



Chatton News

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Chat n Play

Our last session of this term was on Friday 10th July.

We decided to make the most of the warm weather and meet outside in the play park.

Barry was my helper for the morning and made sure all the adults had a glass of, nozecco, whilst I set up the party food.

Shi Shi very kindly offered to go and get ice creams from the village store.

As I looked out at the scene, children playing, adults chatting, lots of laughter and friendships made, I couldn't help but think the past year had been totally worth it.

The aim of Chat n Play has always been to create a safe, happy space for, not only the little ones, but also for those who care for them.

In an area where isolation can be very real for young families, I wanted our little group to be

a place where connections could be made and friendships formed.

Looking out on that field, it was certainly job done, (for now).

We will be taking a summer break until September.

However, there may be spontaneous gatherings in the park, so, if you'd like to keep up to date, watch our Facebook page or drop me a message and I'll add you to our WhatsApp chat.

It would have been far more difficult to operate each week without my team of volunteers. Barry, Sally, Sarah, Moira and Alexis.

If you would like to join the team, even just one week a month, I'd love to hear from you.

Wishing you all a happy summer break

Rachel Shambrook



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Ord's Half Dozens

Chatton Cricket Club once again held a highly successful 6-a-Side Cricket Tournament, The Ord's Half Dozens, on the 7th June.

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



The weather gods smiled on us, and the bar and barbecue added greatly to the fun.

The eventual winners were The Galaxy All Stars, pictured here receiving their precious trophy eggs from Club President Max Renwick.

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 such an excellent barbecue, and to our sponsor, R Ord and Hens, for making the whole event possible.

Do come and watch your local team. We have a home game every Sunday in August, with matches generally starting at 1 pm. Around 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!

If you would like to get involved or would like to know any more about Chatton CC, email us on chattoncc@outlook.com

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.

Banner picture of 'Butterfly Alley' by Philip Davison

CVH Short Talks

Last year's short talk programme was a great success and the organisers are delighted to announce the agenda for the winter season 2026-27 as listed below. The talks are always in the Village Hall on the last Thursday of each month except December due to Christmas and January when we are all concentrating on keeping warm!

The talks will remain free of charge but there is a donation box and a pay bar to help us cover the costs of hall heating and travel expenses for our presenters where appropriate.

We are looking to do something a little different next May and are looking for multiple presenters who perhaps feel that an hour is too long but would be willing to speak on their favoured subject for 15 or 20 minutes. If that's you please get in touch.

We are already actively looking for presenters for the 2027-28 winter short talks and have already got some suggestions and expressions of interest, but we are always looking for further ideas.

Many thanks for your ongoing support – Chatton Village Hall Short Talk organisers Maggie Pinsent, Rachel and Barry Shambrook.

24/09/2026 **Autumnal Foraging** *Rachel Abbott*

29/10/2026 **Geology and Industrial Archaeology – Along the coast of North Northumberland** *Elizabeth Devon*

26/11/2026 **Responding in the Community** *Ian Catchpole*

25/02/2027 **The Chatton Blacksmith** *Peter Gambles*

25/03/2027 **From Little Seeds to a Micro Food Business** *Karen Park*

29/04/2027 **Medieval Medicines and Monastery Hospitals** *Sandra Gann*

27/05/2027 **Quick Fire Short Talks**

Coffee Morning – June update

Another successful Coffee Morning was held on Saturday 13th June with a good attendance from locals and visitors.

In addition to the usual selection of bacon rolls, scones, cakes and traybakes we had an overflowing selection of plants for sale and a raffle with excellent prizes.

£527 was raised for “Blooming Chatton” the group who help to keep the village colourful and tidy.

The next Coffee Morning will take place on Saturday 24th October at 10.30. All welcome.

We also welcome offers of home baking.

Village BBQ



The 3rd Friday in July saw a hardy bunch of villagers gathered at the BBQ area on a cool but sunny evening.

Ian was missed but thankfully Mary helped us get the BBQ going (we're all experts now!). The contrast between the warm grill area and the cooler seating area suggested the Finnish sauna experience, enhanced by grilled meat, cold beer and smooth red wine.

Hope you can join us at the next one. Everyone is welcome, bring yourselves and your own food and drink.

3rd Friday of the month during the summer - 21st August is the next date.

Congratulations

We have a new man in the village.

Congratulations to **Guy Foulis** who celebrated his 18th Birthday in June.



Matthew Fairnington and Rebecca Brown were married in St Mary's in Wooler on 6th June, then back to a marquee celebration at Amersidelaw afterwards. The couple both have close links to the area with parents and family living in the village.

Hat-trick Hikers!

The 8 Northern Belles completed their third Mighty Hike in the Peak District on Saturday 18th July. Walking the 27.4 miles in nine hours they raised £5,669 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Vicki and Trish want to thank people in Chatton and the surrounding area for once again sponsoring them and supporting fundraising events. They were cheered along the way by family and friends who were there to celebrate with them as they crossed the finish line. Well done, girls!

