our beautiful North Northumberland landscape, a host of delicious puddings,

plus a really interesting interview with Susan Green of 'The Proof of the Pudding' business at Heckley Farm near to Alnwick. It is a contemporary fiction about family, friendship, love, loss and finding a silver lining in the most difficult of times. Chatton Village Store has some signed copies available should anyone be interested. Caroline is very grateful for all their support. Caroline is now busy writing the sequel, a Christmas follow-up, which will come out at the end of October. The writing is fuelled by her love of Northumberland, and a delicious selection of cake and tray bakes from the village shop! She hopes you enjoy reading the new novel.

Grand Opening - Chatton Village Hall

An enjoyable evening was had on Saturday 13th April to celebrate the successful renovation of our meeting room. It was also an opportunity to thank the team of people involved who gave up their own time to do this work, and for everyone to see what the village hall has to offer.

As an aside, following the evening where a jolly night was had by all, a couple who on leaving the venue wandered up the School Hill and commented, "Oh there's a dead badger over there on the pavement". It turned out to be the Village Hall Chairman, who they rescued. He blamed it on a very successful bar! *Village Hall Chairman*

The Percy Arms Chatton

Dave Henderson is the new Manager of The Percy Arms. We wish him all the best in his new role. More news next time.

Bank Holiday Brunch, Saturday 4th May, Chatton Village Hall

A huge thank you to everyone who helped us on the day, especially to Vicki Pigg who was amazing and gave up a lot of time on Friday and Saturday to keep us right! Also thank you to the people who helped with the food, clearing tables, washing up and the wonderful team who got everything cleared, tidied and cleaned up so efficiently at the end. And thank you to all who



attended, bought food and brought lovely baking to sell. Without you we would not have made any money. Thank you to Mary and Ian Catchpole who and donated all the lovely bacon which made a huge difference to the total raised, as did their raffle

prize donations. The raffle, run by Sheila Dodds, raised £80, the plant stall, run by Ginia and Peter Gadsdon, raised £82 on the day and that figure is still rising. So, including the entry charge, hot food and cake sales, the amount raised is currently just over £400. There will be deductions from this for the hall rent and any other bills that need to be paid but it's still a really great amount to split between the hall and church. If anyone has incurred any costs that they need to claim back, could they please contact Ian Catchpole.

Thank you once again for everything. *Jo Lucas on behalf of Reverend Marion Penfold.*

(The photo above was taken at an afternoon tea following Marion's last service and features the owl carved by Tom Fiddes, a gift from Chatton parishioners.)

Tillside Parish Council

For the first time in many years we have a full PC from across the whole Parish -

Lilburn - Ali Wrangham, Tony Hume, Henry Prytherch;

Hetton - Ian Fiddes, Alistair MacDonald Smith, Tracey Faa-Thompson;

Chillingham - Iona Straughan, John Renner;

Chatton - Bryony Stimpson, Richard Ord, Michael Strother (chair), Mark Hunter, David Douglas, Richard Tebay (vice chair).

Please contact any one of us or the Clerk if you have any issues that you would like to raise.



The PC would like to thank the volunteers and donors involved in planting the new lime trees (replacing the diseased/damaged horse chesnut trees) at the east end of Chatton village. The PC are also very grateful to the hard working volunteers taking part in the April Litter Pick in Chatton

and later in Chillingham.

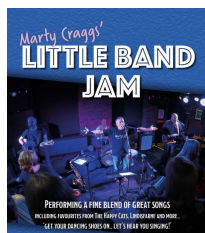
The PC would also like to thank Joy Palmer Cooper for her work over the years in maintaining

the beautiful tubs around Chatton War Memorial. Joy has now moved from the village so we would be grateful for any volunteers to continue this good work, please let us know if you are interested.

The next three PC meeting dates are 13th June, 11 July, and 12 September and members of the public are welcome. Minutes and more information on current projects can be viewed on our website.

Forthcoming Events

Music Evening Saturday 22nd June



Marty Craggs Little Band Jam will be appearing at **Chatton Village Hall on Saturday 22 June 2019 at 7.30pm**. £12 per person, nibbles included, bar and raffle on night. It was a sell out last year! Tickets now available to book, contact me

direct on 01668215156. All profits to North Northumberland Hospice Care. *Joyce Fairbairn*

Chatton Angling Association Fishing Competition Saturday 6th July

The annual Jim Nesbit Trophy Competition will be held on Saturday 6th July. Meet 9.30am at the Percy Arms car park for a 10am start until 4pm. Usual rules apply. All local and associate members are very welcome to enjoy the day and then meet up for weigh in then a bite to eat in the Percy courtesy of CAA.

Anyone wanting further information should contact Dorothy Douglas, Secretary, or myself for a chat. Let's get a sea trout or two this year...I will do a rain dance earlier that week!

Richard Tebay 01668215560

Coffee Morning 20th July

The next Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 20th July from 10.30am-12.00pm in Chatton Village Hall. £2 entrance fee inclusive of refreshments. There will be bacon butties on offer (at an extra cost) and we will be running a tombola. Proceeds will go to Hospice Care North Northumberland. All donations of cakes/produce/plants very welcome. Please come along if you can. *Chatton Coffee Morning Team*

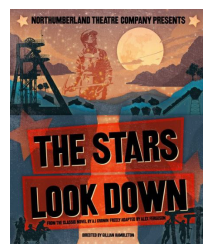
Summer Party Chatton Village Hall Saturday 10th August from 3pm onwards

Come along and enjoy an afternoon/evening of fun and games in and outside of Chatton Village Hall. Tickets will be available shortly from Chatton Village Store, to include, BBQ, games and evening party. Watch out for posters with more information.

