



Chatton News

Platinum Jubilee Special Edition

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Happy and Glorious

On 6th February 2022, the seventieth anniversary of her accession, Her Majesty the Queen became the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee. The celebration of the Jubilee culminated in a special weekend of events across the country - including Chatton & Tillside!

Planning and preparation have been ongoing for weeks but the first visible hint of things to come was the bedecking of the village in bunting.



The bunting was originally made in 1995 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of VJ day - celebrated as the village had connections with some Japanese POWs. Sally Douglas remembers many evenings in the course of a month spent in the British Legion Hut (now the Village Hall patio area) making the bunting

with other villagers - and a raucous time it was! Gerald Dickinson provided the red, white & blue plastic sacks, cut to a template made by Mick Douglas, and stapled to string (provided by a local farmer) with staples provided by Eddie Dickinson. There was sufficient made to line every road in the village at the time. It has been brought out on many occasions since and is still going strong.

Thanks to Michael Strother, Henry Prytherch, Peter Morgan, Barry Lister, Peter Thompson and Peter Watson who managed the mammoth task of putting up the miles of bunting. Even the Book Box did not escape adornment with red, white & blue pompoms made by Maggie Pinsent and Diane Watson.



Thursday - Beacon Lighting



The Platinum Jubilee Beacons were the first community events of the four-day Jubilee Weekend. The Principal Beacon was lit by the Queen at Windsor Castle at 9:45pm who, by pressing a symbolic globe, set off a chain of lights from Windsor Castle to Buckingham Palace. From there, thousands of Community Beacons were lit by communities throughout the regions of the UK. Commonwealth Beacons were also lit in all capital cities of the Commonwealth - 54 in total.

The Chatton Beacon was provided by the Ord family who built a splendid bonfire on Chatton Bank that must have been visible for miles around - certainly from most parts of the village, which was still visible well after midnight.

For some of the hardier souls who managed to climb Chatton Bank (and endure the rain) to witness the lighting of the beacon, they could also see other beacons shining out in the distance from Ros Castle, Lilburn, Ingram and Bellshill.



There is a long tradition of celebrating Royal Jubilees, Weddings and Coronations with the lighting of beacons. A beacon chain, once used as a tool for communication, has now become a symbol of unity across towns, borders,



countries and continents and is often the central point of focus for any outdoor gathering or celebration. In 1897, beacons were lit to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. In 1977, 2002 and 2012, beacons commemorated the Silver, Golden and Diamond Jubilees of our Queen, and in 2016 Her Majesty's 90th birthday.

Banner picture on front page
'Jubilee flag proudly flying at The Old Manse'

Friday Night Gig

Chatton Village Hall bounced to the dynamic sounds of Dialogic and Crown of Feathers, both newly formed bands who joined us in celebrating the Jubilee with great music and fantastic dancing.



DIALOGIC opened the Jubilee Show with their own brand of 80's pop rock, inspired by U2 and Simple Minds. The band was formed in 2021 by singer songwriter Tom Sykes. Dialogic's sound uses atmospheric guitar, melodic synth and soaring vocals to create a soundscape based on songs written from the heart by Tom. Iain Petrie plays bass,

Jock Leathen drums and Paul Summers is on synth, with great backing vocals from MM Sykes. Their first professionally recorded song Safe On Your Way, was recorded at Fowberry Studios and will be released on 5th August - this is a song from the heart and definitely worth checking out on their website www.dialogicmusic.com.

CROWN OF FEATHERS is a Soul and Funk band based in the Borders. The original concept began in 2020 when Richard Keech and Iain Petrie started writing songs and putting together the band. They started playing together in October 2021, when they were joined by drummer Caitlin Todd, bassist Tim Skelton, saxophonist Fliss Elsom-Cook and stalwart keyboard player David McLeish. MM Sykes also complements this band with funk recorder and vocals.



The name Crown of Feathers comes from a song by Eilidh Campbell, with the message of embracing what makes you passionate and being comfortable in who you are. Wear your feathers with pride. See Crown and Feathers at Horncliff Beer and Music Festival 10th July.

Both bands played with passion and wore their feathers with pride. The audience enjoyed their sound and celebrated with lots of dancing!

Thanks also to Alan & Katherine Hardy for expertly manning the bar that was frequented well into the night.

