



Chatton News

The Newsletter for Chatton and Surrounding Areas
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Rural Advocacy - Providing a Voice for Glendale



Communities in Glendale can feel disconnected from services provided by Northumberland Council and other organisations. People are not always able to access the support they need to live well and thrive. Rural advocacy works to connect people to existing services while raising awareness of our community needs in rural North Northumberland.

We are engaging with local communities to listen to your experiences so we can advocate for change. Please come along and chat to us at the Coffee Morning to ensure our rural voice is heard loud and clear.

CHATTON VILLAGE HALL

10th February 10.30am-12.30pm

Our vision for Glendale is where all our communities:

Are aware and informed of the support available to them

Can access the help they need, regardless of where they live

Feel connected to County Council, voluntary and community sector services

Feel engaged, heard and included in their community

Lesley is based at the Glendale Gateway Trust (Padgepool, Wooler) and can be contacted by email on lesley@wooler.org.uk

Areas where we can help:

Healthy Living

Living with illness or disability

Counselling & Mental Health support

Children & Young Persons welfare

Support for Carers

Day Care & Home Care

Social Wellbeing

Community activities

Social Groups & Volunteering

Bereavement support

Youth Engagement

Childcare & Family services

Healthy Lifestyle & Fitness

Financial Support

Welfare Advice

Cost of Living support schemes & grants

Foodbanks, Log bank, warm hubs

Advice on energy & money

Employment skills training

Feeling Connected

Advice on landline switchover

Digital Skills/IT Support

Mobile/Broadband Connectivity

Transport & Mobility Issues

Access to Facilities & Amenities

*Lesley Robson
Rural Advocate*

Coffee Morning

Chatton Village Hall

Saturday 10th February 2024

at 10:30 am



Entrance £2.00

(inclusive of coffee/tea & a slice of cake)

Bacon Butties £2.50

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Galbraiths specialise in Sales & Lettings, Rural Management, Commercial Property, Renewables & Utilities, Forestry & Carbon and Building Consultancy.

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Parish News



Holy Cross was packed on 23rd December for our annual Carol Service. With seasonal readings and lovely carols, followed by mulled wine, this was a wonderful way to start the Christmas season proper. Many thanks to our visiting musicians, The Glendale Community Ceilidh Band and the vocal group Alive and Singing, who helped to make the evening so special.

Do join us for our services throughout the year: these are generally the first Sunday of the month at Holy Cross, Chatton (10.00 am), and the third Sunday of the month at St Peter's, Chillingham (9.30am).

Sunday 4th February 10.00 - Holy Cross, Chatton

Sunday 18th February 9.30 - St Peter, Chillingham

Sunday 3rd March 10.00 - Holy Cross, Chatton

Sunday 17th March 9.30 - St Peter, Chillingham

Sunday 31st (Easter) 10.00 - Holy Cross, Chatton

Carols Around the Village

We were fortunate to have a good dry night for our 2023 Christmas carol singing tour round the village. With more houses being built in Chatton it has meant that our route has changed over the years, so every home can be included. Another new dilemma is that too many people want to join the gang and come carol singing, resulting in the fact that we have far too many empty houses to visit! But it is all good fun, and some folks even pay us in advance not to sing! Surely our voices can't be that bad?

Thanks to all those who kindly laid on some yuletide refreshments on our travels. I think we had six "pit-stops" before we got to the Percy, but by then my counting ability might have got somewhat befuddled. We raised a total sum of £350; not a record amount, as another drawback we encountered was that some homes these days don't have any cash! (Perhaps our IT consultant on the team, will allow us to carry a mobile card machine on our 2024 Xmas tour?) The funds were equally divided between Hospice Care North Northumberland and the Great North Air Ambulance.

