

# Chatteris CENTREPOINT

Issue 60 - June 2018



The King Edward Centre

## Magical Festival FUN

Roll up, roll up for the greatest show on earth! Well not quite but this year's Chatteris Midsummer Festival should be a feast for the eyes and the ears as the Festival goes all out to celebrate its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The theme this year is Musicals and many of the towns' organisations and clubs have already chosen their favourite to depict in the walking parade. There are still plenty of choices left so if you would like to join the fun please follow the links at the bottom of this article.

Festival Saturday (June 30<sup>th</sup>) will be action packed once the parade arrives at the showground at Furrowfields Recreation Ground. Particular highlights promise to be a mind-boggling illusion and magic show by JezO, circus skills workshops, an acoustics session by local singers and performances by all the musical entertainers taking part in the parade.

In the evening the Party in the Park promises to be a real treat with a disco, live music from a local band and singers and a foam canon for those who enjoy bubbly fun. As the light fades there will be a spectacular lights and special effects show.

The Festival will begin at Furrowfields Recreation Ground on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June with a pamper evening when you can come along and enjoy a massage, facial, manicure and other beauty treatments, browse the gift stalls and enjoy tasty treats.

On the Friday there will be a variety show in the marquee with plenty of music and comedy from local entertainers Perry & Laura Dennis and a curry supper.

To round off the Festival pop along on the Sunday to admire the equine competitors in the horse show, enter your four legged friend in the fun dog show, enjoy a cream tea or channel your inner competitiveness in the It's a Knockout competition.

Over the weekend there will be the ever popular flypasts by vintage aircraft, funfair and inflatables fun, stalls to browse and refreshments to enjoy.

For more details and entry forms contact Joanna Melton on 01354 695166 or email [chatteriscouncil@btconnect.com](mailto:chatteriscouncil@btconnect.com). To see the full festival programme turn to page 6.



## The Rotary Club of Chatteris

The Rotary Club of Chatteris will be asking the Chatteris retailers to decorate their windows for the Midsummer Festival on the 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> July, the theme this year is 'Musicals'. Please support our 'Shop Locally First' campaign and see the creative displays. The winners will receive donations to charities of their choice.

Anybody wanting more information about Rotary International or the Rotary Club of Chatteris can obtain details from the Chatteris Rotary Club web site or facebook.

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Sat 30th June 10 - 2 pm Coffee & Cakes on the Green

Sat 7th July, Sing for Fun Concert, 7:30 pm

Sat 14th July, Messy Church

July 30 - 3rd Aug, HOLIDAY CLUB

August - Bricstan Hall closed for works

Sun 12th Aug 10:30 am Commissioning of Parish Nurse

13th Sept, Messy Church

22nd - 30th Sept, Light & Life Mission

Sat 29th Sept, Harvest Praise Party

Sun 30th Sept, Harvest Sunday

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### Craft & Lace Group

We meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month at the King Edward Centre, Room 2, 7-9 pm. New members & visitors always welcome. Contact Heather 01354 694835 for more details.

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Introductions are made by the care agencies but you can just turn up or give us a call. Your first day is free!

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# CHATTERIS TOWN COUNCIL

## Pocket Park Begins

Work has finally begun on creating the Little Acre Fen Pocket Park much to the delight of the Town Council members and officers who have spent many, many hours in getting the project off the ground.

A footpath has been created winding through the park, trees on the site have been staked and the whole area has been cut down and will be sprayed and re-seeded. Temporary bollards to prevent vehicles accessing the site have been installed but will soon be replaced by an 'elephant' gate which will form a permanent barrier.

Once the re-seeding has been completed the Town Council can start the exciting task of deciding where everything should go. The reed beds have been retained in one corner of the site, trees will be planted in the autumn along with a wildflower area and hedging. Benches and nesting boxes will be installed.

One group has already offered to create a bug house and the Council would now like to hear from other groups in the community keen to get involved in the creation of this quiet area where it is hoped people will be able to appreciate the wide Fenland skies and the natural habitat. The site is accessible on foot from the Old Railway Line footpath and West Street (just head for the pumping station).

Over the years the Council has been offered a number of semi-mature trees and if those trees are still available they would love to hear from their owners again so a wooded area can be created.

