

Coffee Morning Chatton Village Hall

To be held on
Saturday 13th June 2026
at 10:30 am



Entrance £2.50

(inclusive of coffee/tea & a slice of cake)

Bacon Butties £3

Proceeds to
Blooming Chatton

Plant Stall & Raffle

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 Thursday 23rd July 2026

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We are very grateful to
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their principal, Barry Shambrook, who are once again delighted to sponsor the printing of this edition of
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Tillside Parish Council

At the recent AGM, Henry Prytherch was relected as Chairman and Robert Ord as Vice-Chairman.

There will be roadworks in Chatton village, any road closures and diversions can be accessed by logging onto the following link
[Causeway one.network](http://Causeway.one.network)

Corny Corner

Before it was carved...

Mt Rushmore was unpresidednted

**I sent my hearing aids away for
repair two weeks ago
Haven't heard a thing since.**

*I bought a Humpty Dumpty toy from
Aldi*

*It came with Aldi King's horses and
Aldi King's men*

**Several eggs were stolen from Ord's
farm.**

**Theives left a pot of boiling water.
Police are looking for a gang of
poachers.**

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Dust Off Those Cricket Whites

Chatton Cricket Club

invites you to our

Ord's Half Dozens

Fun, family kwik cricket sixes day

On

Sunday 7th June 2026

At

Ord's cricket ground

The Riverside, Chatton

Games start at 12pm

Barbecue from 1pm

Cash bar

Come and join us, girls, boys, ladies & gents, for an
afternoon of cricketing fun! (All equipment provided)

If interested in organising a team of 6, please
contact **Ian Purvis** on ipurvis@stmarysmelrose.org.uk
or **Alistair Cochrane** on 07801981377

Everyone's welcome

players & spectators alike

Ord's Half Dozens

Fun, family cricket



have a great time.

Come and join us if you fancy a game or just wish to spectate, socialise or scoff (in either way!).

**If you would like to enter a team, please contact Alistair on
alistair.cochrane@galbraithgroup.com**

Come down and enjoy the fun at Chatton Cricket Club's annual Village Day at The Cricket Ground on Sunday 7th June.

The Ord's Half Dozens Family Kwik Cricket Six a Side Tournament will start at 12 noon, with a cash bar and barbecue running from 1pm.

Why not play or even raise and enter a team? No experience is needed and all equipment is provided and, yes, it is a soft ball!

The format is a great leveller, so whether you are 6 or 70 something, whether you are a regular or a novice, you will



MacMillan Cancer Support Mighty Hike BBQ

Saturday 6th June

6:30pm onwards at Chatton Village Hall

£12.50 per ticket

If you would like a ticket please message
Vicki on 07944456500

Raffle

Carters Butchers Voucher
Northumberland Hamper
Good Life Shop Voucher
Forever Beautiful Voucher
to name but a few

Cash Bar

At 6.30pm on Saturday 6th June we will be holding a fundraising BBQ at Chatton Village Hall to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Support.

Tickets are £12.50 each for barbecued meats, bread and salad and a delicious desert. There is a pay bar and a raffle with some fabulous prizes donated by local businesses.

Please come along and support Vicki and Trish in raising money as they take on their third, full marathon, Mighty Hike, this year in the Peak District.

Tickets are available from Vicki or Trish. Everyone welcome.

Come along and join us for a fun evening with friends and neighbours.

The Story of the Brimstone Witches

After she was arrested as a suspected witch, Margaret White's confession implicated her sisters Jane Martin and Dorothy Swinhoe of witchcraft. Jane was the miller's wife from Mill Hill, Chatton, who and Dorothy had eaten, drunk and made merry with the devil at Jane's home. It was said that the devil grabbed Jane tightly by the hand and told her she would never want for anything. He reputedly gave her a nip on her shoulder and back which left a mark. Jane was also accused of bewitching a man to death and afflicting several people, including children.

Confession or not, all suspected witches were imprisoned in Newcastle Castle pending trial. A Witchfinder was summoned and 29 accused women and one man, were assembled. The Witchfinder stuck pins in moles and birth marks, thought to be marks of the devil, to see if they bled. If the accused did not bleed, then it was proven that she was a witch. Perhaps inspired by the twenty shillings promised by each witch found, the Witchfinder identified

a twenty seven witches, including Jane Martin. Three women, including Dorothy Swinhoe, were considered innocent. Margaret White, however, died before she came to trial but Jane ended her life on the gallows on Newcastle Town Moor in August 1650 along with 14 of the other accused. It has been said that people renting properties close by, and in Mill Hill Farm house have experienced supernatural occurrences, including upturned pictures, lights switching on and off during the night, awareness of something present on the stairs, and an actual sighting of an old woman in the farmhouse kitchen. Pillars of smoke, not touching the ground, in the farmhouse garden have also been seen by several people who have lived in the farm house. Perhaps she is protesting her innocence! The Brimstone Witches, as they became known, all lived in Chatton during the 17th century.

Excerpt from Chatton News 2015 with material from Jim Douglas. This inclusion was inspired by a recent article from Newcastle Castle about Jane Martin.

Parish Church News

Holy Communion Services for June and July are as follows

Holy Cross, Chatton: Sunday 7th June 10.00 am

St Peter's, Chillingham: Sunday 21st June 9.30 am

Holy Cross, Chatton: Sunday 5th July 10.00 am

St Peter's, Chillingham: Sunday 19th July 9.30 am

The PCC is shortly hoping to embark on various repair and building improvement projects and would greatly appreciate any help with making grant applications. There is no need to be a churchgoer. If you have a bit of time to spare and are keen to see the fabric of our beautiful historic and community buildings maintained, this could be for you!

Enquiries please to Alistair on alistair.cochrane@galbraithgroup.com