Christine Lawson

Garden Competition



outside space with a Platinum Jubilee Theme. It could be anything from red, white and blue planting to fancy dressed gnomes, to scarecrows of the Royals, with anything in between.

Gardens were judged by Rev Tracey Usher (and her Mum, who came along for the day) on Friday 3rd June, accompanied by Iona Straughan. Photos of each of the gardens were displayed on Facebook for a public vote.



Dorothy Douglas won a voucher for dinner at The Percy for her garden with a poem about her Teddy Bear who remembers as many coronations and jubilees as she does.

Runners-up in the judged competition were Vicki & Andy Pigg, who also won a Chatton Village Store hamper in the public vote, for their spendid garden with

guardsman on parade in his sentry box (allegedly Col. Pigg inspects him every morning)



Ted the Jubilee Bear

This is Dorothy's poem, the centre piece of her winning garden:

*I am Ted the Bear, I am local, until now, I have never been vocal,
About my life, and the sights I have seen, during the reign of Elizabeth our
Queen.*

*Born 1950, now 72, I heard on the wireless, yes it was true!
The King was dead, Elizabeth was Queen, everyone seemed happy,
I was too!!*

*The Queen has smiled down through the years, although there have also
been a few tears!*

I have had problems just like her. I will tell you what just two of them were.

*My Mum aged two watched sheep being sheared, came home, and
sheared me instead!*

*Later, she said my appendix had burst, and operated with scissors and
strong cotton thread!*

*Watching her Majesty from my sofa through a moving box, I have seen her
in black and white, colour, on You Tube, and Brit Box.*

I've seen coaches, soldiers in uniform, parading down the street,

The balcony, thrones, corgis, and curtsies at her feet.

My Mum said it was 'Pomp' which sounded quite rude.

But, ended in street parties with lots of lovely food!

(Ugh! and juice spilt down my back!)

The Platinum Jubilee has arrived, and both the Queen and I have survived.

I want her always to be my Queen, the only Queen I have ever seen!

By Ted (not Royal!) X

Special Award

A special award was made by the judge to the North Northumberland Autistic Society for their splendid work decorating the Village Hall with various jubilee themed crafts including a knitted 'Queen with Corgis'.



Saturday - Fun Day

What a wonderful day this turned out to be. Not a cloud in the sky, sunny and warm. Chatton is so fortunate to have a village playing field which was not only immaculately turned out but immaculately marked out for a day full of fun and competition. The Glendale Ceilidh Band struck up beautiful and appropriate music. The field was flanked by villagers fuelling themselves for the fun and games on delicious picnics whilst lounging in the sun, with the children already using the play equipment. Then the time came for the games...

Welly Wanging. Jane Lockyer, using her persuasive powers, gathered children to take part and showed them the best way to chuck a welly. These kids were amazingly good! Of course the adults had to try too, but weren't as good as the youngsters - some of them, a bit miffed at being beaten by people a fraction of their age and size, had to keep on practising long after the competition had ended.

Egg & Spoon races. By now we had very enthusiastic children. Encouraged by the enthusiasm of the children, adults wanted to race too. Some eggs didn't even make the half way mark such was the speed of the spoon. All medallists did finish with the egg in the spoon.

Sack Race. My goodness, children can bounce. And so can adults, although youngsters can get into sacks easier. Also, children can get up really quickly after falling over.

Running Races. Things are getting really competitive now. Adults seemed far more competitive than children!

5-a-side football. We had two mixed sides: Bibless, and

Bibbed. Five minutes each half is a long time when playing at this speed with this passion. A VERY intense and close game. Bibless goalie saved three

shots which gave them the 2:0 win.

Wheelbarrow Race. Some real gymnastics in these



A Day for Making Memories



aces. This race took place at speed, resulting in somersaults, crashes, skids - some looking really painful. Miraculously no injuries and no tears but lots of laughs and cheers.

3-legged Race. This appeared a new concept to some children. None complained (adults or children) about having legs tied together, but the umpire had to intervene before the start when it became evident some legs were tied very, very tightly. Off they went! Chatton race rules don't stipulate both participants needed to be on their feet to finish as some were literally dragged over the finishing post.

