



Chatton News

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Congratulations to Chatton Village Stores & Post Office for being selected as the regional winners of the Countryside Alliance Rural Oscars Best Village Shop.

The Awards, nicknamed the 'Rural Oscars', are the Countryside Alliance's annual celebration of British food & farming, enterprise and heritage through our small hard-working businesses. The awards are now in their fifteenth year and have become the definitive rural business award to win. They are set apart from other award schemes because they are driven by public nomination, offering customers the chance to tell us why their favourite businesses are worthy of national acclaim.

The Awards received over 18,000 nominations, showing just how much the public values and supports our hard-working rural businesses.

Quite deservedly, they are absolutely over the moon expressing "We wouldn't have got this far without all your nominations and support. A BIG thank you to all our lovely customers, and Countryside Alliance"

They have also expanded their business by taking over the Coffee Box at Railtons Auction Room. Pop along to their new venture in Wooler and grab a coffee, bacon roll or tasty sweet treat.



Tillside Parish Council

First of all thank you to those who joined the annual Spring Clean in and around Chatton on 6 June. Far less litter than in previous years which at least in part reflects individual efforts by Parish residents. Also, it is lovely to see all of the beautiful flowering tubs around our village, which is down to the many volunteers who, over the years, have given their time and kindly donated plants for our enjoyment. Our thanks to all of the volunteers. Peter and Wilma Clark have been planting, watering and looking after the four tubs around the War Memorial for the past few years but would like to pass the baton on to others now. Please contact the PC or Chatton News if you, or a group, would be interested in taking on the maintenance of these tubs. The PC were also grateful for the good response for our request for volunteers to look after the Book Box in Chatton. The PC are also very grateful for the work undertaken by David Bertram (Fencer) from Lilburn who, at his own cost, has repositioned the gates to the Community Garden. He has also installed a 5' wicket, and erected post and rail fencing towards the tree, and fence/gate to create a much safer access/egress.

The last PC Meeting was held via Zoom on 8 July, when a number of important planning applications were discussed, together with ongoing issues following site meetings with County Councillors and officers - speeding at Chillingham/Lyham crossroads/water leaks from front of Percy and opposite shop/ parking and speeding in Chatton/our local transport plan priorities. We hope to have our next physical meeting in Chatton Village Hall on 9th September. Please have a look at the Tillside Parish Council web site (www.tillside.uk) or contact any Parish Councillor if you wish to raise any issues.

Richard Tebay

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New Bench



A replacement bench has been sited at the top of West End bank in memory of Ronnie Bolam. This hand crafted bench has been kindly donated by local sculptor Tom Fiddes and installed by Ian Fiddes and Andrew Pigg. Pictured is Ronnie's wife, Dorothy, with Ian and Andrew admiring the view over Chatton.

Welcome to Chatton

We give a very warm welcome to Jan & Brian Robinson, Adam their son and Louis the miniature dachshund who have recently moved in to Smithy Cottage. Originally from Durham, Jan & Brian had lived away in Florida but decided to come home to our wonderful part of England.

Upcoming Events

Chatton 1971

Chatton will be transported back 50 years to 1971 for another Murder Mystery Evening in the Village Hall on Saturday 2nd October. The evening will follow similar lines to previous events – based around a contemporary styled meal of the period, with local characters circulating to act out the storyline of deeds most foul. Can you work out who is the culprit?

Tickets will be going on sale at £17.50 each from Chatton Village Stores from 1st September, but now is the time to get your old 1970s clothes out of the loft (although some folk never put them away) and put the date in your diary. Numbers strictly limited.

Ian & Mary Catchpole

Theatre Nights

Northumberland Theatre Company will be performing at Chatton Village Hall as follows:

Saturday 25th September 2021 @ 7pm

The Importance Of Being Earnest

Saturday 18th December 2021 @ 6pm

Alice In Wonderland

Friends Remembered

Edward Kingston Macaulay

4th June 1933 – 11th June 2021

Kingston, 'King', Macaulay realized a lifelong dream when he bought Hepburn Farm in late 1996. He had happy memories from his childhood of visiting his grandparents' farm in Sussex during the War and hoped to provide a similar haven for his nine grandchildren.



