



Chatton News

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Top of the Mountain

Lauren Rathbone and fiancé Michael Fairnington took on the challenge of walking up Scafell Pike (England's highest mountain) in the Lake District on 1st August 2024



in memory of her late Grandma, Linda Kemp, who had a short but very strong fight against pancreatic cancer.

They set off on their walk at 8:30am and managed to reach the top at 11:08am. The walk was difficult but worth every minute as when they reached the top, at 3,209ft, the views were incredible! And they were very lucky to witness RAF planes flying by at the same level!

Lauren said *"I believe my grandma would have been looking down on us, proud of every step we took."*

"We would like to thank everyone that donated and everyone's support to help us complete the challenge and help fight cancer."

They raised a total of £677.50 for the **Pancreatic Cancer UK** charity which is dedicated to taking on this injustice using every possible means. They're supporting people with pancreatic cancer now, campaigning, and funding vital research to transform the future and help them to make the break-throughs that people with pancreatic cancer so desperately need.

It's unacceptable that more than half of people diagnosed with pancreatic cancer die within 3 months. Survival rates have improved enormously for most cancers, yet for pancreatic cancer, this is not the case.

Thanks to our Sponsor

We are very grateful to Alistair McDonald - Smith of AMS Associates for once again sponsoring the printing of this edition of **Chatton News**.

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A Mighty Hike



A mighty thank you to everyone in Chatton and the surrounding areas for your incredible generosity and support in helping us raise money for **Macmillan Cancer Support**.

We are delighted to let you know six of the Northern Belles (pictured L-R **Jo Hall, Jane Lockyer, Trish Lowson, Kay Reynolds, Vicki Pigg & Liz Canning**) completed the full marathon on Saturday 14th September with two Northern Belles (**Deborah Dunshire & Rachel Shambrook**) completing the half marathon the following day. We all really enjoyed the event in particular, the bubbles and fish and chips at the finish line! Congratulations to all!



Thank you again to everyone for donating to our Justgiving pages, supporting coffee mornings and to our 'coaches' who made sure we got out there on a regular basis so we were well prepared and ready for the hike. To date we have raised over £6,105, the total raised for the Northumberland Mighty Hike was over £1.3 million and money is still coming in! Macmillan gave the Northern Belles a shout out at the start of the marathon as 'top fundraisers'! A fantastic achievement.

All six full marathon walkers, together with two more from Northern Ireland, have already signed up for the Giant's Causeway Mighty Hike next June - The Northern Belles are going on tour!

Banner picture of 'Sunset as the Nights are Drawing In' - Chatton in Pictures

Events at Chatton Villagehall

Northumberland Theatre Company

Friday 11th October 2024

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.



Join us on a thrilling journey through the enigmatic mind of the legendary detective this Autumn!

Curtain up 7.30pm, refreshments from 7.00pm.

**Tickets £10 each from Chatton Village Store
On Sale Now!**

Quiz night

The next Quiz Night will be at Chatton Village Hall on **Thursday 24th October 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.

Coffee Morning

Saturday 26th October 10:30am

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

Bacon Butties £2.50

Proceeds to Chatton Defibrillator Maintenance Fund

Speaker Nights

The season of Speaker Nights continues on

Thursday October 31st - Emma Arthur

The work of the North Northumberland Hospice.

Thursday November 28th - Mark Hatton

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

For the full list of future talks see the Villagehall web site.

Suspicious Phone Call?

If you think someone is trying to trick you into handing over money or personal details over the phone

**STOP
HANG UP
CALL 159**



159 works in the same way as 101 for the police or 111 for the NHS. It's the number you

can trust to get you through to your bank safely and securely, every time. So if you think someone is trying to trick you into handing over money or personal details - stop, hang up and call **159** to speak directly to your bank. When your call is answered you will be able to choose your bank from a list and connect directly through to confirm whether it was a genuine call or a scam.

The system is run by Stop Scams UK, a not-for-profit industry-led collaboration of responsible businesses from across the banking, telecoms and technology sectors who have come together to help stop scams at source.

159 was launched in 2021 to provide a memorable simple way to connect UK banking customers safely and securely with their bank if they receive an unexpected or suspicious call about a financial matter.

This breaks the scam 'journey' at the critical moment when you are at most risk of being manipulated into making a payment. So, even if scammers can make contact with you, that link will be broken by your call to **159**, before any information is shared, any payment is made, and any harm is done.

Ian Catchpole

Act of Remembrance

Following the church service at Holy Cross Church on Sunday 10th 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.

Chatton Village Hall - Chairman's Annual Report 2023/2024

General overview

Income generation and projects have been the main themes of this reporting period. Finances remain healthy and an extension to the lease, funded in conjunction with Tillside Parish Council, has enabled the Trust to undertake some much-needed refurbishments.

CVH is now integrated with the other Northumberland Village Halls through a Community Action Northumberland (CAN) web portal. Closer liaison between Trustees and representatives of CAN has had a significant benefit to the way we conduct business and how we apply for funding grants.

Projects

The Play Area was completed by Streetscape in October 2023 and officially opened by Her Grace, The Duchess of Northumberland in March 2024. The Village Hall Heritage Project has also been completed, a partnership project delivered by CAN and Northumberland Archives and funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

The Kitchen has undergone a major refurbishment at a total cost of approximately £37K. The majority of funding came from grants. A new front door has also been ordered and

will be fitted in October at a cost £4K. Additional planning and grant applications continue for future projects.

