



Chatton News

The Newsletter for Chatton and Surrounding Areas

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Celebration Time

As we move into (hopefully) sunnier climes it is good to see that outdoor festivities are starting to lift off. The beginning of May saw the bank holiday weekend recognise the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day with celebrations extending throughout the country. Chatton

The actual **VE Day** was marked on 8th May with a simple ceremony at the Chatton War Memorial. There was a nationally recognised two minute silence in remembrance of those civilians and service men & women who did not make it through the war.



VE Toast at War Memorial



participated with a picnic on the Village Hall playing field.

The area was decked with red, white and blue bunting and union flags abounded. Tables were laid in 'V for Victory' formation, the barbeque was lit for folk to cook their own food, and wine corks soon started popping.



The sun shone and a convivial afternoon was had by all. Thanks to everyone who attended and especially those who helped the organisation by making the area ready and also cleared away.

The King was represented at our ceremony by the Deputy Lieutenant of Northumberland, John Lovett, who lead a toast with Percy Special together with all those in attendance.

Thank you for gathering on this 80th anniversary of VE Day, as we pay tribute to those who fought for the freedoms we have today.

The joy of peace, hope and a better future had been fought over, and won against tyranny.

We also remember those who never came back, and to those who were still fighting in the Far East.

But, today, let us raise a glass to peace.

Third Friday re-commenced in May with a gathering of locals around the barbeque area at the Village Hall. This is an informal evening held throughout the summer months where everyone is welcome to come along, bring their own refreshment, and socialise together. The barbeque will be lit for folk to cook their own



How many men does it take to cook a sausage?

food if they so wish, but a sandwich, a salad or just a packet of crisps will suffice - it's entirely up to you. Something to drink too, which doesn't even have to be alcoholic.

Next event is Friday 20th June, 6:00pm onwards. No need to book, just turn up!

Banner picture of 'Delphiniums in bloom'

In Memorium

Dorothy Bolam

1938-2025

Dorothy grew up in Shilbottle. Her father was a miner. She had 2 older brothers, Edgar and Ian.

Dorothy met her late husband, Ronnie, when attending Alnwick Modern School. They married at Shilbottle Church on 15th February 1958, enjoying 62 happy years of marriage. They celebrated their Diamond wedding anniversary with a card from the late Queen Elizabeth II.



Dorothy and Ronnie were proud parents, grandparents and great grandparents.

Dorothy's jobs through her life started with an apprenticeship at Hardy's of Alnwick. She was also a baker, carer and church warden.

Dorothy had many hobbies, knitting and sewing among them. She also enjoyed the WI and playing darts, playing for the Percy Arms and winning many cups with her best friend Bessie Green and friends from the village.



Dorothy loved to holiday on the West Coast of Scotland at Arisaig in her caravan, looking out over the sea to the islands of Eigg, Rhum and Muck and walking on the Silver Sands, collecting sea shells.

Dorothy will be greatly missed but remembered always.

Her cremation will be held at Northumberland Crematorium, Felton, at 12:30pm on Wednesday 4th June. A service will then be held at Chatton Holy Cross Church at 2pm, followed by the wake at the Percy Arms, Chatton. All welcome.

We request family flowers only, and there will be a collection in aid of the Glendale Gateway Trust and Kidney Research.



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
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Blooming Chatton



What an amazing turnout at the Chatton Coffee Morning on the 5th of April! And we are extremely grateful to the organisers for the donation passed on to Blooming Chatton – over £500 was raised, which will go a long way to making the village even lovelier for us, and more welcoming for those who visit.

We've been weeding & clearing, tidying up along the wall, and preparing the soil in the pots which will be planted up at the end of May. We'll be buying new plants and autumn bulbs soon, and carrying out the usual maintenance, but we've come up with a cunning plan for something new...

