



Chatton News

The Newsletter for Chatton and Surrounding Areas
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Point to Point is Back



Point to Point racing season has started and meetings couldn't be much closer: Alnwick and Kelso. Four meetings are held at Ratcheugh, Alnwick, the first one this pointing season is Sunday 12th December.

We've some good racing venues around here too: Kelso, Newcastle, Hexham, Musselburgh to name but a few.

Many readers of Chatton News are aware that we have a first-class racehorse training yard on our doorstep but new folks to the village may not know about Rose Dobbin Racing at Hazelrigg. Rose Dobbin and her husband Tony started up over ten seasons ago in National Hunt Racing, after extensive upgrading at South Hazelrigg, near Chatton, they now have one of the most impressive set-ups in the sport. Horses trained at their yard run locally including the point to point meetings.

Have a look at the Dobbins' website, rosedobbinracing.co.uk, get to the races, particularly the point to points and add a bit of neighbourhood interest to a good day out.

Keep a lookout for a short film "Stable" – filming has been taking place at the Dobbins' yard.

Ruth Gibson

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Remembrance Sunday

Once again, there was a good turnout for the Service of Remembrance at the church and around the war memorial in Chatton on 14th November. Wreaths were laid to the fallen of Chillingham by Sir Humphrey Wakefield and those from Chatton by Richard Tebay on behalf of Tillside PC with the Exhortation and Kohima Epitaph recited by Andrew Pigg.



As has become our tradition, the names of the fallen were called out and a cross planted by other attendees, young and old, to commemorate those who died in the conflicts.

Although the weather was very mild, we are grateful for the hot coffee supplied by Chatton Village Stores, and hospitality laid on by The Percy Arms.

Church Matters

After a long period of vacancy since Rev Marion retired, we are very pleased to announce that **Tracy Usher** has accepted to become our new Priest in Charge of the Breamish and Till Benefice. Exact starting dates are to be agreed... watch this space!

Services planned for December are:

5th Dec 10am Chatton Service

24th Dec Carol Service Chatton 6pm and we are allowed to sing!

Christmas Day Chillingham 9:30am

All are subject to any changes in COVID rules and infections but we strongly hope that all can go ahead this year.

Chatton & Chillingham PCC

MERRY CHRISTMAS
To all our readers and contributors

Chatton 1971



Chatton Village Hall was taken over in October by flower powered hippies, flared trousers and floppy hats. No, not an invasion of New Age Travellers but the Murder Mystery Evening when we were transported back to Chatton 1971. Mick Douglas (pictured) and Rebecca Moss won prizes for the Best Dressed outfit, although everyone made a fantastic effort to enter into

the swing of the 70's.

A local celebrity (who was not everyone's favourite person) had been found dead that morning but suspicion fell upon a box of New Berry Fruits that had been injected with drugs – but who felt so aggrieved to do such a thing? It was up to each table to question the suspects, as they served each course of the 1970's themed meal, to discover the truth of what really happened.

Spot prizes were also on offer throughout the evening – how much would you pay for a Berni Inn meal for two in 1971?

Thanks to our 'suspects' who played out their roles so convincingly: Atay, Helen, Stefan, Ruth, Andy and a ghost appearance from Isabel. Also, a big thank you to Julie helping Mary in the kitchen and Lee behind the bar. Although not primarily a fundraising event, the evening made a profit of £600 which has been divided



equally between North Northumberland Autistic Society, Berwick Cancer Cars and Chatton Village Hall.

Ian & Mary Catchpole

Chatton AED



Chatton's Public Access Defibrillator is located on the decking area of The Percy Arms and is available to anyone with a life threatening need of such a device. It has to be checked for operational readiness every

month. **Could you spare a few minutes once every few months to help with this task?**

Full training on the operation of the AED and the procedure for checking its readiness will be given - no previous experience is necessary. Contact me if interested.

It's hoped to do some general CPR & AED training for everyone in the new year.

Ian Catchpole

Carols Around the Village

Tuesday 21st December

As usual we will be carol singing in and around the village. We shall be starting at the village green at 6pm and there should be some pit stops along the way. All will be very welcome.

Funds will be raised for local charities. If you don't want us to call, please get in touch. Otherwise - our collection cans will be jangling. If you would like to join us on our tour, please do. We will end up in the Percy Arms at the end of the night for some hearty carols around the fireplace.

Jim Railton

Wooler Ceilidh Band

If you can play an instrument and would like to come and join the new Community Ceilidh band, which a group of us are setting up as part of Wooler Arts, then come along on Thursday 2nd Dec to St Mary's Church Parish Room in Wooler 7-9pm. Open to all levels of ability. If you are interested but would like to find out more about it then give me a call on 01668 282271

WOOLER COMMUNITY CEILIDH BAND

Do you enjoy playing with other people?
Do you enjoy local folk tunes?

All abilities and any instruments welcome! Learn from the dots or by ear!

Every Thursday 7pm-9pm
Parish Room St. Mary's Church
Beginning December 2nd. £2.00 donation per adult
Phone: 07834655593

Wooler Arts

Susie Cochrane

Community Transport Service

The Royal Voluntary Service Northumberland is looking for more Community Transport Service drivers.



You will need your own car as well as being safe and legal. You will enable and support our clients to get out and about. You will care and protect whilst being a vital link within your local community.

For more information or to apply, call Tracey on 01668 260248 or email

northumberlandhub@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk

Stamps

'Tis the season for Christmas Cards and I am again collecting used postage stamps for the RNIB. Please cut the stamps cut from envelopes and donate to me.

Mary Catchpole

Chatton Village Hall

Chatton Village Hall has opened its doors again for a number of popular events since the extended lockdown period.