There will also be the opportunity to plant trees in memory of loved ones.

If you or your group would be interested in becoming involved in this project please e-mail the Town Clerk at [chatteriscouncil@btconnect.com](mailto:chatteriscouncil@btconnect.com).

## Ely Shuttle Bus Service

Chatteris Town Council is delighted to announce that working with FACT (the Fenland Association for Community Transport) a new shuttle bus service to Ely will operate on Saturdays from June 9<sup>th</sup> 2018. The service is being funded by money originally given to FACT by Tesco's to run a shuttle bus to their Chatteris store.

Bus journeys will begin in Wimblington with a pick-up in Doddington, two pick up points in Chatteris and will call at Ely Leisure Village and Ely Tesco's (to also serve the railway station). Outward journeys will begin in Wimblington at 1.00pm (Chatteris at 1.15pm) and 4.00pm (Chatteris at 4.15pm). Return journeys will leave Ely at 5.15pm and 9.00pm.

For a full timetable and further information please look out for posters or contact the Council on 695166/email [chatteriscouncil@btconnect.com](mailto:chatteriscouncil@btconnect.com).

The cost of the journey will be just £2 return and students aged 14 to 18 will be welcome to travel alone on the bus if their parents/guardians have completed a disclaimer form. Children aged under 14 will only be allowed to travel if they are accompanied by an adult aged 18 and above. Adults are also very welcome to use the service.

All journeys must be booked in advance by ringing **01354 661234** to ensure there are sufficient spaces. Seats will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. All spaces will have to be booked by 12 noon on the Friday to travel the following day.

The Council hopes this new service will be of great benefit to the local community as it will give easy access to the new cinema and restaurants' area of Ely and the soon to be completed swimming pool and leisure centre. It will also give access to the railway station for those wishing to travel to Cambridge.

### Chatteris Town Council—Contact details

**Council Officers :** Clerk, Mrs Joanna Melton, Financial Officer, Angela Papworth, Tel: 695166, 14 Church Lane, Chatteris, PE16 6JA, e-mail [chatteriscouncil@btconnect.com](mailto:chatteriscouncil@btconnect.com), website: [www.chatteristowncouncil.info](http://www.chatteristowncouncil.info)

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## Chatteris in Bloom

**Bug Houses:** CiB is planning some bug houses around the town. If you have any of the following items lying around going unused we'd love to have them, so we can put them to good use:

- *old bird feeders; bricks with holes in; bamboo canes; pallets*

### Anglia in Bloom Competition 2018:

We expect judges to be visiting Chatteris mid-July. We'd really appreciate it if we could have some extra help around this time. If you could spare some time to help, please contact us below.

**Donation & Sponsorship:** If you would like to sponsor one of the planters in the town, see Tina or Gloria at the Old Bakery Tea Rooms to find out more or ask for a sponsorship form. Donations are also welcome and we also have collection tins at several shops throughout the town.

**Memorial Rose Bed:** We have dedicated one of the round beds on Huntingdon Road as a memorial bed. Rose bushes are available for £25 (for the life of the bush). If you would like to buy a rose in memory of someone you love, please email [chatterisinbloom@live.co.uk](mailto:chatterisinbloom@live.co.uk)

Contact us: [chatterisinbloom@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:chatterisinbloom@hotmail.co.uk); 07745270118 ; or contact us via Facebook.

## HOLIDAY AT HOME



Bring a friend for an afternoon of fun at Emmanuel Church, East Park Street, Chatteris

**Wed 12th September:** All About Guide Dogs      **Wed 12<sup>th</sup> December.** Carols with Emmanuel Ladies Choir

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Transport is available you contact Liz on 01345 692075 at least one week in advance of the event.

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See the diary dates in Centrepont for details of speakers and outings.

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# Chatteris Midsummer Festival 2018, 28th June – 1st July 2018

## At Furrowfields Recreation Ground - Entry just £1 per person per day

### Thursday 28th June:

6pm to 9pm Pamper Evening in the Marquee. Tickets just £3 includes two glasses of wine and nibbles. Come along and enjoy beauty treatments and massages and browse the gift stalls.