Beanbag Race. This was the last race and rather more dignified. Competitors now taking on the department of catwalk models. A fitting last race to a wonderful afternoon.

Crowns. A really rather wonderful display of crowns on heads took to the field. Queen Jane [Lockyer] arrived in state to judge. She had to instruct the competitors how to curtsy or bow - the children soon mastered the art, but some of the men were better at the curtsy and seemed to prefer this gesture of greeting. The winners were Peggy Prytherch (child) and Mikey Landale (adult).

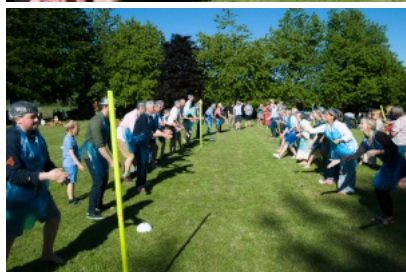
Egg Throwing rounded off the games. Two lines of couples seeing who could throw a raw egg to each other the furthest. The aprons and shower caps proved a wise addition.

The afternoon ended with barbequed sausages & burgers, cooked on the [recently opened] BBQ area.

At the end of the day I overheard one of the children say "This has been the best day of my life".

Many, if not all, will remember this day for the rest of their lives and may relate to their children as the day they were at the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. This was surely a day for **Making Memories**.

Ruth Gibson



Sunday - Big Jubilee Lunch on the Green

Since it first launched in 2009, the annual Big Lunch has encouraged communities to come together and host street parties in the spirit of friendship. This year, as part of the Jubilee celebrations, people were encouraged “to share friendship, food and fun with neighbours” during The Big Jubilee Lunch on June 5, 2022. Similar events took place in the summer of 2012, in celebration of The Queen’s Diamond Jubilee.

The celebrations commenced with a Thanksgiving Service to give thanks for the wonderful achievement and commitment to Her Majesty. It was led by our own Rev Tracey Usher in Holy Cross church, followed by refreshments in the church.

Once again, the weather played its part as folk congregated on the village green. Lunch boxes, prepared by the 'Dinner Ladies' that morning were distributed to everyone and a very convivial time was had by all.

The afternoon culminated in an aerial group photo taken by Alex the droneman to emulate the one taken on the green during the Millennium celebrations in 2000.

Tillside coming together to celebrate at the Platinum Jubilee



Special Thanks

The Jubilee organising group would like to thank Northumberland County Council for their grant support, and also Tillside Parish Council, Chatton Village Hall, and Chatton Angling Association for their support and donations. Thanks also to reporters Christine Lawson & Ruth Gibson; our official photographers Tony Harrison and Graeme Bone; and drone.ag for their fantastic aerial photography.

May we also thank the many volunteers and helpers whose efforts have made the Chatton and Tillside Parish Platinum Jubilee Celebrations such a success.

Particular thanks to our organising group Iona Straughan (garden competition), Sally Douglas (Big Lunch), Ally Prytherch (publicity and design), Ian Catchpole (BBQ and Chatton News), Andy Pigg (fun day and live music night), and Graeme Bone (PCC) for their hard work to ensure things ran so smoothly and were such great fun.

Richard Tebay on behalf Tillside Parish Council

We must not forget also the work Richard Tebay contributed leading the group and arranging funding.

Alistair Cochrane rounded off the celebrations by thanking everyone for making this weekend one to remember and, especially, to Sally Douglas and her band of 'Dinner Ladies' (Julie Lee, Hannah Lee, Mary Catchpole, Debbie Kelso, Isabel Tebay, Dorothy Douglas, Helen Brewin and Vicki Pigg) for organising the Big Lunch.



Thanks must also go to Mick Douglas for keeping the grass manicured, as well as those who have kept the flower tubs pristine and resplendent in red, white and blue.

There are surely many more who have given their support - apologies if we have missed you off the list but your contribution to a fantastic weekend is still appreciated.



Cricket Pavillion Opening

Chatton Cricket Club hosted a highly successful Festival Day on Saturday 14th May, to celebrate the opening of our refurbished pavilion and the visit of some special opposition, London's Inner Temple XI.

A huge community effort meant that the pitch was turned from sheep grazing to Test Match quality (Ord's to Lord's) in 12 days, while some incredibly helpful local contractors made sure that the pavilion was ready just in time.