Jim Railton

Another Brilliant Show



In the lead up to Christmas, Chatton was once again entertained on 8th December 2023 in a sell-out performance by the Northumberland Theatre Company's adaptation of A Christmas Carol. Adapted from the classic novella by Stewart Howson, it portrayed the well known story from the perspective of Charles Dickens himself (played by Louis Roberts) writing the story and acting out the storyline with the assistance of his companions (played by Dean Logan and Melanie Dagg).

The raffle was won by the Ord family and it was very fitting to see young Monty Ord collecting the wonderful hamper that was nearly as big as himself - befitting of Tiny Tim struggling with the Christmas Turkey.

Belford Community Cinema

Tuesday 13th February

We're showing **THE LAST FISHERMEN** (2004) with special guest speaker, historian and poet Katrina Porteous.

The film tells the story of the coble fishing boats which used to be a familiar sight at every port on the North East coast but which are now, sadly, vanishing fast. It features the handful of men who still use these tiny wooden boats including Main Stephenson at Boulmer and a master boat builder at Whitby. Plus we'll also show a short film, **Sea of Memories**, which features Katrina talking to local fishermen about the history of coble fishing at Beadnell.



Katrina has been recording fishermen's memories for over 30 years, and has published several books on the subject. She will introduce the films and lead a discussion about coble fishing afterwards.

As usual we're upstairs at Bell View in Belford. Doors open at 6.30pm and the evening begins at 7pm. Tickets are £4 on the door. You're welcome to bring your own wine if you like. We'll provide wine glasses.

Clare Wilford
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Chatton Village Hall

Hall News

The village hall has continued to be a well used venue for parties for all ages, and we are really pleased to see it used this way. As the weather warms up, hopefully the barbecue can come into use again, so please contact us if you are interested in using the hall or the barbecue.

After successfully completing the installation of the playground, we can announce that on **March 24th**, the Duchess of Northumberland will be coming to officially open this wonderful resource for the children in the village and parish. We will publicise more details when we have them and would welcome all along.

We continue to have "Chatton Welcomes" speaker nights, with Jessica Turner talking about *The Bamburgh Ossuary* on **February 22nd**, and Heather and Marc Knight giving a talk "*The Ice Warriors*" on **March 28th**, both starting at 7.30pm, refreshments available.

We are holding a maintenance day on **Sunday March 17th**, from 10am, hopefully just for a couple of hours, but would appreciate any

help you can offer with cleaning, tidying and keeping the hall and area around it in good condition.

Lastly, we are launching the Friends of the Village Hall after feedback from the parish survey last year, in which many people said they would be willing to make a regular donation to the hall to allow further development of the building and activities carried out in it. Read on to know more.

*Sebastian Moss
Secretary*

Hall Friends

We are delighted that the installation of the Playground is now complete and the first phase of the kitchen refurbishment has been finished and is now in use.

Funding for such projects is largely provided through grants and the generous support of local benefactors, but a degree of self-funding is also required. Our gym and hall rental currently provide the bulk of our regular income, but we need to develop additional funding streams to support future development of the Hall.

Last year's survey suggested that many people would be prepared

to support the Village Hall through a regular donation scheme, and we are pleased to report that we are now launching such a scheme, to be known as

Friends of Chatton Village Hall

If you could support the ongoing management and improvement of the Hall by making regular contributions, please become a **Friend of Chatton Village Hall**. You can join on-line at the **Chatton Village Hall website**, or by contacting any of the Trustees. Donations may be Gift Aided, which means that we are able to claim an extra 25% from the Government for all qualifying contributions.

The Trustees would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supports Chatton Village Hall, either as a volunteer, gym member, or hirer of the Hall, attendee of events, or as a Friend of Chatton Village Hall. With your support, Chatton Village Hall will continue to provide a wonderful asset to the residents of Chatton and the wider Tillside Parish.

*Alan Hardy
Treasurer*

Countryside Alliance Awards



Congratulations to our very own **Chatton Village Store & Post Office** who have once again made it through the regional stage to the Countryside Alliance Awards finals.

