



Chatton News

The Newsletter for Chatton and Surrounding Areas

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The sound of children playing in the new village playground is lovely to hear.

From September there will be the sound of little ones having fun in the Village Hall too.

A new Toddler group, called Chat 'n Play, will be starting each Friday, during term time, from 10.00am to 11.30am. There will be a small cost, amount to be confirmed. Refreshments will be included.

More details about what to expect nearer to the time, but we have some exciting plans to give little ones space to play and be creative, as well as being a place for parents and carers to come and have fun with them as well as a chance to meet with friends and make new ones.

Over the coming weeks there will be appeals for certain toys and equipment, so if you're clearing out cupboards don't chuck it just yet!!

If you like being around little ones or just enjoy chatting over a coffee, your help would be so appreciated. It would be lovely to have people that can step in to cover holidays/illness etc.

Deborah Dunshire and Rachel Shambrook will be running it and, as they are both relatively new to the village, we asked them to introduce themselves to explain why they are so passionate about starting this group.

"Hello, I'm Deborah and I'm excited to be working with my pal Rachel to open a new Parent & Toddler group at Chatton Village Hall called Chat'n Play (see what we

Chat 'n Play

did there?). We are setting it up for the benefit of the village and surrounding community on a non-profit basis for families to meet and play, but hope to quickly expand it to include anyone of any age in the village who wants to just chat over a coffee & cake – so it really will be Chat'n Play.

I live in Broomhouse Steading in Chatton and I'm a qualified Nursery Nurse (Diploma in Childhood Studies) and have set up and worked in children's nurseries and toddler groups for many years including in a large church setting in Dubai where I lived for 11 years before my husband, Ian, and I retired back to the UK from the Middle East. More important than that, we have 3 married children and 9 grandchildren, 6 of whom live in Canada aged from 4 weeks to 12 years old, so I have vast experience in both chatting and playing! I'm very much looking forward to meeting you soon."

"My name is Rachel and I have lived in Chatton since April 2023 - I moved here from Hornchurch in Essex with my husband Barry.

I describe myself as a Teesider with an Essex accent as I was born in Acklam, Middlesbrough.

In Essex I ran a toddler group in my Church, which I thoroughly enjoyed. Before COVID it was a very small group, with mostly Grannies coming along. However, post COVID, we were the first group to open and it was over

subscribed by the time I left. It was such a privilege to play a small part in giving parents and

children space to reconnect, especially new parents whose babies were born during lockdown.

I am a Mum to 3 married sons and also proud Nana to a beautiful 4 year old Granddaughter. My Daughters-in-law represent 3 continents (American, Danish and Chinese) which make family get-togethers very interesting!

I was a breastfeeding counsellor with the NCT and have always had a particular interest in Mums experiencing post natal depression, having being affected by it after my second son.

As Cabin Crew with British Airways for 15 years I was part of their in house crisis counselling team too.

My favourite part of running a toddler group is chatting to parents, listening to the ups and downs of family life.

I also love seeing the little ones grow and develop and watching them learn to interact with new friends.

I'm looking forward to getting to know local families and being able to give whatever help and support is needed.

I'm also looking forward to simply having fun, and getting to sing *"wind the bobbin up"* again - badly."

If anyone would like to volunteer to help, please contact Rachel by email,

rachel.shambrook@icloud.com

Banner picture of 'Northern Lights above our house!' by Nikki Smith

Chatton Mighty Hikers



On Saturday 14th September nine Northern Belles will be raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support by walking the 26.2 miles from Alnwick Castle to Bamburgh Castle in the Northumberland Coast Mighty Hike. The Northern Belles includes the 5 ladies from Chatton and Chillingham, Jane Lokyer, Vikki Pigg, Deborah Dunshire, Trish Lowson, Rachel Shambrook (pictured above looking all ready for action) together with Trish's two sisters from Ireland and Sheffield, Liz Canning & Kay Reynolds.