TrishLowson



Power Outage

Following an incident on the morning of Wednesday 24th June of a delivery lorry crashing into an electricity pole and cables, up to 14 properties were without power. Sticking to the age old instructions to not open fridges and freezers during power cuts I walk round to The Percy Arms to ask if I could order two carry out meals for our tea.

I was told that the staff were preparing an offer of a carry-out meal and a drink to compensate for the great inconvenience of having no power, even though they were NOT to blame.

They printed off the offer with explanatory notes and asked if I would find the 'Powerless' properties and hand over the paperwork. Not all residents were at home but those that were really appreciated The Percy's offer.

Top Marks Percy Arms.

Fletch

Editor's Note: As one of the properties effected, may we second Fletch's remarks and thanks to The Percy. Although the Northern Powergrid engineers were working very hard to rectify the problem, the power was off for nearly 12 hours. A hot meal and a pint supplied from the pub was very welcome.

Blooming Chatton

The Blooming Chatton volunteers have been busy over the Spring and early Summer months.

The area in front of the wall at the Chillingham Junction has had a tidy up and all 20 tubs have been replanted. Watering is ongoing during this wonderful and challenging gardening weather.

£527 was raised at the June village Coffee Morning. The cash will pay for plants for the central areas of the village, new tubs to replace some of the older ones and more daffodils for the approaches to the village. All donations gratefully accepted.

As we move through the summer there is plenty to do – it's funny how weeds keep growing despite a lack of rain!

Autumn will involve more tidy up work and bulb planting to give us all a great daffodil show next spring.

If you would like to be part of the group please contact any of the volunteers or Sarah in the Village shop.

Blooming Chatton Team



Tillside Parish Council

New fencing has been erected at the playing field and footpath in Chatton. This was made possible due to the Parish Council receiving a grant from Middlemoor Wind Farm funding. The Parish Council hope that this will ensure that the playing field is a safe area for people of all ages to use.

Unfortunately there seems still to be an issue with dog fouling on the playing field and it is with regret that the Parish Council have decided to ban dogs from the playing field. Signage will be erected.

The Parish Council have space for members if you are interested please contact the Parish Clerk with a brief "CV" of who you are, your connection to area, how long have lived in area, and the reason why you would like to become a Parish Councillor.

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.

Provisional dates for the rest of the year are as follows:-

Thursday 17th September

Thursday 15th October

Thursday 19th November

Thursday 10th 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.

Church Matters

Church Services

August 2nd - 10am, Chatton

August 16th - 9.30am, Chillingham

September 6th - 10am, Chatton

September 20th - 9.30am, Chillingham

Chillingham Churchyard

Have you visited this recently? It looks lovely!

Our huge thanks are due to Sue and Peter Thompson, Gerry Kemp, Chris Blows, et al for all their strimming and other work to make the churchyard look so much better.

Thank you also as ever to our wonderful team of ladies who clean Chatton and Chillingham churches so beautifully and provide such wonderful flowers and seasonal decorations.

Harvest Supper-Saturday 26th September

Save The Date!

This year's Harvest Supper will be held in Chatton Village Hall on the evening of Saturday 26th September.

The event will comprise a fine seasonal dinner, a Charity Auction, and much more!

All proceeds will go to Chatton and Chillingham Churches.

Do hold the date free for what should be a great evening once again: more details will follow.

If you are able to offer a gift or promise for the auction, or would like to help in any other way, please contact Sue Thompson on thomsue70@gmail.com or Alistair Cochrane on alistair.cochrane@galbraithgroup.com

Chatton Angling Association

The annual Jim Nesbit Trophy competition was held on Saturday 4th July and, despite very low water, enthusiastic local and associate members enjoyed catching several wild



brown trout. There were some sea trout spotted but conditions were against us. I managed to tempt a 15" brownie to take the Trophy and prize of a reel generously donated by Hardy of Alnwick. It was great to see our former long serving Secretary Dorothy Douglas as well as new Secretary Rachel Byers coming along to the close of the competition. Dorothy recently received her chosen retirement gift of a bench in time for the summer (photo).

We still have some Associate memberships available this season, so if you know of any anglers who live outside of the boundary of Tillside Parish who may want to join CAA, then please encourage them to contact chattonangling@gmail.com. We are also keen to recruit more local members, especially ladies and juniors. Membership costs are minimal, and we are happy to arrange an introduction to the river to anyone interested. We also hope to join Chatton Lakes again this summer in arranging another Tweedstart day for local junior anglers who want to learn about fly casting and trout fishing.

*Richard Tebay
Chairman CAA*

Corny Corner

We had an argument over which vowel is the most important - I won

I'm friends with 25 letters of the alphabet.

I don't know Y

I'm reading a horror story in Braille.

I can feel something bad is going to happen

I love my furniture

My recliner & I go way back.

What does Alexander the Great and Winnie the Pooh have in common?

They both have the same middle name.

Just got diagnosed as colour blind.

It came totally out of the purple!

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 Wednesday 23rd September 2026 please