



Chatton News

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All Change at Hazlerigg Racing

We are very pleased to welcome a new family and business to the area. Former National Hunt jockey, and now trainer, Paul Robson is starting a new chapter in his life as he has moved into the South Hazelrigg yard, Chatton, formerly occupied by Rose Dobbin.

Paul and his wife Stephanie, plus children Oliver, Flynn and Heath moved to the Hazelrigg set-up in late June with the horses following shortly after.

Robson rode 89 winners as a jumps jockey but a persistent shoulder injury ended his racing career in the saddle in the 2019/20 season. This, after he initially stepped down as a jockey in 2005, before returning for a short spell 14 years later.

He then took over the trainer's licence for the yard at Spittal-on-Rule, Denholm, which had been held by his father, Adam.

The family-owned Robson's Funeral Directors in Hawick has also been a huge and vitally important part of Robson's life, more so when he had taken time



out of racing, in 2005, to front the business.

He went into training at Denholm in his own right in the 2019/20 season and has produced 13 winners, with the most productive being Just Don't Know, owned by Border Caravans Ltd, and Cannock Park, which he owns with Colin Thomas.

The most recent winner is the six-year-old chaser Breizh River

(pictured), also owned by Border Caravans. The gelding recorded an impressive victory at Bangor-on-Dee, following a winner at Hexham in late May.

He expects to have around 30 horses in training at the yard which has top-class facilities, including an all-weather gallop, grass gallop, indoor gallop and swimming pool.

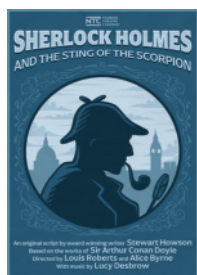
Head lads Graeme Nichol and Poppi Shepherd will move from Denholm with the staff to South Hazelrigg.

Once the yard is up and running, Robson hopes to start **The Paul Robson Racing Club**, which will give punters a chance to join and enjoy the racing ownership experience. In the meantime, the yard is on Facebook.

Paul said: "We have been made to feel very welcome since our move and look forward to getting to know people and joining in events. The stables has facilities to match any in racing and I hope to set up a young and vibrant yard with, of course, hopefully winners following on."

Coming Soon

Step into the intriguing world of Sherlock Holmes as NTC Touring Theatre Company brings to life "Sherlock Holmes and the Sting of the Scorpion", an original mystery by award-winning writer Stewart Howson based on the works of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. With music by Lucy Desbrow and directed by Alice Byrne and Louis Roberts, this production promises a clever blend of suspense and deduction through the art of physical theatre.



Friday 11th October 2024

Tickets on sale from Chatton Village Stores

Poppy Bee

Fantastic news, we are Poppying it!

Knitters and crocheters have so far made over 600 poppies towards the Remembrance Poppy Net. We are almost halfway.

Everyone is welcome to join in, we are next gathering in the Percy, on the first Wednesday in the month, for coffee and a count up at 11:00am.

Please contact Trish or Mary for further information.

Banner picture of a West End in Bloom

Congratulations

Hannah Lee and Alistair Brown were married on Saturday 22nd June at Holy Cross Church, Chatton followed by marquee reception at beautiful Chillingham Castle.



Hannah was brought up in Chatton whose roots go back to grandparents Pam and Kenny Topham who ran The Percy Arms for many years. Parents, Colin and Julie Lee are still residents in Chatton.

Alice Renner and Will Smith were married on Saturday 29th June at Holy Cross Church, Chatton followed by a reception at home at Bellshill.

The Renner's have been in Chatton for over 100 years and many have attended church and the school. Alice, her sister, brother and one of her bridesmaids attended school at Chatton and all have very fond memories of Brian Locketts garden and



sponsored walks up the Reddish Lane. Although Will was originally from outside Northumberland, he now works for Northumberland Estates and his parents and brother have moved up to the area. Alice has a great deal of love for her deep family roots, the area and Chatton.



Sam Eales and Tony Mills tied the knot at Gretna Green on Friday 19th July. Sam, Tony & Hetty the dog were residents in Chatton but have now moved to Millfield.

Friends Remembered

Richard Landale

Died suddenly on 11th July at home in West Lilburn House, aged 80 years.

Much loved Husband of Jenny. Dadsie to William, Simon & Jonathan, adored Grandfather of James, Niamh, Orlando, Freddie, Arthur, Lizzie & Bertie.



Richard was a driving force in making Kelso Racecourse a leading jumps course in the north who was hailed as "one of the loveliest and friendliest people in British racing". When he served with Johnny Jeffreys as chairman, they were really interested in a decent class of racing and earned the strapline 'Britain's friendliest racecourse'.

A Thanksgiving service was held at St Mary's Church, Wooler on Friday 26th July

Tillside Parish Council

At the Parish Council meeting held on 11th July Roddy Hamilton was co-opted onto Tillside Parish Council to represent Chillingham ward.

Local Transport Plan

Tillside Parish Council requested the resurfacing of Chatton Bank to be included within the 2024/25 programme, and we can confirm we have been successful as the road has been resurfaced.

At the Parish Council meeting held on 11th July Parish Councillors agreed to submit the following 3 priorities to Northumberland County Council for possible consideration in the 2025/26 programme

The road from Knockwell to the A697 needs to be resurfaced

The footpath through Chillingham needs to be resurfaced.