We are delighted that all proceeds from the coffee morning at Chatton Village Hall on Saturday 8th June will be donated to our charity. We have set up a JustGiving page where friends, family and supporters can donate or alternatively you can sponsor us individually with every penny raised going to Macmillan.

justgiving.com/fundraising/NorthernBelles2024

Many of you will already have seen us in training over the past few weeks pounding the country lanes and hills around the area making sure we are in peak condition on 14th September! If you see us, give us a toot and a wave of encouragement to help us achieve our mighty challenge and support people living with cancer. Thank you.

Trish Lowson

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

Coffee Morning Chatton Village Hall

To be held on
Saturday 8th June 2024
at 10:30 am



Entrance £2.50
(inclusive of coffee/tea & a slice of cake)

Bacon Butties £2.50

Proceeds to
Northern Belles
Northumberland Coast Mighty Hike
for MacMillan Cancer Support

Tillside Parish Council

Chatton Bridge works

Northumberland County Council, have organised for the drains in the area to be jetted, and continue to work with landowners & tenants to obtain permissions for the works to proceed. Northumberland County Council have allocated funding in the 2024/25 budget to allow the works to proceed.

Parish Council

The Tillside Parish Council Chairman for 2024/25 is Alistair Macdonald-Smith, the Vice-Chairman is Henry Prytherch.

Parish Councillor Helen Ray will be the Parish Council representative on Chatton Village Hall Committee.

Iona Straughan has ceased to be a Member of the Parish Council, and that a vacancy now exists in the office of Councillor for the Parish - see web site for further details.

Planning

The Parish Council have continued to ask questions of Northumberland County Council about the decking at The Percy Arms, and Northumberland County Council have now advised that the decking should be removed in June 2024.

Chatton Village Hall

Coming up in June, there will be another coffee morning on the 8th, always well attended for the tasty home made cakes and the chance to catch up with friends and maybe meet new people to the area. All welcome and over the years the coffee mornings have been very well attended and raised a lot of money for a variety of causes.

Also in June will be a craft fair on the 23rd, with several stall holders showing their creations, with many items for sale.

Later on, in the autumn, the guest speaker nights "Chatton welcomes" will start up again on September 26th with a talk from Wing Commander Graham Crow. These events happen most months through the autumn and winter, and have had a wide range of fascinating speakers talk about their work or passions. The nights have been organised by Helen and Gill, and they are looking for someone to take this on as they will be stepping down after several years of organising. If you think you

could help with coordinating these events, please get in touch with one of the trustees of the hall, or talk to Helen or Gill about what has been involved so far.

Northumberland Theatre Company will be back later in the autumn with more exciting productions. Andy has always worked with them to secure dates, publicise and sell tickets. He too wishes to step down from this role after several years, and if anyone would like to take this on, again, please get in touch so we can let you know what is involved in the role.

The Village Hall needs you! The hall is a success because the community uses it, both coming to activities put on in the hall, and by using the hall for activities that people in the community have wanted to set up themselves. That has allowed the trustees to fundraise and work on a programme of improvements over the years. Currently we are working to finish off the kitchen refurbishment, and have plans to

improve the heating and toilets after that. We also have to keep the hall going, and we would appreciate anyone who would be able to help as a volunteer, whether in clean ups, simple maintenance, or maybe helping to run events (speaker nights, musical events, theatre nights). So if you would like to help and have an idea of what sort of things you can do for the hall, again, please contact one of the trustees as we would be glad of any extra support.

Finally, Friends of the village hall has been set up to allow people to make a regular donation to the running costs of the hall (currently around £9000 per year). We are very appreciative of all who have been in contact and have started making regular donations, and of course we would like to see more people joining them if possible. The details are on the village hall website, and that shows how you can make a regular contribution if you wish to.

Sebastian Moss

'Bring Your Own'

Bring your burgers, your sausages and your chicken thighs! Ian's got the fire ready. The rest is up to you. Obviously you need your favourite beverage - keeping hydrated is so good for you.

The Village Social is the new monthly event to bring our community together, and our next date is Friday 21st June - Summer Solstice. What better way to celebrate midsummer! Hoping this may become a regular social on the third Friday throughout the warming evenings.

