



Chatton News

The Newsletter for Chatton and Surrounding Areas

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Introduction from our new Vicar

I was born and bred in the West End of Newcastle, and lived so close to the city centre that I could open the front door on a match day and hear the crowds at St James Park. I love rock music, from all decades, but my favourite band are the Foo Fighters (don't worry if you haven't got a clue who they are!). I've seen them live twice, and would love to see them again!

You will often see me wandering around with a four-legged friend, his name is Diesel, and I keep describing him as a 'little pup, in a big dog's body'. He is my faithful companion, although his snoring is a lot to be desired! My other four-legged friend lives in a tank. He's a 16 year old terrapin called Squirt, who is currently waited on hand and foot at my parents' house.

Through the lockdown I took up a little hobby, having been unsuccessful at playing the guitar for the last 13 years (it makes a lovely ornament in the corner of a room!), I started playing the ukulele – I'll apologise now for my terrible playing!



My Mum started taking me to the toddler group at St Peter's, Cowgate, and from then we became regular worshippers and I worshipped there until I went to Theological College. I studied Business at Newcastle College and then Psychology at the University of Sunderland, with the intention of furthering my studies.

But that was not God's plan! Instead, I found myself going through the discernment process to ordination, and moving to West Yorkshire to train at the College of

The Resurrection, where the rhythm of prayer life and the nature of serving each other has created a strong foundation for my ministry. I have served my curacy in two parts which has given me a wealth of knowledge and understanding in different contexts.

I spent the first part of my curacy in the parish of St Gabriel, Heaton, in the East End of Newcastle, and the second half at Holy Trinity with St Mary's, Berwick Upon Tweed. They were the complete opposite of each other in more ways than one, as well as being at completely different ends of the diocese! I really feel that God has called me to serve in such an unexpected and wonderful way, that even though it was not part of my original plan, I am privileged to be a part of it.

My fiancé, Andy, and I have felt so welcomed already, and I look forward to seeing what the future holds for the Benefice of Breamish and Till as we start this journey together.

Rev Tracey Usher

Welcome to Chatton

We give a very warm welcome to Andrew, Gill & Emily Orme who have moved into Broomhouse Steads. Plus Peter & Susan Thompson who have also moved into Broomhouse Steads - it was good to see you all at the February quiz.

Ellen & Sam Bousfield have moved into Mill Hill. They are settling in well and already [have been] volunteered to run the April quiz night (see below for further details)

Stefan & Atay's Wedding



After a 2 year delay due to Covid, Stefan and I decided to hold a small wedding ceremony on my 50th Birthday on 26th February 2022 at Chatton Village Hall. It was perfect and we

are so happy we were able to celebrate with close family and friends. Thanks to all for your good wishes.

Stefan and Atay

Banner picture of a Tree at Sunrise reproduced courtesy of Chatton In Pictures.
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CHATTON & TILLSIDE PARISH PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Representatives from Tillside Parish Council, Chatton Village Hall, and the Parochial Church Council have been busy planning various community events to celebrate the forthcoming Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend in early June.

We have already applied for grant funding, and received several donations, including Village Hall coffee morning and quiz proceeds. Importantly, that means we can get started on buying items such as bunting, printing leaflets, and booking events. The Parish Council and the Village Hall Trustees have also said they will financially support this unique occasion. With such a full Jubilee weekend, we are very pleased to say that entry to all of the events that we are planning is free to all Parish residents and their families.

One event we needed to start early is the Jubilee Garden Competition, so you can expect delivery of a leaflet in the next few days to every household in the Parish explaining how to enter this competition, as well as the outline of the whole weekend.

Several residents have asked me how they can help. There will be lots of opportunities as we near June e.g. we will need help putting up bunting, setting up and clearing up after the various events. We will be asking for help nearer the time, but please let us know if you would like to volunteer your help, or have further suggestions. The main organisers are shown below.