The C18 from Chatton to West Lyham needs to be resurfaced.

Isabel Hunter (Clerk)

Special Birthday



John Scott celebrated his 90th birthday on 1st July with an afternoon tea party with wife, Joyce, family and neighbours.

Quiz Night

Quiz Nights will be returning to Chatton Village Hall on **Thursday 19th September 2024** 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.

Speaker Nights

The 2024/25 season of speaker nights at Chatton Village Hall will be held on the last Thursday of the month from September to April. With an exciting and interesting set of topics and speakers, they are free of charge and refreshments will be available from 7:00pm with the talks beginning at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.

September 26th 2024

Wing Commander Graham Crow, RAF Boulmer :
Defending the Nation, Past and Present

October 31st 2024

Emma Arthur, The work of the North
Northumberland Hospice.

November 28th 2024

Mark Hatton, Gravestones of Northumberland

The evolution, meaning, mystery and beauty of
gravestones in Northumberland.

January 30th 2025

Elizabeth Devon, Our local geological story

February 27th 2025

Helen Sutherland, Understanding autismism

March 27th 2025

Ian Catchpole, Classic Car Restoration - How hard
can it be?

April 24th 2025

Anthea Wood, Second time round; becoming a
second career artist

*For ideas about future talks please contact Helen
Brewin (helenbrewin@hotmail.com) or Gill Rollings
(gill.rollings@sky.com).*



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Chillingham Castle for sponsoring
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Harvest Supper

***This year's Harvest Supper will be held in
Chatton Village Hall on Saturday 28th September
7:00 for 7.30pm.***

The event will comprise a fine seasonal dinner, an
evening of Northumbrian entertainment from the
celebrated speaker Ernie Coe, and a Charity Auction.

All proceeds will go to Chatton and Chillingham
Churches.

Tickets are £15 each and can be bought from Chatton
Village Shop.

Please do join us for what should be a great evening
once again.

If you are able to offer a gift or promise for the
auction, or would like to help in any other way,
please contact Alistair Cochrane on
alistair.cochrane@galbraithgroup.com

Church Services

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

4th August - 10am, Chatton

18th August - 9.30am, Chillingham

1st September - 10am, Chatton

15th September - 9.30am, Chillingham

Chatton Village Hall

The village hall is currently completing renovation of
the main kitchen, to improve the facilities for all who
use it. So once it has been finished, it should be
easier to use, and hopefully lead to more people
thinking it could be a venue they could use if catering
is needed. This should be completed in mid August.

Coming up, we have another wonderful theatre night
on October 11th from NTC, this time performing their
version of Sherlock. Another theatre company, Rag
Bag Theatre, this time from Berwick, featuring well
known locals, is performing one of their own plays on
November 27th.

We have plans for a ceilidh on November 8th also.
Tickets for all these will be going on sale soon, please
look out for them.

Finally, the village hall trustees have their annual
general meeting on September 3rd at 7.30pm - all
welcome to hear a summary of the last years
activities, and that is also the time to come along if
you are interested in becoming a trustee, as that is
when current trustees can step down and new
members can join. If you are interested, please
contact one of us for more information.

Chatton Cricket Club



Chatton Cricket Club held a highly successful 6-a-side Cricket Tournament, The Ord's Half Dozens, on the 6th July.

Four teams competed for the trophy, involving boys and girls from 5 years old to almost 70!

The weather held out for the tournament itself, and the bar and barbecue added to the revelry.

The eventual winners were Team Purvis, also known as Wot No Drizz! (see Photo).

To cap a great day, we watched England's footballers squeak past Switzerland on a big screen in the tent afterwards.

Very many thanks indeed to all participants and spectators, and to Ian Purvis for organising such a great contest.

Chatton CC are especially grateful to Ian and Mary Catchpole for organising an excellent barbecue, and to our sponsor, R Ord and Hens, for making the whole event possible.

Do come and watch your local team, which is unbeaten so far this season! Home games take place on Sunday afternoons. 4pm is a good time to come as you are likely to see both teams batting and should be able to get some tea and cake!

The Annual Club Dinner will be held on the evening of Friday 18th October in The Percy Arms, so do put this date in your diary. More details to follow.!

Alistair Cochrane

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 & Maggie Pinsent in Hazelrigg.

Jim Nesbit Trophy



The annual Jim Nesbit Trophy competition was held on Saturday 6th July with dry conditions. There were a few sea trout spotted, but low water meant the sea trout spotted the anglers first! But I'm pleased to report some fine wild brown were caught, with Dick Taylor the deserved winner for the largest fish. As well as the trophy, Dick received a superb reel generously donated by Hardy of Alnwick. We are pleased to welcome a couple of new local members this season, and if anyone else is interested in joining, please contact Dorothy Douglas or myself.

Richard Tebay, Chairman Chatton AA

Corny Corner

I saw two black birds stuck together in my garden
They were velcrows

**I only get ill on week days
I must have a weekend immune system**

Someone stole the entire stock of Red Bull from
Chatton Village Store.

I just don't know how they sleep at night.

***I bought a pair of shoes from a drug dealer.
Don't what he laced them with but I've been
tripping all day.***

How did the intruder get in the house?
He came in tru der window

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 Monday 23rd September 2024 please