



Chatton News

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Fowberry Studios

The studio was started in 2020 by Tim Skelton and Fliss & Mark Elsom-Cook. It was intended as a private space to create and capture music & spoken word as a low cost quality recording studio serving musicians in North Northumberland.

Gradually it developed into a rehearsal space with recording and practice facilities, and has been home to local bands such as Crown of Feathers and The Longship, both of which have played at Chatton Village Hall. Most recently it is the rehearsal studio of the Jazz trio Met. Office, a cool new band in the area, who also have performed at Chatton Village Hall.

The studio has a wide range



of professional equipment including various microphone types for various sound sources and environments, mixers, amplifiers, and PA systems all backed up with a top of the range Digital Audio Workstation.

The studio provides facilities to record live gigs, hire of PA and other equipment and sound engineering, as well as recording and mixing in the studio with an engineer and then editing. The music is produced on mp3 files or can be a wav file if you want to do the editing yourself.

Over the last few years, we

have had the privilege of recording the Chatton News podcast (the hardest part is always reading the cricket report, as I don't really

understand the game!)

We are now looking forward to welcoming local musicians to use the studio for their own recording, or rehearsals, so please do get in touch with Fliss at fliss@fowberry.co.uk or [@fowberry.studios](https://www.instagram.com/fowberry.studios) on Instagram, if you would like more information about a studio session, or hiring our event PA system.

If you are a budding musician and fancy having a recording of yourself, do get in touch.

Fliss Elsom-Cook

Thanks to our Sponsor

We are very grateful to Alistair McDonald - Smith of AMS Associates for sponsoring the printing of this edition of **Chatton News**. As well as living locally, Alistair is Chairman of Tillside Parish Council.

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Banner picture of aurora borealis over Wooler on 18th September 2023

Congratulations



Willow Bousfield

Willow Ruby Bousfield was born at 00:28 on Friday 4th August to Ellen and Sam (who live in Chatton Mill Hill) at Alnwick Maternity Unit, weighing in at 6lb 11oz at birth.

Austin Ord

Austin Mason Ord was born to parents ShiShi & Rob on Thursday 10th August. It was a quick unexpected arrival at a beauty salon in Berwick! He certainly has the looks.



Matthew & Juliet Macdonald-Smith



Matthew & Juliet held a "Wedding 2 - The Canadians" do at Chatton Village Hall on Saturday August 19th.

Juliet is from Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, and they were married two years ago, during the COVID lockdown. Because of this they were restricted to 16 people, including all officiants, meaning that none of Juliet's family could attend, although her mum did fly over, alone and spent weeks in isolation to do so. So they renewed their vows in a ceremony in the playing field that Matthew played on as a pupil at Chatton First School and Juliet's parents, brother and friend flew in and had a fabulous time.

Pilgrims' Bench



A bench for the pilgrims on St Cuthbert's Way.

As many will have noticed there's a new bench on the pilgrims resting area next to the statue of St Cuthbert (see below) in Hazelrigg. It is very appreciated by the pilgrims as you can see in the photo. The numbers of walkers going through on their way to Holy Island is back to pre-Covid; they come from far and wide. The four of us living opposite keep the area clean and well cared for, and many have expressed their delight in finding such a welcoming sight after the hard slog from Wooler.

The bench was donated by Tillside Council, and carved by Tom Fiddes.

Maggie Pinsent

Poor Old St Cuthbert

As many of you will know, the statue of St Cuthbert no longer stands outside the Old School at Hazelrigg. A few weeks ago, someone misjudged the corner early one morning (again!) and careered off the road. Fortunately for the driver, they narrowly missed the telephone pole, but struck St Cuthbert head on, uprooting the statue and throwing it into the field. Time and the weather had taken their toll on the wood, and it is now broadly beyond repair.

St Cuthbert is currently lying in state in the courtyard of the Old School while next steps are considered. The statue was commissioned by Jim and Lorna Douglas, and we want to include Jim in any discussion of a replacement, for which funds would need to be raised.

Peter Gambles and Maggie Pinsent

Quiz Night

The next Quiz Night will be at Chatton Village Hall on **Thursday 12th October 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.

Following that the next will be on **Thursday 16th November** - same arrangements.

Northumberland Theatre

It was with regret that the performance of Frankenstein on 16th September had to be cancelled due to a low take up of tickets before the event. Some of those who could not make it on the 16th went to see the performance at Lucker Village Hall and said it was an excellent play and well up to the professional standard of the Northumberland Theatre Company.

The next performance by NTC at Chatton will be ***Pinocchio*** on Friday 8th December. This will be the Christmas special for all the family. Please keep an eye out for when tickets go on sale and buy them quickly to avoid disappointment if a sell-out or being cancelled if not enough are sold.