Income generation

Grant applications have provided much-needed income. CVH Trust has received £29K from National Lottery Communities Fund and £5K from ACRE towards our kitchen upgrade. Gym users provide CVH with a constant source of income, as do the other regular users including; The North Northumberland National Autistic Society, Yoga and Pilates groups, Carpet Bowls, Speaker Nights, Quiz Nights and Coffee Mornings. There has also been an increase in the number of bookings for private events. A Friends of Chatton Village Hall scheme has been introduced and is available to join through the CVH website at villagehall.chatton.uk

Acknowledgements

A vote of thanks goes to other valuable members of our community who also support CVH. In particular; Gill Rollings and Helen Brewin for organising and running a full programme of speaker nights. Michael Rathbone for securing the heavy weights frame and Tony Brown for volunteering to oversee and repair the gym equipment. Ian Fiddes, Christine

Lawson, Ruth Gibson and Richard Allen for their dedication and hard work on CVH Heritage Project. Geoff and Michael Cairns for their general building work and invaluable advice. Henry Prytherch and Peter Morgan for delivering the kitchen on time and within budget and Julie McNish who provides an excellent cleaning service. Finally thanks must go to the other Trustees for their invaluable input and support.

Look Forward

Another full programme of activities continues through into early 2025. A Mother and Toddlers group, called Chat 'n' Play, every Friday from September. Speaker Nights from September to April 2025. The Harvest Supper on the 28 September. Theatre productions and Coffee Mornings in October and December. A Ceilidh night on the 8 November.

In Summary

It has been a very productive year. Income from regular and occasional users along with some generous grants has enabled the Trust to both maintain and improve the facilities at CVH for the good and benefit of the whole community. Another full programme of events bodes well for the future.

Andy Pigg, Chairman CVH Trust.

Murder Mystery

ADVANCED NOTICE: Once again, we shall be running another Murder Mystery in Chatton Village Hall early next year (probably February again).

The theme will be **Ladies Day** at the **Chatton Gold Cup**, so now is the time to sort out what to wear for a day at the races.

Tickets go on sale in the new year but, for now, the call goes out to anyone who would like to help on the night, either as a character (could you have done it?) or helping out on the night (kitchen and bar staff).

Ian & Mary Catchpole

Poppy Bee

Thanks to everyone crocheting / knitting poppies for the net. We now have over 1,200 **but still need more.**

Poppy Tying Day on **Saturday 12th October**, 10:00am, in the Village Hall. Help needed so please come along for a coffee and natter, whilst tying all those poppies to the net. **All welcome.**

Trish & Mary

Show Success

Chatton Celebrity, Kiki, won the Mountain and Moorland Large Breed class at *Glendale Show* this year.

Well done Kiki - those apple-free diets have paid off at last.



Bring Your Own

Throughout the spring and summer, the third Friday of the month has been BYO night where everyone was invited to come along to the Village Hall for a social evening, bringing your own refreshments and something to cook on the BBQ.

It was agreed at the last get-together we should continue through Autumn & Winter, but inside now.

Come along on the Third Friday each month.

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Chat 'n' Play



So we have welcomed a total of 10 new families over our first 3 sessions.

The children have really enjoyed playing in our role play zones as well as the other toys we have.

Our bubble machine is very popular with the little ones. The session ends with Rachel leading

a singing session when everyone gets to play an instrument, do actions and even march around the room. It's the highlight of Rachel's week.

We are hoping as word gets out we will have lots more little ones and over time we have plans for more play zones.

We meet each Friday, during term time, 10am-11.30 £3 for the first child, with any subsequent children £1.50

Donations are welcome for the refreshments.

In November we will also be starting our occasional craft activities. Deborah has some great ideas!



Rachel Shambrook

Tillside Parish Council

Are you entitled to pension credit or do you need any financial help or advice?

The Parish Council and County Councillors are keen to emphasise that many pensioners, who do qualify, are failing to claim help and benefits.

It is also the case that, by contacting Northumberland Communities Together (people who are very good at sorting things out) they can also open doors to get help for pensioners with free logs, help with white goods, or repairs: all sorts of things. They're a very good and helpful team of people. If you need further details, county councillor Mark Mather.

Please contact:

Northumberland County Council Communities Together email: NCT@northumberland.gov.uk or phone 01670 620015 (9am-6pm) for advice.

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.

Church Services

Forthcoming services within the Chatton & Chillingham parishes

Sunday 6th October 10:00 – Holy Cross, Chatton (Harvest Festival)

Sunday 20th October 9:30 – St Peter, Chillingham

Sunday 3rd November 9:45 – Holy Cross, Chatton

Sunday 10th November 9:45 – Holy Cross, Chatton (Remembrance Day Service)

Sunday 17th November 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.

Chatton Cricket Club

Annual Dinner

Friday 18th October at The Percy Arms 7:00 pm.

The evening will include the annual awards presentation, the Alpine Chalet Grand Draw, and much revelry.

Tickets £17.50 to include 2 course dinner from **Max Rennick**

Corny Corner

A ship carrying red paint collided with another carrying blue paint.

The crew of both ships were marooned.

What do you call a Magician who's lost his magic?
Ian

Not long ago we had Johnny Cash, Bob Hope and Steve Jobs.

Now we have no cash, no hope and no jobs.

Let's look after Kevin Bacon.

A London Underground busker taught his dog to play trumpet.

He went from Barking to Tooting in under an hour.

If a telescope collides with a microscope, does it become a kaleidoscope?

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 Saturday 23rd November 2024 please