Fortunately the sun shone and the ground looked idyllic. Well over 100 people attended, enjoying the cricket, sunshine and the bar (and not just the lawyers!).

Chatton batted first and made a formidable 202. Leading scorers were Michael Cairns and Max Renwick (each 31), with Simon and Richard Ord piling on 40 for the last wicket.

The teams then broke for tea and scones, courtesy of Isabel Tebay and Rebecca Moss.

Then our "new" pavilion was officially opened by our Vice-President Duncan Ord, who gave a fascinating account of the history of cricket at Chatton and the important role of the Earls of Tankerville in the evolution of our national game.

The match resumed with The Inner Temple going out to bat. After a strong opening stand, their resistance faltered, Purvis being the pick of the Chatton bowlers with 4 wickets. The visitors were dismissed for 145, leaving Chatton victors by 57 runs.

Players and spectators were then called to the bar once again and enjoyed a delicious free barbecue, thanks to the generous sponsorship of Inner Temple supremo Deborah Taylor and the culinary expertise of Ian Catchpole.

Many compliments were received from the visitors about the beauty of the surroundings, the warmth of the welcome and the community spirit that was so evident on the day.

Huge thanks are due to many for getting the pitch and pavilion ready under such

pressure, but particularly Henry Prytherch and Peter Morgan, Bob Fairnington and Keith Thompson, Tom Bell, Charles Dean, Peter Tyser, Neil Strachan, Mick and Sally Douglas, Roger Brown and our President Max Renwick.

Nor could we have put on the event without the help of Ally Prytherch, Ian and Mary Catchpole, Sebastian and Rebecca Moss, and Isabel Tebay and her salad sisters! Thanks to you and to all those others who helped-you know who you are.

Please do continue to follow Chatton Cricket Club either as a player, a watcher or in other ways (eg pitch preparation, teas, events, coaching) - on any Sunday you will get a warm welcome and a cup of tea - please get in touch.

Alistair Cochrane



Weddings

There have been two weddings in the village recently.



Kenneth Smith married Col Kiely on 19th May 2022 at Alnwick Registry Office, followed by a family reception at The Percy Arms.

The wedding of a stunning, young local couple Alice Lucy Wade to Mr James Edward Brown took place on Saturday 4th June 2022 at 12:30pm at Holy Cross Church, Chatton and afterwards at Chatton Trout Fishery. Celebrations continued well into the night.



Can You Help?

We need volunteers to help with the cleaning and tidying of both Chatton and Chillingham churches. The plan is to have enough for two small teams, one for each church. Volunteers do not have to be part of the congregation and it would be for a couple of hours a month as part of a team.

Please contact us if you can help in any way.

Tracy Fiddes

Sunflowers for Ukraine

I hope that your sunflower plants are growing. Remember, measuring will take place on the third weekend in September.

Whose will be the tallest? Children and adult categories. Keep growing!!!

Mary Catchpole

Tillside Parish Council

The Parish Council and Northumberland Council have agreed on the location for the siting of an additional Speed Warning sign, provided for by the Parish Council, at the east side of Chatton. Works can now begin on getting this installed and enjoying safer speeds through the village.

Work is underway on several benches being made from trees which were uprooted during Storm Arwen. These will be sited at various locations throughout the Parish. When each bench is installed this will be shared in the newsletter.

Helen Scrivens

GNAAS Fundraiser

Following the raffle of a full carcass of venison, the winning tickets were drawn on Sunday 22nd May. The winner was Leane at The Percy. Due to the demand for tickets, two additional prizes were made to Sarah Jeffries at Christon Bank and Jo from Chatton. A cheque for £100.00 has been sent to Great North Air Ambulance

Fletcher

Jubilee Jokes

What was the first thing Elizabeth did when she came to the throne?

She sat down

Why did the queen go to the dentist?

She needed a new crown.

Coronavirus has been reported on the navy's flagship HMS Queen Elizabeth.

Other ships have been told to keep their distance as it's a carrier.

What did the Queen Bee say to the worker bees who were fighting?

She told them to bee-hive

I broke two of my favourite Queen records.

Now I want to break three

If you would like to include something in the August / September newsletter please get in touch with us by email to **news@chatton.uk** or contact any of the editorial team *by Saturday 23rd July 2022 please*