



# Chatton News

The Newsletter for Chatton and Surrounding Areas

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## Duchess Revisits Chatton

### Playground Opening

The sun shone on a fantastic day for the opening of the new playground at Chatton Village Hall on Sunday 24th March 2024.

A great turn out to see Her Grace, the Duchess of Northumberland, cut the ribbon and announce the play area officially open.

The morning was enjoyed by young and old alike with hot chocolate, hot dogs, cakes, a raffle, and live music by Met. Office.

It was a very fitting way to round off the project that has been five years in the making. We started in 2018 with the design and getting planning permission. We used a fantastic family-run business, Streetscape, for the equipment and started applying for grant funding. The pandemic put the project on hold for a couple of years, but we restarted a funding drive in 2022. We secured grants from **Red Socks Charitable Trust, Lottery Awards For All, The Sir James Knott Trust, Barmoor Wind Farm, The Rank Foundation** and raised the remaining funds from very generous donations from local councilors Murray, Thorne and Mather as well as donation from **NE Autistic Society, Chatton Angling Society, Gilbert Birdsall, Chatton Capital LT, Williamson's Tea** and private donors. A GoFundMe page was set up in 2023 for the final push. The playground was installed by Streetscape with the help from local businesses; Adam Wilson Groundworks, Dougie Redpath, HPH



and Kezz Stone giving time and helping with the ground works in October 2023.

This project could not have happened without the support of the community. The Village Hall Trustees would like to thank everyone who donated and also helped at the opening. We hope the facilities will be enjoyed by the local community and

those from further afield for many years to come.

*Ally Prytherch*

### Village Hall Heritage Project



The Chatton Village Hall Heritage project involved oral recordings of local memories and collecting archive material. The Open Day was held alongside the Opening of the Village Playground.

Lots of local people attended and looked at archive photographs of when the hall was the village school, dating back to Edwardian times.

We were lucky to have the oldest living pupil,

Ted Field who attended the school in 1931 and left aged fourteen.

We also had the youngest pupil, Georgia Foulis, who was the last pupil on the school register in 2007. She arrived at four years old and left when the school closed six months later.

Also on display from the The Woodhorn Archives were the tawse (the leather punishment belt), the School banner, the school bell and a log book dating back to 1918.

Many of the local community enjoyed visiting the Hall, including past pupils and teachers. The Village Hall is now used to provide a wide variety of events for the Tillside Community.

The Village Hall Heritage Project was funded by Community Action Northumberland to promote the heritage of village halls and their importance to local communities.

*Christine Lawson*

The Duchess is no stranger to Chatton as the family used to live in Chatton Park before moving to Alnwick Castle and their children attended Chatton School.



Banner picture of **New Lamb** reproduced courtesy of Chatton In Pictures.

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**TCL Data** and their principal, Barry Shambrook, are once again delighted to sponsor the printing of this edition of Chatton News.

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## Exciting New Project

Following the success of Ad Gefrin in Wooler, Tourism Northumberland (TN) are proposing



building a visitor centre on the eastern outskirts of Chatton in the field that lies between the bridge and the telephone exchange. The centre will celebrate local heroes such as the Culley family (agricultural pioneers) and Vice Admiral Collingwood who served with Admiral Lord Nelson.

The area in the middle of the field that often floods will be deepened to provide a boating lake for model craft, as well as a safe training ground for gun dogs that enter the water. It is hoped that scaled re-enactments of famous sea battles by Collingwood will draw crowds into the area.

Opportunities for local people to work and volunteer at the centre will be on offer, and TN are particularly keen to meet anyone with naval experience or boat building, particularly on a miniature scale.

A temporary exhibition of the plans will be on show as an extension to the newly repaired Community Book cabinet from 1<sup>st</sup> April.

## Parish News

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 7<sup>th</sup> April 10.00 - Holy Cross, Chatton

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 9.30 - St Peter, Chillingham

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 10.00 - Holy Cross, Chatton

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 9.30 - St Peter, Chillingham

Don't forget **7<sup>th</sup> May - 7pm**, Chatton with Chillingham Annual Parish Church Meeting at Holy Cross Chatton - everyone welcome

## Changes to voting

### You must bring photo ID to vote at a polling station

- Need more information?
- Don't have photo ID?