### Friday 29th June:

7pm: Variety Show in the Marquee. Tables of 10 @ £100, includes supper. Entertainment by Perry & Laura Dennis. Beer tent. Tickets must be booked in advance by emailing [chatteriscouncil@btconnect.com](mailto:chatteriscouncil@btconnect.com)

### Saturday 30th June:

Festival at Furrowfields Recreation Ground, gates open 10am. There will be an illusion and magic show, circus skills workshops, inflatables fun, a fun fair, many stalls and refreshments.

During the afternoon there will be performances in the arena by Manea Silver Band, Rockingham Rappers, Cromwell Drama Group performing Shrek, Fruity Clave Samba Band, Soham Fenlander Majorettes, Ely Silver Starlets Majorettes and saxophonist Liz Monroe.

**Festival Parade.** Departs from Church Lane car park at 11am, assembly at 10.30am. Walking parade on the theme of Musicals. All groups and individuals welcome to take part to register ring 695166 or e-mail [chatteriscouncil@btconnect.com](mailto:chatteriscouncil@btconnect.com). Please support the parade by lining the route via Market Hill and High Street to Furrowfields.

Parade Competition to be judged in the main Arena at Furrowfields following the arrival of the Walking Parade (approximately 11.30 am). The Fancy Dress theme is Musicals.

**Acoustics Session in the Marquee** at Furrowfields, 3.30pm to 7pm. Local singers will perform.

**Party in the Park.** On the main stage 7pm to 10.30pm. Local singers and bands will once again entertain and there will be a disco with DJ Laura Dennis. Refreshments and a beer tent will be available. Watch out for the foam party and the spectacular pyrotechnics light show.

### Sunday 1st July

Festival at Furrowfields Recreation Ground, gates open 10am. In addition to the competitions dog and horse shows there will be inflatables, a funfair and refreshments available.

### Horse Show:

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### At Furrowfields Recreation Ground - Entry just £1 per person per day

#### Sunday 1st July contd:

**Fun Dog Show.** Registration from 12noon and show begins at 1pm. Classes on Musicals theme. £1 entry. Festival It's a Knockout competition from 3pm. Teams of 6. To ensure a place please enter in advance. There will also be a competition for children.

**Strawberry Cream Teas** will be served in the marquee at Furrowfields from 1pm to 4pm.

#### Over the Weekend

**Flypasts:** Over the weekend there will be two flypasts by vintage aircraft. Times to be confirmed.

**Window Dressing:** Chatteris Rotary Club have invited local businesses to take part in a window dressing competition on the theme Musicals.

For more information, entry forms, etc., please contact Joanna Melton on 695166 or e-mail [chatteriscouncil@btconnect.com](mailto:chatteriscouncil@btconnect.com) or visit the websites [www.chatterismidsummerfestival.co.uk](http://www.chatterismidsummerfestival.co.uk) or [www.chatteristowncouncil.info](http://www.chatteristowncouncil.info) or the Official Chatteris Festival 2018 Facebook Page.

***Programme may be subject to change***

## Chatteris Museum

Our Kids Club is running on the last Saturday morning of each month, other than in June when it's on the 23rd. The 'Summer Nights' museum activity programme across Cambridgeshire will include events at Chatteris. Have a look on our website or Facebook pages.

Following the opening of our Anglo-Saxon Exhibition in May we also aim to provide talks on Anglo-Saxon Chatteris for local groups.

A talk on High Street shops is also available for local groups.

We are researching the history of Tom Hayward, a mid 19<sup>th</sup> century Cambridge and Chatteris cricketing legend, who went on the first England XI overseas tours to North America and Australia. Can anybody provide any information on his Chatteris life ?

We have a new exhibition of photographs of historic garage businesses and vehicles in Chatteris.

A remarkable story by Corporal S Barratt of Chatteris about his 1920 flight to Cairo in a RAF Handley Page bi-plane is being prepared for publication.

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## Chatteris Cricket Club

Players and members are looking forward to the 2018 season and the season's fixture book is already full. The club will be fielding teams at senior level, with over 25 players signed up for training, and will enter all junior competitions with teams in the under 19's, under 15's under 13's and under 11's.