He, and wife Anne whose family had a house in Bamburgh when she was young, moved from Yorkshire in August 1998 and set about their retirement project. Whilst Kingston busied himself settling into the local farming community Anne became a school governor at Chatton school and Parish Councillor. An active lifelong Conservative Party supporter in Yorkshire Kingston set up the Chatton and Cheviot branch soon after moving here. He was delighted when Ann-Marie Trevelyan was elected as MP for Berwick in 2015. They both enjoyed golf at Bamburgh and Goswick and he continued to play tennis into his late seventies.

The Macaulays, who hailed from Benbecula, an island off the west coast of Scotland, came to Yorkshire through Kingston's grandfather who moved to Halifax when he became a doctor. Kingston went away to school in 1939 eventually completing his education at Loretto. National Service was followed by a long career in textiles in Bradford alongside running the family business – the local newspaper 'The Halifax Courier'.

When Anne died in 2017 Kingston was determined to remain in Northumberland. He loved the community that he was now part of and how everyone looked out for each other - from the lady in Chatton Stores calling the doctor one day when he struggled in poorly to one of his neighbours rescuing him from the floor after a fall when he had tried yet again to be overambitious! Poor health in the last couple of years prevented him from doing his round delivering 'The Chatton News', something he loved.

Friends and family alike recall Kingston as 'a real gentleman, closely interested in other people (particularly the younger generation) and their progress in life, welcoming, interested to chat to and interested in everything'. He had a real sparkle about him and will be long and very fondly remembered by all who knew him.

The Macaulay Family

Chatton Angling



Thanks to all those local and associate members who fished the annual competition on 3rd June. Unfortunately the dry conditions did not help, and only a small number of trout were caught, leaving me the chance to scrape

through to win the cup. We had a very enjoyable buffet at the Percy afterwards. I am delighted to report that on 25th May associate member Matthew Cant (pictured) caught a magnificent brown trout towards Fowberry at the lower end of our waters. It weighed 5.75lb and was in superb condition as you can see. If this doesn't tempt you to join CAA, nothing will!

Richard Tebay Chairman CAA

Copper's Corner

Hello again everyone,

I thought I'd touch this time on drone use as the amount of calls we get either complaining about them or queries about their use is certainly on the increase.



- 1/ Always stay under 120m/400ft with the drone in sight.
- 2/ Do not fly within 50m of buildings and where people are on the ground.
- 3/ Use a wider 150m no fly zone area in areas near residential or recreational areas.
- 4/ Respect the privacy of others. If you are buzzing around an area where people can expect an element of privacy and the drone has a recording facility then you might breach data protection laws as any footage you do store will likely be governed by the GDPR.
- 5/ The flyer is responsible for the drone if anything goes wrong so make sure you know what you are doing.
- 6/ For clarity go on the CAA website where all your questions can be answered.

Certain use and breaches of the rules are allowed but only with the appropriate licences being in place I hasten to add. Also the rules and registration requirements do vary dependant on the size and weight of the drone so it's worth checking up on this avoid breaching any laws.

Safe flying everyone. Until next time.

Thanks for reading

PC Curtis Ritchie

Chatton Village Hall

The Hall is currently open for gym users and small group bookings such as yoga and carpet bowls. The trustees have decided that, given the current uncertainties about rates of Covid infections, this will remain the case for now. Options for using the outdoor areas including the new bbq over the summer are being actively considered.

Plans for the performance of The Importance of Being Earnest by the Northumberland Theatre Company on September 25th are being progressed and tickets will be on sale in the Village Shop shortly.

Gill Rollings

Stamps

I know it is not Christmas but....

I am still collecting used postage stamps for the RNIB, if you could save stamps and post through my letter box I will continue to collect and post off to a brilliant charity helping to save people's sight.

*Mary Catchpole
The Old Manse*

Oh Deer!



This great photo of three deer jumping over a wall in Chillingham was taken by Jayne Lockyer.

