



Chatton News

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Coronation Weekend

The weather forecast leading up to the Coronation weekend was typical for a British Bank Holiday weekend and fears were that it would be a total wash-out - brollies the order of the day in any case. In true British fashion, spirits were not dashed and everything went ahead as planned - even the weather forecasters realised the error of their ways to change the forecast on the day to reflect sunny days in Chatton (at least). The events in London were dampened slightly on a couple of occasions - if only King Charles had held the ceremonies in Chatton (although not sure how Holy Cross church would have coped with the



hundreds of guests that crammed into Westminster Abbey).

The Village looked resplendent decked in red, white and blue bunting and union flags. Most people watched the ceremony on the telly but managed to get together with friends to share a glass of something, marvel at how well Britain does pageantry, and admire Penny Mordant's composure carrying the swords of State & Offering.

Sunday was more of a community day with the Grand Picnic Lunch on the playing field for anyone and everyone to attend. Tables and chairs were moved out of the village hall for people to sit but it was more of a convivial gathering than a sit down affair with folk moving around to chat with friends old and new. The barbecue area became a hub with



folk bringing their own fayre to cook - one stalwart of the village tried cooking plant based alternatives but that didn't appear to impress his compatriots.

The younger ones (and some of the older ones too) definitely were not sitting down and games of all manner were played with balls, soft play equipment, a bouncy castle, or just running around.

Photos courtesy Sharon Grimshaw.



Welcome to Chatton

We give a warm welcome to **Julie and Steve Parker** who are now official residents of the village. They are by no means new to the village as they've been building their dream house on New Road for some time, but have now officially moved in.

Kasha & Paul Robinson have also got a lot of decorating to do having moved into North Terrace with their characterful dog Dave.

We also welcome **Rachel and Barry Shambrook**, plus Charlie the chocolate labrador, who have moved up from Hornchurch to be the first residents in Old School Lane.

Congratulations



Congratulations to Peter Morgan and fiancé Lauren Aisbitt who married at Old Bewick church on Saturday 27th May 2023. The reception was held in a marquee in Chatton Village Hall playing field with a Ceidhl to entertain the guests.

Banner picture of a Postbox Topper in Wooler High Street to commemorate the Coronation

Blooming Chatton

You may have noticed a few changes around the village recently, with the barrel planters being emptied, some being re-located, ornamental trees being moved and the start of general tidying!!

This is the start of things to come being undertaken by 'Blooming Chatton', the brainchild of Sarah Brown, who are a collective of volunteers aiming to get the communal areas of Chatton full of flowers and colour, tidy and well kept. Every road leading into the village will be greeted with a floral display, all of similar colours and designs.

As this is all voluntary, we have been seeking support by means of hands (both manpower and womanpower!) and monetary donations - we have already received kind donations from the Parish Council, Percy Arms and several residents. A collection pot is located within the Percy Arms and Sarah can be found several days a week working in Chatton Village Stores should you wish to contribute funds. Next year we shall have the opportunity to grow our own bedding which shall reduce our costs,

Anybody wishing to join in can either come along to the next get together on **3rd June**, meeting on the Village Green at 4pm to start filling the planters, or contact Sarah to be kept informed on next get togethers. We will keep Chatton News in the loop of the displays!

Helen Scrivens

Tillside Parish Council

At the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11th May, the following elections were made:

Chairman - **Alistair MacDonald-Smith**

Vice-Chairman - **Henry Prytherch**

Tillside Parish Council support the work of the volunteers for planting and maintaining the planters in Chatton and agreed to make a donation towards the purchase of plants

Tillside Parish Council have organised the repairs and re-lettering of the Chatton War Memorial.

Full details of the meeting may be found on the Tillside web site <http://tillside.uk>

Dates for Tillside Parish Council meeting in 2023/24 (All meeting start at 7:00pm)

13th July 2023

14th September 2023

9th November 2023

11th January 2024

8th February 2024

11th April 2024

9th May 2024 (Annual meetings)

Isabel Hunter (Clerk)

Northumberland Village Halls Heritage Project

This project aims to record, share and preserve the heritage of Northumberland's village halls for the benefit of the rural communities which they serve. Village halls have been a key venue



for communal activities in villages and are central to the shared memories of generations of local people. Chatton Village hall was originally the village school, which many locals attended. A great variety of activities take place in the hall, including sport facilities and entertainment.

Community Action Northumberland and Northumberland Archives are supporting community groups to:

- Research the history of the building
- collect oral histories about the role village halls have played in local life
- conserve and archive documents, photographs and artefacts

At the end of the project in September there will be an exhibition of the oral history recordings, photographs, documents and artefacts.