The club now has five qualified coaches led by co-ordinator Ant Palmer. We will also enter the Kirkland Cup 20/20 competition and compete for the Ernie Wool Trophy with a Sunday development XI.

The club recently embarked upon a Cricket Force Day when members of all ages took part in the annual Cricket Club Clean Up. Site screens and nets were prepared for the new season, the pavilion was cleaned and the patio weeded.

Financially the club has had a good start due to the support of many local businesses and friends. The Ship pub generously donated £1000 to the club having raised the money through a range of social activities including quizzes, darts and petanque. In addition, the landlord Dave Linley, has agreed a deal to become the club's main sponsor and this year all senior shirts will carry the Ship's name.

The club committee is planning several fundraising events for the coming year including a race night, a quiz and a cheese and wine evening.

Chairman Grant Osbourn said that he was delighted with progress so far. He appealed to any boy or girl who would like to try out cricket to visit the club's website and Facebook account or just come down to the ground and meet the teams. The pavilion is open for visitors during matches where a licensed bar provides sustenance for those warm days and teas and coffees for those that prefer.

He said "We can assure you of a very warm welcome, fantastic company and good fun for all".



## Jump Avenue

Jump Avenue is a free interactive family programme promoting a healthy lifestyle, through interactive nutrition workshops & physical activity sessions.

**Wednesday:** March & District Children's Centre, 3:30pm-4.30pm

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## CHATTERIS MUSIC SOCIETY

Our first concert of the 2018 season featured Apollo5, an 'a capella' group of five singers who sang to a packed audience in the Parish Church on Saturday 14th April.

Clare Stewart (soprano), Penelope Appleyard (soprano), Josh Coote (tenor), Oliver Martin-Smith (tenor) and Greg Link (bass) thrilled the audience with their unaccompanied singing. Familiar songs, such as 'A Nightingale Sang in Berkley Square' and 'Eleanor Rigby' were sung to arrangements which added a sense of time and place to

these familiar melodies. Their rendering of the 'Skye Boat Song' was performed with such feeling that the drama and tragedy surrounding Bonnie Prince Charlie's failed attempt to seize the crown, and make good his escape to France, was clear to the large audience. The programme included arrangements of 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang', 'Don't Stop Me Now', and 'The Way You Look Tonight'.

The society's next concert on Saturday 30th June features the exciting Julian Bliss Quintet, playing music by Benny Goodman, George Gershwin and other well remembered tunes from that era. We expect a significant demand for tickets for this event, which will be available from the usual sources at £12.50, (students and under 16's free).

For further information about the society, visit our excellent website [www.chatteris-musicsociety.org.uk](http://www.chatteris-musicsociety.org.uk)

### News from the Library

The time is approaching for the library to run its annual reading challenge for children. During the school holidays the library is full of young people who sign up to the challenge of reading at least 6 books over the summer break from school. There are stickers to collect along the way and those that reach the target are presented with a medal and certificate in a special ceremony in September.

The theme this year is The Beano and promises to be a lot of fun. The challenge starts on July 23rd although we will be signing young people up from July 14<sup>th</sup>. The Challenge is kindly financially supported by Chatteris Town Council.

Volunteers from the secondary schools are especially welcome to help us run the challenge. If you are aged between 12- 16 and over and interested in helping out for just a few hours during the school holidays, please contact the library.

Also for the children is the Lego Club we are hoping to set up in the near future.

We have already had some donations of Lego which we are very grateful for but we are happy to take some more if anyone can offer it. If anyone is able to spare an hour or so to help run the club please contact the Library.

Our monthly Engage meetings have some interesting speakers coming up. On 13<sup>th</sup> June, Cambridge author Simon Boyd will be talking about his book 'Lady Sibyl Empire War and Revolution'. This book about is the story of Lady Sybil Grey's life, movingly told by her grandson using her own words from contemporary letters and diaries. On the 11<sup>th</sup> July, we will have a speaker from the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

All Engage meetings begin at 2pm and all adults are welcome to come along particularly those over 50. There is no admission price but donations are welcomed.

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Our Spring Course, which has now finished, was very well attended. Liz Carter proved a popular and well researched tutor, and with the knowledge of several farmers who attended the course as well, the group learned much about the history, people and drainage of the Fens. An informal visit at the end of the course to the Pumping Station at St German's where we were shown round by the Chief Engineer, followed by a tour of the sluices at Denver after lunch in the local pub, again with the engineer in charge, completed a very successful term.