We would like to hear from the farming community around us. The idea would be to pay tribute to you, for your work, your love of the land and your animals, and for reminding us how lucky we are to live in such a beautiful place. It is your farm but to us, mere dwellers in the area, it is a stunning landscape. We thought a piece of agricultural machinery, something that we might



adorn with hanging baskets, with flowers around the structure, would work as a sculpture, and as a reminder that we are essentially a rural community. If you have any ideas along these lines, please get in touch with Sarah Brown.

In the photo, you'll recognise Andy, looking very pleased with himself, as he tries to make off with Maggie's box of chosen plants.

The Blooming Chatton Group

Chatton Mighty Hikers



Trish, Vicki and Jane enjoying well deserved refreshment following their training walk from Seahouses to Craster and back.

Training for the Mighty Hike around the iconic Giant's Causeway in Northern Ireland is ramping up as the Northern Belles from Chatton prepare for their 26 mile walk on 21st June in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

The last big fundraiser in the village was the BBQ at Chatton Village Hall on Friday 30th May (thanks to everyone who supported), but it is not too late to make a donation by visiting the JustGiving page at

<https://www.justgiving.com/team/northernbelles>

We look forward to hearing all about their exploits in the next issue of **Chatton News**.

Welcome

We give a very warm welcome to
Matt and Yohanna
who have moved into New Road.

Church Services

Services within the Chatton & Chillingham parish for June and July are as follows:-

June 1st - 10am, Chatton

June 15th - 9.30am, Chillingham

June 29th - 10.00am, Chillingham

July 6th - 10am, Chatton

July 20th - 9.30am, Chillingham

Tillside Parish Council

Dog Fouling

Tillside Parish Council request if take your dog onto the Playing Field in Chatton please can you clean up after them as the field is well used by people of all ages and especially children.

Chatton Bridge

The works to Chatton Bridge are progressing, with the help of County Councillor Mark Mather

Parish Councillors

As of the 1st of May, the Parish Councillor for Tillside Parish Council are as follows

Chatton Parish- Chatton Ward

Ian Brown
Robert Ord
Henry Prytherch
Michael Strother
Dan Spours
Richard Tebay

Chatton Parish- Hetton Ward

Tracie Faa-Thompson
Helen Ray

Chillingham Parish

None

Lilburn Parish

Alistair Macdonald-Smith
Natalie Petronelli-Stone
Ali Wrangham

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 5th 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)*

Coffee Morning Chatton Village Hall

To be held on
Saturday 7th June 2025
at 10:30 am



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

Bacon Butties £3

Proceeds to
Chatton Community Public Access Defibrillator
(CPAD) Maintenance Fund

CHATTON VILLAGE HALL
Welcomes THE



Saturday 19th July 2025
7pm

**Tickets £10 available from Chatton Village
Store**

PAY Bar on the night

Quiz Nights

Quiz Nights at Chatton Village have taken a break for the summer but will be returning in the Autumn. Rest those little grey cells for now, but not too much.

Dates for the rest of the year are as follows:-

Thursday 18th September

Thursday 16th October

Thursday 20th November

Thursday 11th December

Usual format - teams of six (make up a team on the night if not already in one) plus bring your own refreshments. Starts 7:30pm in Chatton Village Hall. £2 per person entry.

Quiz nights at The Percy may also be advertised, usually on Facebook.

Corny Corner

What is a four letter word with a little laugh in the middle. It really is

Shopkeeper asked "Wanna box for these groceries?"

"No" I replied "I'll pay for them as usual"

I slipped off a 20 foot ladder this morning
Luckily I was only on the first step

What's Forrest Gump's password?
1forrest1

Why is the Apple Store always dark
They don't have Windows

Thanks to our band of 'paper boys & girls' who deliver our paper copies: Ian Nixon and Andy Pigg in Chatton;
Ed Ginns in Chillingham;
Ruth Gibson at Hepburn & Maggie Pinsent in Hazelrigg.

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 **Wednesday 23rd July 2024 please**