If you are willing to participate in an interview to record your memories of Chatton Village Hall, or have any photographs, documents or items you would like displayed, please contact any member of the Project Team. **Ian Fiddes** (ianwfiddes@btinternet.com), **Richard Allen** (richardallenwoodpecker@gmail.com), or **Christine Lawson** (christine7lawson@gmail.com)

Christine Lawson

CPR Awareness

Come along to a CPR & AED Awareness evening at The Percy Arms to learn / practise the principles of giving CPR and using an AED on Wednesday 14th June, 7:00pm. The event is very informal and you're encouraged to buy a drink at the bar!



Church Services

Services within the Chatton & Chillingham parish for June and July are as follows:-

June 4th - 10am, Chatton

June 18th - 9.30am, Chillingham

July 2nd - 10am, Chatton

July 16th - 9.30am, Chillingham

Chatton Village Hall

Following the coffee morning on the 11th, everyone is invited to celebrate the efforts made by many in the community throughout Tillside as part of National Volunteers Week.

We will give an update on the Village Hall Heritage Project and we will also be holding a 'breaking ground' ceremony for the new playground.

Watch out for further details.

Ian Fiddes

Chatton Play Area



A huge thank you to everyone that has made a donation towards the new play area so far.

We are getting so close to our goal and would really like to hit go on this project in the next couple of weeks so if you are able to make a donation we'd be so very grateful.

Link to our GoFundMe is
<https://gofund.me/5334c210>

Ally Prytherch

Chatton Cricket Club

The new season is fully underway. Please come along to the home matches to support your local team. If you are at the ground between 4 and 5pm, you are guaranteed a good cup of tea and quite possibly cake and biscuits too!

If you would like to play, please contact our President, Max Renwick, on 07973 853562

Saturday 8th July is a date for your diary: do come and join us at our **Village Day**. This will be a real family event, involving a special mixed-teams tournament, so all boys, girls, mums, dads and grandparents are welcome. No prior skills needed (rather like the regular team!). There will be a tea, bar and barbecue later on.

Remaining Home Fixtures:

- 04/06/2023 Backworth
- 18/06/2023 Ovingham
- 25/06/2023 Genetics
- 08/07/2023 Village Day
- 16/07/2023 Ulgham
- 23/07/2023 Newcastle Wanderers
- 13/08/2023 Kings School Old Boys
- 16/08/2023 Borderers 100
- 20/08/2023 St Georges
- 27/08/2023 Ponteland

Alistair Cochrane



Photo Competition

The winning entry to the photo competition on the theme of Spring goes to Andy Pigg for his picture of

Seals basking on the beach at Ross Sands in the early afternoon Spring Sunshine



Live Music at CVH

Once again Chatton Village Hall will host a live music event featuring two exiting local bands. **The Longship** and **Met.Office** will both be performing on Saturday 15th July 2023 from 7.30 to 10.30pm.

A cash bar will be open from 7pm and hot food will also be available for purchase after the first session at around 8.15pm. Tickets are priced at £10 each and are only available from Chatton Village Store. Look forward to seeing you on the night.

Andy Pigg

Very Important Request

For many years we have been very grateful for the support of Caroline & Richard Roberts of Elmbank Coastal Park for printing each colour issue of **Chatton News**. It is through their generosity that we have been able to distribute a copy, free of charge, to every household in the Chatton area without having to solicit advertising.

They have now decided to retire from the caravan park business and have sold their share of Elmbank. This is good news for them as they will be able sit back and enjoy walking their dogs in our wonderful countryside, write a few more books and generally do what retired people do.

It is not such good news for **Chatton News** as, after this issue, we will need to source another avenue for printing. We are on the lookout for a local business who has a colour laserjet printer who would be able to print about 125 copies of **Chatton News** every other month. Another option would be for someone to donate / purchase a colour laserjet printer which could be used as a village resource.

Alternately, someone or a business who could sponsor covering the cost of commercial printing throughout the year. Otherwise we will have to rely on donations or sell advertising to cover the costs.

If you could fit any of those options, or know of someone that would, please get in touch - without it this could be the last edition of **Chatton News**.

Remember that you can download this & previous copies of Chatton News 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.



Corny Corner

What do you call a group of men waiting for a haircut?

A barberqueue

I gave my handyman a list of jobs to do but he only did 1, 3 & 5

Turns out he was an odd job man

I only drink on days starting with 'T'

Tuesday, Thursday, Today, Tomorrow, Thatursday & Thunday

A shame we don't build things in this country now. I bought a TV that said "Built in Antenna"

I don't even know where that is!

I bumped into a lamppost yesterday

Luckily I only sustained light injuries.

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 Sunday 23rd July 2023 please