In September we hosted the Northumberland Theatre Company who again put on a first class performance of *The Importance of Being Earnest*. In October we had a much anticipated return of the Quiz night and a very well supported Coffee Morning. It was great to see some new faces as well as welcoming back our regular supporters. In all the three events generated over £300 for the Village Hall funds.

Coming soon there's another Quiz Night on the 2nd of December, *Alice in Wonderland* on the 18th and of course New Year's Eve party on the 31st. We look forward to seeing you there.

Tillside PC

At the November PC meeting we thought it would be useful to update residents on the new PC membership - Michael Strother (Chair), Richard Tebay (Vice Chair), Alistair MacDonald-Smith, Ali Wrangham, Henry Prytherch, Ian Fiddes, Tony Hume, Iona Straughan, Tracie Faa-Thompson, Robert Ord, John Renner, Iain Brown, Dan Spours, and Helen Scrivens. Isabel Hunter is our Clerk.

We are starting to plan our 2022/23 budget, and with that in mind we would be interested to hear from residents about any initiatives or projects that could help improve the environment in the Parish. There are a number of grant and joint funding possibilities e.g. the County Council Community Chest that may be available to us. Please feel free speak to your local councillor or contact Tillside PC direct before January so we can consider all proposals for next year.

With many new people joining our Parish, some of you may not be aware that we have a number Automated External Defibrillators (AED's) located around the Parish including Hetton Steads, East Lilburn and Chatton. Some of these were purchased by the Parish Council and others were kindly provided by private individuals or businesses. In the next issue there will be a feature on these life-saving pieces of equipment.

Richard Tebay & Helen Scrivens

Flavoured Alcohol Competition

Advanced notice that we shall be running another ever popular Flavoured Alcohol Competition on Sunday 13th March 2022. Further details in the next issue but put the date in your diary and get that fruit (or other flavouring) steeping ready for next year.

Stefan Barker

Upcoming Events



Christmas Quiz and Raffle on Thursday
2nd December
7:30pm
Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Northumberland Theatre Company presents
'Alice in Wonderland'

Saturday 18th December

Suitable for family audiences of all ages.

Tickets priced at Adult £10
Child £5 on sale from Chatton Village Shop.

Curtain up 6.00pm.



New Year's Eve Party

Tickets £5 on sale from Chatton Village Shop.

Chatton Play Area

We are looking for someone (or a couple of people) to help us progress the funding part of the new Chatton Play Area. This would suit someone who has the time to complete application forms and write proposals to organisations for funding.

Experience would be advantageous but not essential. Please join the team and help to bring this brilliant new facility to the village.

Contact Ally, Shishi or Louise at the shop for more info as soon as possible.

Louise Strother

Panettone pudding

This is a posh version of bread and butter pudding, rich with cream and vanilla – great for using up any excess Christmas panettone (if ever there is such a thing).



Ingredients

- 50g butter, softened (optional)
- 250g panettone (about 5 medium slices)
- 2 eggs
- 142ml carton double cream
- 225ml milk
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 tbsp caster sugar
- icing sugar, for sprinkling
- softly whipped cream, to serve

Method

1. Heat the oven to 160C/ 140C fan/ gas 3 and grease a 850ml/1½ pint shallow baking dish with a little of the 50g butter.
2. Cut 250g panettone into wedges, leaving the crusts on.
3. Butter the slices lightly with the rest of the butter. Cut the slices in half and arrange them in the dish, buttered side up.
4. In a bowl, whisk together 2 eggs, 142ml double cream, 225ml milk, 1 tsp vanilla extract and 2 tbsp caster sugar and pour evenly over the panettone.
5. Put the dish in a roasting tin and pour hot water around it to a depth of about 2.5cm/1in. Bake for 35 minutes until the pudding is just set - it should be yellow inside and nicely browned on top.
6. Dust with icing sugar and serve with spoonfuls of whipped cream

Try the same with Hot Cross Buns at Easter!

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.

Chatton Village Store

Christmas has well and truly arrived at Chatton Village Store! Christmas stamps went on sale at the start of November so we decided we'd break with our usual last minute, jump on the Christmas band wagon and go all out a bit early.

We have loads of new, locally created items in stock so it's worth popping in for a good look when you're ready to start your gift shopping.

Please keep an eye out for our opening hours over the festive period, as due to the large number of bank holidays they will differ from regular hours and previous Christmas hours.

Thanks as always to all our loyal, supportive customers!

Chatton Cricket Club

Huge thanks to all who supported our recent Cricket Dinner and auction in the Percy Arms which raised over £4100. This will help us to continue the rebuilding and refurbishment of the cricket pavilion in time for the 2022 season (more work is underway on the pavilion now materials are arriving).

Thanks especially to our supporters who generously donated such interesting lots, to our local sponsors Calibrate Energy Engineering and the Percy Arms, to Jim Railton who conducted the auction with such aplomb, and of course to everyone who came to the dinner and auction.

We hope to welcome some of our new residents next season coming along to our events next year, and to see real Northumberland Sunday village cricket.

Richard Tebay

Corny Corner

On the subject of Christmas presents...

*I bought my wife a new fridge for Christmas
I can't wait to see her face light up when she opens it*

**I was given a belt costing £100 that's too small.
What a huge waist**

*I gave my wife a glue stick instead of lipstick.
She's still not talking to me*

**We got two Doberman puppies for Christmas called
Rolex & Timex - They're watch dogs.**

If you would like to include something in the February / March newsletter please get in touch with us by email to news@chatton.uk or contact any of the editorial team by Friday 21st January 2022 please