



Chatton News

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Chillingham Castle Saves the Day



As reported in the last issue of Chatton News, we have been very fortunate in the past that Richard and Caroline Roberts very generously supported Chatton News by doing all the printing through their business at Elmbank Coastal Park. Having now retired from the business they are no longer able to perform this task for us so we must find an alternative solution.

The situation was discussed at the Tillside PC meeting who agreed that printed copies should be made available to everyone, so as not to disadvantage many of the readership who are not so comfortable with technology

and would further isolate a part of the community with whom we should be making greater inroads. Unfortunately they were not able to offer any direct financial assistance at this time.

In the meantime, this issue of Chatton News was nearly in jeopardy of having to go out as an online version only, including a request that recipients with access to a printer could print off a copy to give to a neighbour who may not be able to access it electronically. Fortunately Sir Humphrey Wakefield was able to step in and sponsor this issue, printing it from the Chillingham Castle office, for which we are sincerely grateful.

Looking ahead, we would like to hear from anyone (either a business, resident or individual) who could sponsor the

commercial printing of a single issue of Chatton News if we are in this situation again. The cost would be about £50 for a single print run. No money is required now but it would be good to know that offers of financial support are out there.

In the longer term, I still believe that owning our own printer as a community resource would have many advantages. It would need to be up to the task in terms of quality, print speed to cope with large print runs and economy of consumables. Ideally an A3 printer would serve the community better so that posters could be produced to advertise events. We are now on the lookout for suitable grants or benefactors to make this happen.

Ian Catchpole

Blooming Chatton

I hope that you are enjoying the rejuvenated plant tubs around the village.

Thanks to the band of Blooming Chatton volunteers the tubs



have been planted up and nurtured to brighten up the village, and many areas around Chatton have also been tidied up.

I'm sure you all agree that it certainly looks nice and welcoming to visitors and residents alike.

We are hoping to plant bulbs in the autumn and put new seasonal bedding in the tubs. Any monetary donations would

be greatly appreciated for the continuation of this project.

Thanks to all the volunteers.

Sarah Brown



Banner picture of a Bee on an Alpine Eryngo flower, taken by Richard Roberts

Congratulations



Kath & Ian Nixon celebrated their Ruby Wedding anniversary on 4th June with a party at their home. Kath found her wedding dress up but she would not wear it at the party.

Freya Moss had her 21st birthday on 7th June and celebrated with friends in a marquee on the Village Hall field in July.

Rowan Wood and Harry Roberts were married at Old Bewick Church on Saturday 15th July. Both went to Alnwick High School when Harry grew up in Chatton with parents Caroline and Richard. Rowan is currently a Flight Lieutenant at RAF Boulmer so a guard of honour by her RAF colleagues welcomed the couple at the church. The reception was in a tipi at Bellshill, made all the more memorable by the atrocious thunder storms.



Christine Lawson celebrated her 70th birthday on 22nd July with a champagne and canapes reception including family and friends on the South Lawn of Chillingham Castle, where she works as a visitors' guide.

Christine was chauffeured to the party in a classic 1957 sports car - two beauties of the 1950s (three including the chauffeur)



CPR Awareness

There was a goodly turnout for the informal CPR & AED Awareness evening at The Percy Arms on Wednesday 14th June. The talk explained what to do in an emergency when someone had collapsed, the need to commence bystander Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) as soon as possible, what an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) does and how to use it. Everyone had a practise doing CPR and using the AED - of which one is available on the wall outside The Percy for use by the general public.



Everyone felt a little more confident in how to act if such a situation occurred whereas, before, they may have been more hesitant to do something.

The evening was lead by our local Community Responder, Ian Catchpole, in association with North East Ambulance Service.

Tillside Parish Council

Nathalie Petronelli-Stone has been co-opted onto Tillside Parish Council to represent Lilburn Ward

A representation of Tillside Parish Council met with Northumberland County Council to discuss the grass cutting in Chillingham, and it has been agreed identified verges will be added to the Northumberland County Council grass cutting route.

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

The new gateway signs have been installed in Chillingham, a thank you to County Councillor Mark Mather who has led on this project, Tillside Parish Council will make a £2k contribution towards the costs.

Isabel Hunter (Clerk)

Quiz Night

Quiz Nights will be returning to Chatton Village Hall on **Thursday 7th September 2023 at 7:30pm.**

Teams of six - either pick your team beforehand or just turn up on the evening and join in with someone else.

Bring your own refreshments.

Northumberland Theatre



Saturday 16th September 2023

Adapted by Philip Harrison

A monster to rival Mr Hyde, The Mummy and even Dracula himself!

A mad scientist dreams of conquering death by creating life, and like Prometheus of legend, his actions have terrible consequences!

This production uses the original 1818 text to faithfully recreate the cautionary tale of arrogance, betrayal, revenge and murder. The message and imagery still relevant in today's headlong descent towards an uncertain future.

Be warned!