Richard Tebay

PROPOSED JUBILEE EVENTS

Thursday 2nd June

Lighting of the Beacons

Start time to be announced

Richard and Robert Ord

Friday 3rd June

Garden Competition (Judging)

Free entry.

Further details to be announced soon.

Prizes will include

Family meal at The Percy Arms and

Chatton Village Store Hamper.

*Contact: Iona Straughan
(Parish Councillor)*

Friday 3rd June

Live Music in the Village Hall

CROWN OF FEATHERS



A Funk/Soul Band from Berwick

Pay bar open from 7:00pm.

Free entry but

admission by ticket only – available mid-May from Chatton Village Store.

Contact: Andy Pigg

Sunday 5th June

Jubilee Church Service

A family friendly Jubilee service starting at 11:00am with refreshments to follow. Our new priest Revd Tracey Usher premiers.

Contact: Graeme Bone (PCC)

Sunday 5th June

Lunch on the Village Green

12.30pm to follow on from the Church Service. Children's games and prizes. Jubilee Competitions Prize Giving, including Garden competition. More information to follow.

Contact: Sally Douglas (VH Trustee)

Saturday 4th June

Village Hall Platinum Jubilee Fun Day

Fun and Games for all the family starting at 2.30pm. Best made 'Crown' competition judged by our very own Parish Queen at 4.30pm. Free Burger or Hot Dog at 5pm. Bring your own picnic and drink. Dress up, dress down, dress fancy Red, White and Blue
It's entirely up to you

Contact: Andy Pigg



Ukraine Fundraiser



After listening to the awful news, I just could not sit and do nothing for the people of Ukraine. I sent a message round to Rebecca Moss and asked if we could pull off a Sweets and Savoury event at the Village Hall - and of course the answer was "Yes". On Sunday 13th March 2022, the Village came out in force and I'm so proud of everyone that took part. From making sweets and savouries, to a brilliant Auction and Raffle, and to everyone that has contributed to the hub. Thank you all for making this event such a success, especially to the helpers, Stefan Barker, Sebastian & Rebecca Moss, Sally Douglas, Caroline Roberts, Gill Rowlands and Jim Railton. I would also like to thank everyone who donated to the raffle and Auction including Chatton Trout Fishery, Deborah and Michael for the case of wine, Percy Arms, Jo Hume Cakes, Chillingham Castle and Hazelrigg Stables.

Nearly £2,300 was raised which will be split between Medecines Sans Frontieres and the Red Cross. We should all be proud of this achievement.

Atay Dervish

Sunflowers for Ukraine



The Sunflower is the national flower of Ukraine.

Please take an envelope of sunflower seeds available from Chatton Village Stores (for free) and plant them. Nurture and love them. Grow them tall, strong, and independent.

Enhancing not only the gardens of Chatton, but showing our ongoing support to the people of **Ukraine** over the coming months.

Reminding us that, out of a simple seed, a beautiful flower emerges:

Courageous, Powerful and Strong.

Just like the people of Ukraine in their time of suffering from tyranny.

Can you grow the tallest sunflower in Chatton?

Mary Catchpole

Quiz Night

Thursday 7th April 2022

Chatton Village Hall

7:30pm

Teams of up six

£2 per person entry

Bring your drinks and refreshments



Sally Sweeps the Board

Sally Douglas wowed the judges, Atay Dervish and Isabel Tebay, with her **Clementine Gin** winning First Prize and **Summer Fruit Gin** taking second place at the Flavoured Alcohol Competition on Sunday 13th March.



The judges praised the clarity of taste of the

Clementine Gin and also its great colour. Belinda Bray posthumously won third prize with her **Pear Brandy**, which had a very smooth taste with marzipan aroma. In contrast, Atay found Jane and Martin Lockyer's **Chilli Infused Aniseed Vodka** a bit too hot to handle - well it was a Caroline the Reaper chilli measuring 1.5 million units on the Scoville heat scale!!

Well done to all participants and better luck next year.