There is NO course in the summer but in September we look forward to a return visit from tutor STEPHEN CORLEY who will talk about EUROPE BETWEEN THE WARS. The two World Wars excite constant attention but less is paid to the vital years between them. Find out more about the fascinating history which links these two great conflicts.

As always the venue is THE KING EDWARD CENTRE, RAILWAY LANE, starting at 10.00am until 11.30 am, for nine Wednesdays. The start date in September will be confirmed in the next issue of Centrepint.

As ever, tea and coffee is available before each session and everyone is welcome to join us in warm and comfortable surroundings.

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The Club offers both social tennis and league matches for competitive players. With organised weekly club sessions and several Club tournaments during the year, members new and old, are always assured a warm welcome.

Club nights are Mondays and Wednesdays at 6pm and from 10am on Sunday mornings (or from 2pm if coaching held in the morning). Social tennis is also played on Thursday afternoons at 2pm. These afternoons are fun, a regular group play and really welcome new faces.

However, life isn't just about the tennis! Chatteris Tennis Club has a busy social scene too, with events throughout the year including BBQ's, Quiz Nights, Halloween 'Monster Smash' event, Open Tennis Weekends and ten-pin bowling evenings.

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## CHATTERIS MORNING WI

The group meets on the 2nd Friday each month from 10am to 12 noon at the King Edward Centre. We also hold regular Friday Coffee Mornings and Lunches. We have a membership of nearly 50 and visitors are always welcome. A craft morning is held at a member's house (not The KEC) on the first Friday of each month from 10.30 till 12 noon. For more details contact President Mrs Jan Avenell on 01354 693150.

During the first quarter of this year, members have enjoyed several very good speakers, had a lovely meal out, won a trophy in 10 pin bowling and been to the Federation Annual Meeting.

In June we will be having a talk about 'The Life and Times of a Wimbledon Umpire' from Alan Grey.

Hopefully members will learn more about Recycling when Jonathan Crisp comes to speak to us at our July meeting. July will also see members enjoying the Summer Lunch. This year, the committee will be taking a well-earned rest from catering and letting 'Five Miles From Anywhere' provide our food for us in beautiful surroundings. Members are also looking forward to a trip to Barnsdale Gardens.

The President will host her afternoon tea in August and members and committee will take a break before starting back afresh in September.

(Check dates in the diary on the back page).

If you would like to become a member we would love to see you at a monthly meeting or one of our coffee mornings. We are a friendly bunch. The W.I. can be a very good way of meeting people and making new friends, especially if you are new to the area or just find yourself needing some company.



Chatteris Community Archive is organising a guided walk on **Wednesday June 27<sup>th</sup>**. Ideal for people who are new to the

town and want to learn more about the history of the place and equally good for those locals who want to talk a walk down memory lane.

The walk will take in various points of historical interest around Market Hill and the High Street. It will begin at the War Memorial in front of St Peter and St Paul's church at 18.30 prompt. The cost is £3.00 per adult, payable on the night. Numbers will be limited so make sure you get there in good time if you wish to be sure of a place.

The walk will be led by Archive volunteer, Michael Fleet, who comes from Chatteris and spent a great deal of his life living and working in the town.

Even if you can't go on the walk you can still learn a lot about Chatteris by visiting our on-line archive [www.chatteris.ccan.co.uk](http://www.chatteris.ccan.co.uk). It is full of interesting pictures and information about Chatteris from years gone by right up to the present day.

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## Chatteris Neighbourhood Watch, The Way Forward?

Chatteris 'Neighbourhood Watch' (NHW) has been active for many years, working with the police to make Chatteris a safe place, especially for the elderly and the vulnerable.

For those unaware of the work of the NHW, details can be found online at [www.cambsnhw.org.uk](http://www.cambsnhw.org.uk). In essence a group of residents within a street agree to keep an eye on the properties within the street and surrounding area and also, where possible, the welfare of those in the street. One resident volunteers to act as the co-ordinator and is registered with the police. This person automatically becomes a Chatteris NHW committee member and attends bi-monthly meetings at the KEC to discuss any non-urgent concerns. Urgent concerns are dealt with immediately by telephoning the police on 101 and giving an NHW password to the receptionist.