Chatton Village Hall Theatre Night - Thursday 26th September

Northumberland Theatre Company presents: 'The Stars Look Down'

From the classic novel by A J Cronin freely adapted by Alex Ferguson.



'The cage dropped. It dropped suddenly, swiftly, into the hidden darkness. And the sound of its falling rose out of that darkness like a great sigh which mounted towards the furthestmost stars.' An uplifting family saga about a miner's son who resolves to fight

the profiteering that killed so many through underground accidents and starvation, and the injustice that wears down families and communities.

A physical theatre version of this classic 30s novel set in the North East exploring the life of young Davie Fenwick as he strives to gain decent wages and conditions for the pitmen. He falls in love with the coal owner's daughter but is eventually disillusioned of ever achieving justice after a preventable pit disaster claims the lives of many men.

Suitable for everyone over the age of 13. Ticket prices remain the same as last year at £10 each and will go on sale through the Chatton Village Shop approximately six weeks before the show. Refreshments from 6.30pm. Show starts at 7.30pm. Look forward to seeing you there.

Andy Pigg

Chatton Village Hall Update

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

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

Chillingham and Chatton Churches

This year's Chatton Harvest Supper which will be held on Saturday 28th September. If anyone would like to help with it please could they contact me on [01668 215109](tel:01668215109). *Jo Lucas*

Jam Jars Wanted

Anne Thompson would like some jam jars, the 450g size ones, for church jam making. She will put a box in the back of the churches in Chatton and Chillingham and check them when she is up here. Alternatively, if anyone wants her to collect a big batch then they can contact Anne on [07870 821833](tel:07870821833).

Things people Tell Us....

What a disappointment with a patched High Street from the County Council. With all the road closure signs from Alnwick to Berwick, Wooler to Belford, etc., one would have thought that they were at least building a new motorway! Instead we have a half-patched West End that was done in a mornings work!

Other Features

Weather

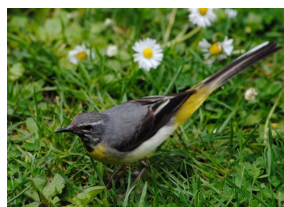
David and Meg Thompson of Chillingham Barns years have been recording for 66years.their daughter Anne now provides us with the rainfall figures.

April 2.2 ins/55.89mm

May 2.97 ins/75.43mm

Further Features

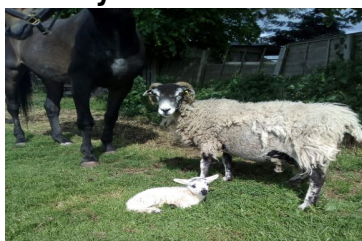
Seasonal Snippets



Bird song can decrease in volume later in June/July. The robin loses its' voice, and the cuckoo begins to stammer. After the nesting season many

birds moult, and the renewal of new plumage is often such a strain that many birds remain quiet. (Photo of a bird!)

Matty's New Friend!



Recipe

Rachel's White Chocolate and Raspberry Cheesecake

taken from Caroline's new book

'Rachel's Pudding Pantry'

2x150g bars white chocolate

2x300g tubs full-fat soft cheese

284ml double cream

50g caster sugar

200g punnet raspberries

5tbsp raspberry jam

130g digestive biscuits

50g butter

Break the chocolate into a glass bowl, put over a pan of simmering water to melt. (Be careful the base of the pan doesn't sit in the water.) Take off heat and allow to cool.

Crush biscuits either in plastic freezer bag with rolling pin or in a food processor. Melt the butter gently in a saucepan and stir biscuits through it. Press into the base of a deep (ideally non-stick

loose-bottom 8 inch flan dish or cake tin). Pop in fridge to chill.

Whisk the cheese, cream and sugar together until thick (electric beaters are great for this), then stir in the almost cold melted chocolate until fully combined.

Stir 50g raspberries with 2tbs jam (chopping any large raspberries in half first). Spoon half of the cheese mixture, then spoon the jammy raspberries over the centre. Top with the rest of the cheese mixture, flatten with a spatula and chill again, for at least 4 hours or overnight.

Warm the remaining jam with the raspberries you have left. Whizz with a hand blender or food processor, then rub through a sieve to remove any seeds. Add a drop or two of water if it seems very thick.

To serve, top with the raspberries you have reserved and drizzle with the sauce over.

Ideal served with friends and a glass of something bubbly! Caroline Roberts

Handy Hints

The first one is true, the second is just for fun!

- Yet more humane ways to deter slugs and snails. Surround your plants with sand/broken eggshells/soot or sage.

May Skarper

- Or you could simply purchase small cards, from the Village Store, and write '**SLUGS NOT WELCOME HERE**' in large letters with a red felt pen. (Works a treat!)

May Reed

Last Word

Two men were looking over a gate on a fine June morning, when one of them noticed some cows.

John What a lovely bunch of cows!

Andy No! Not a bunch. Herd.

John Heard what?

Andy Herd of cows

John Of course I have heard of cows!

Andy No, a cow herd.

John Why should I care if a cow heard. I have no secrets from cows!!

Thanks again to Richard and Caroline Roberts and Elm Bank Coastal Park in their generous support for Chatton News. Also, to Chatton Village Store for distributing copies, and to John Scott, Andy Pigg and Ian Nixon for delivering copies in Chatton and Chillingham. If you know someone who would like to receive Chatton News by email please ask them to contact us.

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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