Find out more at:

[Electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID](http://Electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID)

### Voting by post and proxy

- To apply you now need to prove your identity
- You can now apply online
- Limits to how many people you can vote on behalf of as proxy

Find out more at:

[Electoralcommission.org.uk/waystovote](http://Electoralcommission.org.uk/waystovote)

### Not registered to vote?

Recently moved address?  
Register to vote online:

[gov.uk/register tovotetovote](http://gov.uk/register tovotetovote)

If you require further information,  
contact the elections team at:  
[elections@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:elections@northumberland.gov.uk)



**Northumberland**  
County Council

The next scheduled elections taking place will be held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 which are for

**North East Mayor**

**Police and Crime Commissioner**



## Chatton Angling Association

This season's Jim Nesbit Memorial Trophy competition will be held on the 6th July. All local and associate members are welcome to join us starting out from the Percy Arms at 10am, and returning at 4pm for a buffet. Please let Secretary Dorothy Douglas know if you wish to enter. Likewise, anyone wanting to join the Association, please contact Dorothy or Richard.

*Richard Tebay Chairman  
Dorothy Douglas Secretary*

**POTHOLE SEASON OPENS TODAY.  
MAKE SURE TO CHECK THE RULE BOOK  
FOR REGULATIONS ON YOUR STREET.**



## Coffee Morning - CVH

Chatton Village Hall

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

at 10:30 am



**Entrance £2.50**

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

**Bacon Butties £2.50**

Proceeds to

**Chatton Village Hall**

## Belford Community Cinema

This month's film at Bell View - on Monday April 15th - is another archive programme which celebrates the trailblazing women cyclists who changed the world, alongside the

ordinary women whose lives were changed through cycling. Using 120 years of archival footage from 1899, this imaginative programme has been put together by film curator Jo Reid and features archival footage from 8 major UK archives.



On Thursday 23rd May we're showing the highly acclaimed Berlin Film Festival winning documentary, TALKING ABOUT TREES. This garnered mostly 4\* reviews from UK film critics, and is a forgotten gem of a film.

**Upstairs at Bell View, 33 West Street, Belford.**

**Doors open 6:30pm, 7pm start**

*Clare Wilford*

## Tillside Parish Council

Tillside Parish Council are considering the possibility of purchasing and installing a defibrillator in the Chillingham area. However, the Parish Council are responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the defibrillators i.e. replacement pads and batteries. Therefore the Parish Council are looking into options on how residents & visitors can make a donation towards the upkeep of the life saving defibrillators.

*Isabel Hunter*

## CCC Race Night



Chatton Cricket Club held a highly successful Race Night at The Percy Arms on Saturday 9th March.

The pinnacle of the National Hunt season, this year's Chattonham Festival did not

disappoint.

Eight races provided plenty of thrills and spills and great excitement throughout the evening.

The Percy's wonderful staff kept the drinks flowing and laid on a delicious pie and pea supper for 75 eager punters.

The event raised valuable funds for Chatton CC, which will help us meet our growing running costs.

Many thanks indeed to Racemaster Mick Hope and our President Max Renwick, to Richard Tebay and Jim Railton, to our sponsors, to all at The Percy and everyone who took part.

Our next open event will be The Chatton Six a Side Family Fun Day, on Saturday 6th July. No experience or skill needed (this has never stopped us!).

If you would like to take part or just want to know more, contact Ian Purvis, Max Renwick, Alistair Cochrane or email the club on [chattoncc@outlook.com](mailto:chattoncc@outlook.com)

*Alistair Cochrane*

## Coffee Mornings - Percy Arms

The Percy Arms have started coffee mornings on a weekly basis. These are to be held every Wednesday morning from 11.00am - noon, will have unlimited tea or coffee and a piece of cake, tray bake or biscuits for £3 per person.



Hopefully this can become a meeting place for the community of Chatton.

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.

## BYO Social

### Chatton Village Hall

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 6 pm**

Come for a chat, catch up, company, just for a couple of hours.

Hopefully the weather will be kind and we can enjoy a warm balmy evening outside.

Bring a bottle, tea bag, picnic, BBQ whatever, but most importantly bring yourselves.

***Just turn up, all welcome.***



## Corny Corner

If you punch yourself and it hurts, does that mean you're weak or strong?

**How can you tell if a plant is good at maths?**

**It has a square root**

*Two termites went to a restaurant and asked for a table to share*

***They then went to the bar and asked "Is the bar tender here?"***

I went to the library to get a self help book but the librarian wouldn't tell me where they're kept

**I thought my Chiropractor was a charlatan,  
but now I stand corrected**

If you would like to include something in the April / May newsletter please get in touch with us by email to

**[news@chatton.uk](mailto:news@chatton.uk)**

or contact any of the editorial team  
by Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024 please