If you have snapped a local photo, please send it to us for all to share.

Mental Wellbeing



RURALUS

Following on from the article in our February issue, please note that the new Rural Us Wellbeing Officer to contact is Jan Cowan. Email to jancowan.ruralusproject@gmail.com

Jan Cowan

Chatton Cricket Club Report

Sunday 27th June saw Genetics visit Chatton CC, the pitch was soft having suffered the previous days inclement weather but the spirit was strong, well mostly. Returning captain Paul unusually won the toss and, having thought long and hard, took the default line. We bat.

Opening batsmen Laurie Blackburn and Charles Dean soon settled into a routine, edge, drop, edge, drop, runs drop, obviously Genetics didn't believe that catches win matches. They both played out fantastic innings retiring on 50 apiece.

With new batsmen Chris Pymont and Tony Cook at the crease, Genetics looked for a breakthrough. However, Chatton had other thoughts. Had we ever batted a whole innings without losing a wicket? What was our highest score before the first wicket? could we get a record score?

Tony Cook was on hand to answer these conundrums holing out to a half shot back of square. Genetics take their first catch!

Captain Dodd, after a hesitant start, was back in full flow. Not feeling like running he used the boundaries well. Pymont was playing in classic style at the other end until he also was unlucky to find a fielder who can catch, a fine 20 runs cored.

Colin Crowe entered the fray



leaving Dodd to do the heavy scoring he kept one end warm.

Dodd retired after an extremely quick 50 good to see the captain back on form.

Max Renwick appeared at the crease and settled in with a customary first ball 4, taking over from where Dodd left off. Having stuck one firmly to a fielder Colin 'Puffing Billy' Crowe once again set off at pace(?!!) in an attempt to run Renwick out again. This time however he stood firm and Crowe was back in the hutch.

Halbert came out to finish off the innings, leaving Chatton on 227-3.

Having dispatched tea we set about the task of dispatching Genetics.

Theo Penn on his return was scintillating, Fast and accurate it only took 5 balls for the batsman to knick it to Ste Hal who held on to it. Briggs from the other end was equally frugal but couldn't snaffle a wicket. 5 Overs 5 maidens 0-1 put Genetics in trouble.

Renwick and Crowe made up the first change, which the captain

immediately regretted, 9 off Renwicks first over, Crowe however was steady away frustrating and irritating the batsmen. These two continued with Renwick's filth eventually removing the no2 with a rare straight one.

Crowe had a dubious caught behind in the next over, given by the square leg umpire as no one else really had an opinion. In the mean time Cook shelled yet another catch to top off his day.

Renwick took a caught and bowled and Penn took a catch off another Renwick bad ball. Bring on the change.

Blackburn from one end had them tied up in knots, whilst Emery for his first spell for the club got off to possibly the worst start since Paul Douglas was allowed to bowl. He eventually took his first wicket aided by Halbert behind the stumps. With Blackburn keeping the runs down the result was secure so we unleashed Tony Cook, who annoyingly took 2 wickets. Even more annoying for the President was having to take a catch for him as Cook had spilled 3 in the last two games. Cook also celebrated catching and bowling an 11 year old.

Chatton CC winners by 110 runs.

An easy win with fun being had by everyone. A great way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

Remember that you can download this & previous copies of Chatton News, listen to the podcast, and sign-up for email notification from our web site at **news.chatton.uk**.



Thanks again to Dorothy Scott, and Richard & Caroline Roberts of Elm Bank Coastal Park in their generous support for Chatton News. Thanks also to all who deliver copies, Ian Nixon and Andy Pigg in Chatton, Christine Lawson in Chillingham & Ruth Gibson at Hepburn.

Corny Corner

I told my cat I would teach him to speak English.
He said "Me, how?"

***The Chatton Hide & Seek contest has been cancelled.
Good players are hard to find***

Gravity is a force of nature.
Without **it** there's just gravy.

If you would like to include something in the October / November newsletter please get in touch with us by email to **news@chatton.uk** or contact any of the editorial team
by Thursday 23rd September please