It was murky on the first Village Social, on Friday 17th May - gloomy, verging on cold, with that Northumberland Haar making gentle waves around us.

Did we notice it? Not a lot.

We're a hardy lot!

Too busy chatting, eating, and laughing together. But, we missed some of you!

Hoping to see you on 21st June, 6pm.

Maggie Pinsent

Blooming Chatton

Blooming Chatton was founded last year with the aim of tidying up the public areas of the village. Hopefully you noticed the improvement around the war memorial, the wall at the Wooler end of the village and the daffodils along New Road. This year we have new planters and will be planting them up shortly.

All the work is done by volunteers. Many thanks to those who have already helped.

We are continuing this year. It's a sociable gathering and usually only involves an hour or so on a weekday evening or maybe a Saturday afternoon. If you would like to be involved please send your name and phone number/email address to

debbielkelso@yahoo.co.uk.

Thanks in advance and look forward to hearing from you.

Debbie Kelso



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

www.tcldata.net

Remembrance Poppies

We are having another 'Poppy Bee' on 4th June at 2:00 pm in Chatton Village Hall.

Several people turned up at our initial get-together and are now busy sewing, crocheting, or knitting Poppies for our poppy net to adorn the wall by the Chatton War Memorial for Remembrance.

We need lots of poppies made. The more people getting involved, the better.

Calling all, young and old - Chatton needs you!

If you can not knit or crochet, we can help you,

If unable to attend, just ask for a pattern.

If housebound, we will call in to get you started.

In October, we will also be having a morning tying the poppies onto the net. It would be great to see the whole community young and old helping.

We desperately need red double knit wool, so please scour your cupboards and charity shops.

We are looking forward to seeing people at this latest Chatton community project.

Trish and Mary

**CHATTON VILLAGE HALL
10AM-12PM, WED 26TH JUNE**

THE BIG CONVERSATION CHATTON

Throughout 2024, we are building the big picture of what it's like to live in rural North Northumberland. We would like to capture your insights of life in Chatton for the "Rural Living Report". This project will help us advocate for change at Northumberland County Council & other organisations that create policy affecting our area.

We want to know what matters to you!

Join us for a cuppa & cake and help us raise Chatton's rural voice on
Healthcare; Social Wellbeing; Community; Economy & Opportunity;
Communications & Transport

This project is brought to you by Chatton Village Hall in association with Glendale Gateway Trust

THE GLENDALE GATEWAY TRUST

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 Association

Just a reminder that all local and associate members are welcome to join this year's Jim Nesbit Cup competition to be held on Saturday 6th July, previously advised in my Chairman's letter in the March **Chatton News**. By now, and as requested, you will have hopefully notified us if you want to fish the competition. If you have not done so already, please advise the Secretary that you want to enter.

Meet at the Percy Arms car park at 10am - fish until 4pm when we will reconvene and present the Jim Nesbit Trophy.

Anyone interested in joining CAA please contact us.

Richard Tebay (Chairman)

Dorothy Douglas (Secretary)

Chatton Cricket Club

Chatton Cricket Club are delighted to report that The Race Night at The Percy Arms on Saturday 9th March raised a whopping £975 for club funds.

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 in this year's Chattonham Gold Cup.

Our next open event will be The Chatton Six-a-Side Family Fun Day, at the cricket pitch on Saturday 6th July. No experience or skill is needed (this has never stopped us!), and anyone from 5 years old upwards can play.

Why not raise a team from family and friends, or just turn up and join an all-comers side? 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

Alistair Cochrane

Corny Corner

William Shakespeare couldn't go to The Percy

He's Bard

Why shouldn't you marry a tennis player?

Because love means nothing to them.

I want to be buried with my old records

It'll be my vinyl resting place

Why don't pirates have dish washers?

They prefer to wash up on shore.

If you have finger tips but not toe tips

Why can you tip toe but not tip finger?

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 Tuesday 23rd July 2024 please