Christine Lawson

Stable

Filming for "Stable" has taken place all over Northumberland including Hazelrigg Racing stables. The independent short film depicts the emotional tug of war experienced by a young stablehand in the North East. Having been given a chance to change his life, he's pulled back by the moral dilemma of the responsibility he owes to his family.

The producer, Dan Keefe, was delighted to be able to film at a real race meeting and where better than Ratcheugh, Alnwick, on a bleak December day, giving the film a sense of authenticity that would otherwise be hard to achieve.

The film stars Charlie Palmer Rothwell, you may have seen him in Dunkirk, Legend, Darkest Hour as well as TV's Ripper Street, Our Girl and many others.

Newcastle born director, David Leon, is familiar in this region. He played DS Joe Ashworth in Vera, then went on to direct some Vera episodes and other films, and acting in even more films, television and theatre.

Dan is keen to point out that the film would not have been possible without the kind generosity and support of the people of Northumberland.

Ruth Gibson

Copper's Corner

Today I want to make everyone aware of a new service offered by Northumbria Police called Northumbria Connected.

It's a new way of us here at Norpol sending out messages to as many people who join in the shortest possible time. You can decide on what updates you want to receive and it'll hopefully give us a better understanding and what everyone's direct concerns are.

You can join by visiting northumbriacconnected.co.uk and then clicking on the "join" tab. You have to enter a few personal details, get verification via your email address and within a couple of minutes you should be registered.

To make it effective we need to get as many people as possible on board. All details will be stored securely in line with GDPR regulations.

PC 8873 Ritchie



Coffee Morning

A big thank you to all who helped and contributed to the last Coffee Morning. We raised £196.25 which has gone to the Village Hall Trust and ring fenced for the up and coming Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend.

Next Coffee Morning is Saturday **23rd April** at 10:30am. Hope to see you there.

Vicki Pigg

Corny Corner

A taxi driver told me "I love my job. I'm my own boss - nobody tells me what to do".

I said "Turn left here"

Bread is like the sun.

It rises in the yeast and sets in the waist.

An opinion without 3.142 is just an onion

This month service stations will be slashing the price of petrol & diesel. April fuel!

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 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 Angling Association

For local members it is time to renew your membership. Dorothy Douglas has the tickets so please contact her when you are ready. For newer folk to the Parish, if you are at all interested in fishing or learning to fish, I can arrange for someone to help you get started on the river. We are keen to encourage younger members to join.

There is a good wild trout and grayling population, and I'm hoping for good runs of wonderful sea trout this season. Please contact our Secretary Dorothy Douglas if you are interested in becoming a member for a nominal fee.

Our annual Jim Nesbit Trophy competition is scheduled for Saturday 2nd July - meet 10am Percy carpark, fish till 4pm and enjoy a free buffet at 5pm. All local and associate members are very welcome but please let the Secretary know if you want to join us. I'm always happy to have a chat with any local members and especially to hear of good or unusual catches.

Tight Lines for 2022!

Richard Tebay - Chairman
Dorothy Douglas - Secretary

Road Markings

3D advertising signs, called CamCarpets, have become popular at sports grounds whereby a billboard is painted on the flat pitch in such a way that it appears to be standing up in 3 dimension when viewed from certain angles. This technology is being used on roads to give drivers the illusion of warning signs standing vertically in the line of vision.

To celebrate the jubilee, a large CamCarpet union flag will be painted on New Road and a large Jubilee Emblem on West End to greet drivers as they enter Chatton from the east and west. The work will be completed over four days as each colour has to be done separately with a day to dry from 1st April - Friday white, Saturday blue, Sunday red and Monday to properly dry. It will be up to residents to decide whether to have the road resurfaced after the celebrations or to keep the markings as a permanent feature.

Road closures and diversions will be inevitable during the work but the finished effect has the added advantage of reducing speed through the village as motorists brake to avoid the blockade illusion.

If you would like to include something in the June / July newsletter please get in touch with us by email to **news@chatton.uk**

or contact any of the editorial team

by Sunday 23rd May 2022 please