Chatton Village Hall

The Village Hall are having a clear up session at 5pm on Wednesday 18th October. Lots of stuff to move / take away to the tip from other spaces left and right.

Please come along and help to move stuff - many hands make light work.

Speaker Nights

The season of Speaker Nights continues on

Thursday 26th October

Elizabeth Best - Our local geological story

Thursday 30th November

The work of the North Northumberland Hospice (With raffle)

Thursday 25th January

Robin Metcalfe - Tups and tantrums

Thursday 22nd February

Jessica Turner - The Bamburgh Ossuary

An exploration of the history of Ossuaries, the Bowl Hole Burials and Bamburgh's Anglo-Saxon past.

Thursday 28th March

Heather and Marc Knight - The Ice Warriors

How plants feel and deal with the environment.

Thursday 25th April

Alistair Cochrane - The Tweed Salmon Centre

An exciting prospect for Berwick.

Bar open 7pm

Talk starts 7.30pm

No charge - all welcome

Please contact Helen Brewin or Gill Rollings if you have any suggestions or ideas for speakers or subjects for future talks. Or indeed you would like to give a talk on a topic dear to you. They would love to hear from you.

Act of Remembrance

Following the church service at Holy Cross Church on Sunday 12th November we will be holding our Act of Remembrance for the fallen of Chatton & Chillingham parishes at the War Memorial on the village green in Chatton.

The ceremony will start at 11:00am and everyone is welcome. As well as wreaths laid by the Parish Council, as has become a tradition at this time, a poppy cross will be planted for each of those remembered by anyone in attendance. Poppy crosses for those of the parish will be supplied but anyone is welcome to bring their own if they have a special person to remember.



FREE TREES ARE BACK

Click to order yours today!



The Climate Change Team at Northumberland County Council want to give you an early opportunity to apply for a pack of free trees.

Every year we offer 15,000 free tree saplings to community and voluntary groups, town and parish councils, schools, and residents, fully paid for by the Council, which come with a biodegradable shelter guard, cane and planting and aftercare instructions.

Our free tree scheme offers an opportunity to bring people together, learn new skills, get outdoors, and create a cleaner and greener environment for everyone in our county.

The Council is providing a choice of three planting packs:

Hedge: Hornbeam, Hawthorn, Dog rose, Hazel

Copse: Silver birch, Rowan, Wild cherry, Hawthorn

Native Harvest: Hazel, Crab apple, Elder, Rowan

If you do not own land to plant the trees, you might be able to work with local landowners and/or land managers to find a suitable location. For example, some parish councils have worked with local farmers to plant on the borders of fields.

Tillside Parish Council

Roger Brown has been co-opted on to Tillside Parish Council to represent Hetton Ward.

Forestry England have agreed to erect No Dog Fouling signs in the Hepburn Woods car park, and monitor the situation

All the drains at Chatton Bridge area to the river have been jetted, thanks to help from County Councillor Mark Mather

Isabel Hunter (Clerk)

The electronic speed sign at the top end of the village was struck by an unknown vehicle in the early hours of one morning. The actual sign itself has been rescued and it does appear to be working. The main damage is to the steel post. NCC have offered to replace the post - however this is likely at a cost in the region of £2,000, for the pole alone (it's just what these things cost).

Church Services

Services within the Chatton & Chillingham parish for October and November are as follows:-

October

Sunday 1st 10:00 – Holy Cross, Chatton (Harvest Festival - Benefice Service)

Sunday 15th 9:30 – St Peter, Chillingham

Sunday 29th 10:00 – St Maurice, Eglington (Benefice Service - with Bishop Helen-Ann Hartley, Bishop of Newcastle)

November

Thursday 2nd 2:30 - St Maurice, Eglington (Commemoration of the Faithful Departed - All Souls')

Sunday 5th 9:30 – Holy Cross, Chatton

Sunday 12th 9:45 – Holy Cross, Chatton (Remembrance Day Service)

Sunday 19th 9:30 – St Peter, Chillingham

We would be grateful for any harvest donations to be brought to the Harvest Festival, or left in the back of church beforehand. Thank you.

Corny Corner

Dieting tip: remove all the fattening food from the house.

I did - it was delicious.

I was told my salads are too dry.

Something that definately needs addressing.

What do you call a fly with no wings?

A walk

A sign in jeweller's hop said

"Watch batteries fitted £2.50"

Why would anyone pay to see that?

A pun is not completely matured until it is full groan

If you would like to include something in the December / January newsletter please get in touch with us by email to **news@chatton.uk** or contact any of the editorial team by **Monday 23rd October 2023 please**