Once an NHW street scheme is set up, the residents acquire notices to put on lampposts stating the street is an NHW area, warning others they may be watched and reported if they commit a crime. In the course of their day, when at home, the scheme members look out for signs that a neighbour in the street may have a problem, especially if away, and may require help in their absence. Signs such as windows open, newspapers sticking out of letter boxes for more than a day, unusual people visiting or cold calling properties (especially those of the elderly and vulnerable).

History shows that NHW schemes are usually formed after a series of burglaries, or prolonged periods of anti-social behaviour in a street or neighbouring area. These situations were once common in Chatteris and as a result some 40 schemes were formed. Subsequently, the instances of these problems dropped considerably. So much so that today Chatteris has the lowest crime rate in the whole of Fenland. Consequently, perhaps due to complacency, interest in Chatteris NHW has waned in recent years. A recent survey of remaining schemes indicates there are only 14 in operation with co-ordinators.

Recently only a handful of co-ordinators have attended the bi-monthly meetings. Moreover, the current Secretary and the Chairman, whom have served very long terms in office, understandably, now wish to retire. Unless replacements come forward the future of Chatteris NHW is in doubt.

Thus an Extraordinary General Meeting is to be held at the KEC on Wednesday 13 June, at 7pm. All Chatteris residents who are interested in learning about Chatteris NHW, possibly with a view to joining, plus all the members of the current schemes are asked to attend in order to take the Chatteris NHW Association forward in the future.



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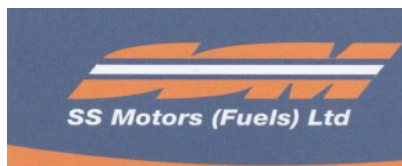
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## CHATTERIS CHRISTMAS LIGHTS



Discussions about investment in new features and improvements for 2018 will have been the focus for volunteers at their first planning meeting in May. There will again be something different to look forward to and hopefully further improvements to rope light features.

If you would like to get involved the next opportunity will be at the AGM on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June which will be held at The Honest John, South Park Street, starting at 8.00pm.

Volunteers are always required during the erection and dismantling weekends and for the Switch-On event, all are welcome however much or little time they can give. Potential volunteers should contact Chris Savill on 07528 596281. Keep an eye on Facebook for news of a workday to be arranged for July.

If you would like to help in any way with fund raising, donations or to keep yourself abreast of events visit the website [www.chatterischristmaslights.co.uk](http://www.chatterischristmaslights.co.uk) which we are hoping to improve this year.

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The Branch are continuing their 'Every Man Remembered' Commemorations. Forthcoming EMRs:

<b>Sat June 9:</b> George Pamby	<b>Thurs June 14:</b> Cyril Thomas Lovell	<b>Fri June 18:</b> Fred Squires
<b>Tues July 3:</b> Leonard Papworth	<b>Sat July 7:</b> Percy George Elsdon	<b>Wed August 8:</b> Arthur T Peacock
<b>Tues August 21:</b> Reginald James Barrett (MC)	Arthur Henry Parkinson	
<b>Wed August 22:</b> Sidney Ransom	<b>Mon August 27:</b> William Jubilee Kirby	
<b>Sat September 1:</b> Frank Corney	William Graver	

All services are held to commemorate Chatteris men who fought and died in WW1 on the 100th anniversary of their death. Everyone is welcome to join us at the war memorial at 11:00, we especially like to welcome any family members. Services last approximately 15 mins. The exhortation is read out, a 2 minute silence held, then we hear about the life of the soldier we are commemorating and a poem is recited.

Finally, a cross is placed on the memorial. Please join us if you can.

#### **Future Events: Tea Dance. Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

Chatteris RBL are holding an Afternoon Tea Dance for The Poppy Appeal at The Working Men's Club on Saturday 23rd June, 1pm-4pm. Tickets are £7.50 per person. Booking is required so catering can be dealt with.

