



Chatton News

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Chat n Play

Chat n Play started last September and has now broken up for the Summer holidays.

Our first year has been a lovely one, but with its challenges.

Rachel Shambrook and Deborah Dunsire opened it together, with 4 role play zones, that we looked to develop.

Then in the New Year Deborah had to step down as Nana duties beckoned.

This led Rachel to rethink how the room was laid out.

We don't have the partitions now, but still have role play areas around the room, along with an array of other toys.



Rachel has been so blessed by Sarah and Alexis helping out when they can, as well as others who have stepped in when needed.

We have celebrated Christmas and Easter by doing crafts. We also had a great messy play morning, which was very

amusing.

Our final group was held in the park as it was such a warm and sunny day.



The main thing though is that it's a very friendly and welcoming group. Watching friendships form, not only with the children but between their adults too has been great. We like to think it's known for being a group where everyone feels comfortable and welcome.

During the summer we hope that we can arrange a couple of picnics on the Village Hall field.

While we enjoy the break, Rachel is going to be cleaning and repairing the toys and play equipment.

From next term there will be a new "house" corner, complete with a kitchen and sitting area.

There will also be a book sale when we go back as Rachel sorts out the many books we have been gifted.

It's hoped we can raise some money for a dollys changing table and another push along tractor.

We are hoping to reopen around the 5th September, however this depends on the arrival of a new little addition to Rachel's family, who is due on the same day!

If anyone would like to offer any help, even once a month, we'd be so grateful.

We meet in Chatton Village Hall, every term time Friday at 10am-11.30am

£3.00 for the first child, £1.50 for each additional little one.

All preschool children welcome.



Rachel Shambrook

Banner picture of 'Blooming Lavender' by Maggie Pinsent

Band Night



Another fantastic band night in Chatton Village Hall as the Salmon City Blues Band put on a first class performance on a warm and humid evening in mid July.

Formed in early 2019 in Horncliffe, Northumberland, the band takes its name from the days of CB radio when Berwick-Upon-Tweed was known as Salmon City.

The band's current line up:

Neill Berry - Guitar and Vocals

Lenny Johnson - Drums and Vocals

Wal Wallace - Harmonica and Vocals

Tim Skelton - Bass

Nick Allmark - Guitar and Vocals

Playing an eclectic mix of blues, blues rock and rock n roll, including old classics and also some original songs, the band have proved to be incredibly popular in North Northumberland.

It is also worth noting that the band donated its fees to two local charities, Berwick Cancer Cars and the Northumberland Dog Rescue.

For those unable to attend, watch this space, as the band have said they will be happy to return at a later date.

Andy Pigg

Congratulations

Mike Brewin celebrated his 80th Birthday with family and friends this month. It is also 50 years since Helen and Mike purchased their now home in Chatton.

The population of Chatton has increased by one as we congratulate **Peter and Lauren Morgan** on the birth of their baby, **Heidi**.

Chatton Cricket Club



*Peter Jeffreys, George Jeffreys, Andy McDaid,
Max Renwick, Edwin Renwick, Max Raimes*

A very successful day was held at Chatton Cricket Field on Sunday 20th July, with The Ord's Half Dozens 6 a side Kwik Cricket Tournament taking place. The weather gods shined on Chatton and it was a glorious afternoon.

6 teams, covering an age range from 6 to 60-something, competed for the Vice-Presidents' Cup.

The ultimate winners were The Despot's Half Dozen, who overcame The Floaters in a close-fought final.

It was great to see so many families and youngsters playing or spectating, and this bodes well for the future.

Chatton Cricket Club would like to thank Ord's Eggs for their generous sponsorship, Ian and Mary Catchpole for organising the tremendous barbecue, and all those who took part or came along to watch.

See you next year!

Alistair Cochrane

Sponsorship

Production of printed copies **Chatton News** remains free to local residents and the cost of printing this edition has been covered by donation from a local resident. If you feel you would like to contribute towards helping with future costs, all donations will be gratefully received.

We do not include advertising but if you operate a business and would like to sponsor an edition of **Chatton News**, please also get in touch.