The Countryside Alliance Awards celebrate rural businesses that go the extra mile, support their local economy and are the unsung heroes in every community. It's down to the general public to nominate their favourite rural businesses and put them forward to be considered for a prestigious Countryside Alliance Award. The applicants are judged on a range of criteria including their passion and commitment, sense of community, championing local food and the energy and diversity of their business.

Ally is quoted as saying "We are delighted to be

shortlisted for this year's rural Oscars. It is such an honour to be recognised by our loyal customers. We love being part of this fantastic community and would be very humbled to make it through to the next round, especially up against such fantastic nominees."

Winners will be chosen via a public vote in February and announced in the spring. The winners of each region will be up against fellow winners from around the UK and the national champion will be announced in June. Voting has started for Scotland and Ireland but keep an eye out on <https://www.countryside-alliance.org> for when voting starts for England this month.

You guys have done it for us again!

Thank you so much to everyone that nominated us.

We are very humbled by your constant support.

We love you guys and it makes doing this so so worth it!

Ally & ShiShi xx

Quiz Night

The next Quiz Night will be held in Chatton Village Hall on

Thursday 15th February 2024

7:00pm

Tables of six. Bring your own refreshments

Tillside Parish Council

New Parish Councillor:

Helen Ray has joined Tillside Parish Council to represent Hetton Ward at the January meeting

Bus services

Service 418 - Wooler to Alnwick

From 03 January Borders Buses will take over the improved and expanded service 418; Wooler to Alnwick via Belford, Bamburgh and Craster. The service is now operated by Border Buses on behalf of Northumberland County Council.

This amendment is being introduced following customer feedback and consultation with Northumberland County Council, which will include a slight variation to the bus timings and extended journeys between Wooler and Belford.

Precept:

Tillside Parish Council agreed to raise an additional £450 on the Parish precept in 2024/25, as this hasn't changed in 20 years and with rising costs it has become imperative that there are some funds to support local initiatives.

In recent years the Parish Council have used the Parish precept to undertake the following projects amongst other work:

BBQ-Play Area £2,450

Defibrillators £118.80

Chatton War Memorial £500

Planting £200

Legal fees Chatton Village Hall £750

Chatton Bridge area

Tillside Parish Council is working with County Councillor M Mather to deliver improvements to this area, including updates to drainage and expected future work on clearing the arches. Much of this work will however require waiting for drier weather later in 2024

Thanks to our band of 'paper boys / girls who deliver our paper copies, Ian Nixon and Andy Pigg in Chatton, Christine Lawson in Chillingham & Ruth Gibson at Hepburn.

Chatton Angling Assoc.

The CAA **Annual General Meeting** will be held on Tuesday 20th February at 7:00pm in Chatton Village Hall. All members are welcome. If you are new to the area and would like to join CAA, please contact the Secretary, Dorothy Douglas at

chattonangling@gmail.com

Richard Tebay
Chairman CAA

Chatton Cricket Club

RACE NIGHT

Saturday 9th March

Book your ticket for the races!!

Chatton Cricket Club are holding a Race Night Fundraiser at The Percy Arms on Saturday 9th March.



A Pie and Pea Supper will be served at 7pm, which will kick off a fine night's racing.

Do join us to place your bets, sponsor a horse, or just come for the craic.

Tickets at £7.50 each can be ordered from:

Richard Tebay, Max Renwick, Charles Dean,
Alistair Cochrane or Adam Gilroy

Corny Corner

Five ants rented a house with five other ants.

Now they're tenants

**I looked up *Opaque* in a cheap dictionary
It wasn't very clear**

*If you're cold, sit in the corner - it's 90 degrees
That's acute joke*

**It's a 5 minute walk from my house to The Percy.
It's 35 minutes back
The difference is staggering**

If you would like to include something in the April / May newsletter please get in touch with us by email to **news@chatton.uk** or contact any of the editorial team by Saturday 23rd March 2024 please