Curtain up 7:30pm, refreshments from 7pm.

£10 per ticket from Chatton Village Store approximately five weeks before the performance.

Speaker Nights

A new season of Speaker Nights will commence on **Thursday 28th September** in the Village Hall.

First speaker will be:

Dennis Sisterton

Film Animation and Me

Dennis Sisterton, a life long film animation expert talks about his life in cartoons and animation.

Bar open 7pm

Talk starts 7.30pm

No charge - all welcome

Chatton Cricket Club



Chatton Cricket Club's Village Day this year took the form of a fantastic family festival of cricket.

6 teams of 6 entered a Kwik Cricket tournament, so there were 36 cricketers in action on the cricket field (Ord's)-18 at any one time. The teams comprised Midge's Fan Club, The Scampers, McGregor Farmers and Co, Team Morgan, The Posh Plumbers and the Floaters. The Scampers included the Aitken family who had come all the way from Hong Kong, demonstrating the worldwide pull of Chatton CC.

Players ranged in age from 5 to 60-something, from novices to veterans, but the brilliant format was a great leveller and meant that each match was keenly contested. Some of the youngsters put the veterans to shame, including Edwin Renwick with an enormous 6, last seen rocketing towards Amerside Law!

The weather gods smiled on us and we got the competition finished before the rain, and Ian and Mary Catchpole laid on a marvellous barbecue to complete the festivities.

The Floaters were crowned champions, the other prize-winners being:

Best Turned-Out Cricketer: Arthur Landale

Most Helpful Junior: Xara Purvis.

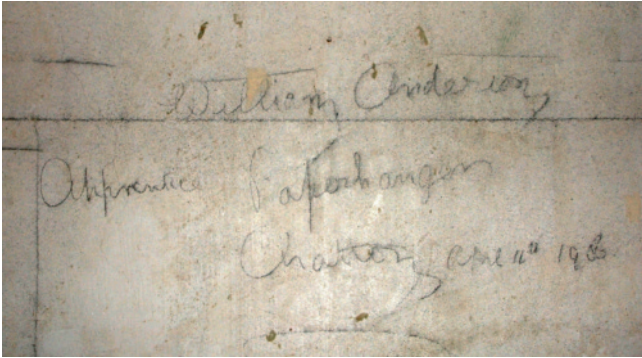
Most Enthusiastic Cricketer: Elora Parsons

Special appreciation is due to Ian Purvis, and our ground staff team of Mick Douglas, Max Renwick and Charles Dean.

Many thanks to all who played or came along to support (or just sup!)-see you all next year!

Alistair Cochrane

Apprentice Paperhanger



Whilst Mike Glasser was stripping some wallpaper from his house at Bank Top in Chillingham recently, he uncovered a signature made on the wall in pencil. The inscription states:

*William Anderson,
Apprentice Paperhanger
Chatton April 16th 1906*

Does anyone know any more about William Anderson or his family?

Jim Nesbit Trophy



Our seventh annual competition was held on the 8th July under a blazing sun in near drought conditions but, a faithful few members set out and amazingly caught a few fish. Winner by a whisker was Stephen Thompson who received the trophy and a bottle of Alnwick gin donated by Anna Nesbit and her Mum, Helena. He also received a fabulous reel donated by Hardy of Alnwick. Second prize of a Hardy voucher went to regular angler Dick Taylor who also caught a fresh sea trout. Associate member Eddie Frost caught a lovely brown trout for third place. We had a very enjoyable day ending with a pint and a sandwich in the Percy Arms.

CAA are privileged to have some 6+ miles of fishing on the river Till for brown trout, grayling, sea trout and the occasional salmon. Please contact Dorothy Douglas or myself if you would like to join CAA as a local member if you live in Tillside Parish, or as an associate if outside.

*Richard Tebay
Chairman Chatton AA*

Live Music at CVH

Once again Chatton Village Hall hosted another live music event featuring two exiting local bands. **The Longship** and **Met.Office** on Saturday 15th July 2023.

Although the weather outside meant that the bar could not be held under the BBQ area on a warm



summer's evening (nothing to do with Met Office playing), spirits were not dampened in the hall and everyone was treated to an eclectic mix from Jazz to Rock 'n' Roll.

Church Services

Services within the Chatton & Chillingham parish for August and September are as follows:-

6th August - 10am, Chatton

20th August - 9.30am, Chillingham

3rd September - 10am, Chatton

17th September - 9.30am, Chillingham

Corny Corner

What's the longest word in the english language?

Smiles - the first and last letters are a mile apart.

I ordered a dozen bees but they sent a Bakers' Dozen

There was a free bee

My wife asked me to take the spider out, so I did.

We had a few drinks - nice guy, he works in web design.

My GPS told me to 'turn around if possible'.

Now I can't see where I'm driving

I gave up my seat on the bus to an old lady yesterday.

They sacked me today - bus driver was the best job I ever had.

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 **Sunday 23rd September 2023 please**