Chatton Mighty Hikers



Another mighty thank you from Trish and Vicky who completed their second Mighty Hike on 21st June. They reunited with the Northern Belles from Yorkshire and Northern Ireland to walk the 26 miles, this time along the beautiful Antrim Coast. The route was challenging not only for its hilly terrain but also a mini heatwave on the day - a type of weather not often experienced on the Irish Coast!

Five residents from the village took the opportunity to have a mini break in Ireland and provided the Belles with support (including much needed ice cream) along the way and cheered them as they crossed the finish line and received their medals.



Thanks to the generosity of family, friends and neighbours in Chatton and surrounding areas the Northern Belles raised an amazing £8,640.00 to support people living with cancer. Once again they had a shout out for us as top fundraisers at the event. In total the event raised over a million pounds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

As a thank you to everyone who has supported us again this year we are hosting a tea and cake event (on us!) on **Sunday 21st September** from 3.00-4.30 at Chatton Village Hall. Thank you

The Northern Belles plan to do it all again next year in the Peak District!

Trish Lowson

Blooming Chatton

The team have not stopped for the summer. Weeding and clearing in late Spring, which made the tubs look rather forlorn, but it always pays off to weed well. Summer comes with transformation, and using some of the money collected at the Coffee



Morning earlier in the year, along with cash from the tin in the shop, we bought a host of gorgeous plants and flowers. Colourful Petunia, Bright Lobelia, a perennial Bacopa with pretty white flowers, the daisy-like Erignon, Sunny Cosmos, Glorious Rudbekia, are just some of the varied flowers, and colour added to the tubs and areas around the village, for everyone to enjoy. When you're next out and about the village, see if you can find the one Sunflower, the unexpected but very welcome summer guest.

Watering is an issue. It's a 'buckets of water' job, but the team have managed to keep all the plants well hydrated during the hot days we've had. Don't be surprised when you hear a cheer go up in the village whenever the rain starts!

By the way, where are all the suggestions for the idea of a farming sculpture that would be placed on the grass at the east end of the village? Find us an old piece of farming equipment (appropriate size, of course!) that you don't need, and we'll make it beautiful. Talk to Sarah in the village shop. Thank you.

Blooming Chatton Team

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 23rd August** - note the change of date to previously advertised as it had to be postponed due to the low water in the rivers.

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)*

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.

Speaker Nights

After a summer break, Speaker Nights at Chatton Village Hall be returning in the Autumn and a full programme of events are being put together.

First of the new season will be:-

Thursday 25th September

John Renner

talking about the LEAF demonstration Farms

Others include talks on foraging from land and garden; a tour of the Royal mews at Buckingham Palace; tales of travels in Nepal and Cheviot mountains.... What were they like?

Last Thursday of each month from September.

We shall be asking for a small donation from everyone so that we can cover speaker expenses.

Church Services

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

August 3rd - 10am, Chatton

August 17th - 9.30am, Chillingham

September 7th - 10am, Chatton

September 21st - 9.30am, Chillingham

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.

Liz Openshaw is raising money by walking the Yorkshire 3 Peaks for the Yorkshire Brain Tumour Charity, in support of her daughter who has lost half of her hearing due to a brain tumour (benign, thank goodness!)

Please come and support her at the following 2 events:



CHARITY CREAM TEA @ CHATTON VILLAGE HALL



THURSDAY, 14TH AUGUST

2:30-4:30

Suggested donation £5 per person



Come and enjoy delicious scones, strawberries, cream & cake!

COFFEE MORNING @ CHATTON VILLAGE HALL

Saturday, 27th Sept 10:30-12:30

£5 entry to include coffee/tea plus cake



Thanks so much!

Corny Corner

To pump up tyres at the garage was 50p, now it's £1
That's the cost of inflation

Vodka is now cheaper than petrol so I put it in my lawn mower.

Now the grass is half cut.

I was mugged with a baton, violin, trumpet and a pair of symbols

It was an orchestrated attack.

**What's the difference between bird flu and swine flu?
One requires tweetment and the other an oinkment.**

What do you call a line of men outside a hairdressers?
A barberqueue.

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 Tuesday 23rd September 2024 please