Contact: Becky: [bizziebecky@btinternet.com](mailto:bizziebecky@btinternet.com) or Lorna: [lornajones2803@gmail.com](mailto:lornajones2803@gmail.com) For tickets or information.

#### **Youth Section:**

The RBL Chatteris youth are once again painting the bus shelter in East Park St. The design will commemorate the centenary of the end of WW1 and will be included in this years Chatteris in Bloom entry. The group has previously won an award for a similar project.

The Youth will be hosting a stall at the Midsummer Festival on Saturday June 30<sup>th</sup>. Funds raised will support further youth activities and events so why not pop along, support them and find out more about what they do.

Finally, in the coming weeks, Youth Members will be placing/hiding 180 rocks around the town as part of their project, 'We Rock Chatteris Remembers'. They plan to place them near to the soldiers home address, as per the 1911 census and hope that when found they are taken to the war memorial.

There is one rock for each WW1 soldier plus some remembrance ones. They hope by November 11th, most, if not all, are placed at the memorial.

Full details about Branch activities can be found on the FaceBook page or website.

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## The Chatteris Diary

JUN	
1	Chatteris Morning WI – Craft Morning
5	Mothers Union Speaker. Janet Smith
8	Chatteris Morning WI: The Life & Times Of A Wimbledon Umpire, Alan Grey
9	Chatteris Community Cinema 3.00pm& 7.30pm
10	Chatteris WI, A visit to Horseshoe Gardens in Somersham
11	Chatteris Royal British Legion Meeting
14	Chatteris Christmas Lights AGM 8.00pm at The Honest John
21	U3A,KEC, 10am, Speaker - Jason Middleton, Gemstones
22	Chatteris Morning WI – Games Morning
23	RBL Poppy Appeal Tea Dance
25	Chatteris Good Companions: Strawberry Tea and entertainer
29	Come and Be Heard, Outing to Museum of Technology
JUL	
6	Chatteris Morning WI – Craft Morning
9	RBL Branch Meeting
13	Chatteris Morning WI – Recycling – Jonathan Crisp
14	Chatteris Community Cinema 3pm Film tbc 7.30 Film tbc
19	U3A,KEC, 10am, Speaker - Jeanette Moser Aware, Alert, Alive
27	Chatteris Morning WI – Summer Lunch
27	Come and Be Heard, Cream tea and Hearing Help
30	Good Companions, The Victorian ghost hunter, 2.30-4.30pm
AUG	
10	Chatteris Morning WI – Presidential Afternoon Tea
16	U3A, KEC, 10am, Speaker - Great Ormond Street Hospital
17	U3A RACE NIGHT AT KEC 7PM
31	Come and Be Heard Boat trip
SEPT	
7	Chatteris Morning WI – Craft Morning
8	Chatteris Community Cinema 3pm Film tbc 7.30 Film tbc
10	RBL Branch Meeting
14	Chatteris Morning WI – Welcome Back/Bingo
20	U3A, KEC, 10am, Speaker - Carol and Steve Robson Stories with Strings
24	Good Companions Birthday Party and entertainer, 1.00- 4.30pm
28	Chatteris Morning WI – Coffee Morning
28	Come and Be Heard Hearing Dogs

## Defibrillator Fundraiser.

Chatteris U3A are hosting a Horse Race Night with Fish and Chip Supper on Friday August 17<sup>th</sup> 2018, at the King Edward Centre, 7pm till 10.30pm in aid of purchasing a Community Defibrillator for the town.

The evening will contain eight races, each sponsored by local companies or businesses. At the time of writing four races have been sponsored by Chatteris Slimming World, Chatteris Music Society, Gray Masonic Lodge, and Mark Petrou. Sponsors are being sought for the other races at a cost of just £20.00

Each race will have eight runners with names like **'Secrets by Cat out of Bag'** and **'Unfinished Text by Run out of Words'**. These can be sponsored by anyone for just £3.00. Winning 'owners' will be awarded prizes.

Raffle prizes are also being sought to help fund the cost of the Defibrillator, which is expected to be around £1,500.

Tickets for the event, which is open to the community, are available at £7.00 (to include supper) or £2.00 entrance only.

For further information or to offer sponsorship and prizes, please contact [teds.shed.events@gmail.com](mailto:teds.shed.events@gmail.com)

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