

CHATTERIS CENTRE POINT

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There have been lots of positive comments about the restarting of Centre Point. A big thank you to everyone who's sent in articles for this issue to make it a bigger read!

I've also reintroduced the diary dates section on the back page of this issue. This highlights a number of the events which are happening in Chatteris over the next few months.

The next issue is due out a little earlier than usual to coincide with the switch-on of the Christmas lights. Please see below for the earlier deadline if you'd like to submit an article or advert. If you don't have access to email, please write to me c/o the King Edward Centre (address at the bottom of this page).

This is your local newsletter, and I very much welcome your thoughts, ideas and suggestions for future editions, as well as regular news updates and articles for consideration.

I'd also love to hear from local businesses who wish to advertise—rates start at just £45 for a year (four issues).

Finally, a PDF version of Centre Point is available on the Town Council's website:
www.chatteristowncouncil.info/category/news-and-events

I hope you enjoy reading this latest issue!

Matt Howells, editor

HELPING US DELIVER!

Thank you so much to everyone who's volunteered to distribute Centre Point. We plan to have a distribution list drawn up for the next edition.

However, we do still need volunteers for other areas including London Road, Tithe Road,

Doddington Road, Curf and Willey Terrace and parts of High Street and Bridge Street.

If you or someone you know can help, even if it's just a street or two, please get in touch with Linda Ashley on info@kingedwardcentre.org.uk.

WANT TO INCLUDE AN ARTICLE, AN ADVERT OR A DIARY DATE?

Please email howells510@googlemail.com with your copy or to find out more information.

The deadline for the December edition will be 9am on Monday 7 November.

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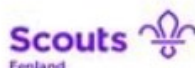
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MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL FUN

Crowds came out, the sun shone and normality returned - Chatteris Midsummer Festival was back and for a weekend at the end of June the pandemic was forgotten as the town celebrated again.

From children dressed as characters from Fairy Tales and Folklore to dogs showing off their best tricks there was plenty for visitors to see and do.

Last minute cancellations meant the parade was a little smaller than expected but those taking part had a good time cheered on by the crowds along the route.

Musical performances in the arena and on the stage were interspersed with entertainment from the Dog and Duck show. There was also musical entertainment in the marquee and sports for children along with the chance to browse the many stalls, enjoy food from the vans and let off steam on inflatables and the fairground rides.

In the evening local ska band Scooted 'n' Booted put on a great show before local DJ Laura Dennis ensured the audience kept on dancing until the end of the Party in the Park.

On the Sunday the dog show was popular, not only with the owners and their pooches but also those watching around the arena. There was also the opportunity to hold smaller, scaly and furry animals at the Animal Experience. Over lunchtime acapella group Isle Ave a Shanty entertained and there was the opportunity, during the afternoon, to enjoy a cream tea whilst being amazed by magician Dean Odell.

Youngsters and their willing parents and grandparents turned multi-coloured when they competed in the Colour Fun Run and the competitive spirit persisted with the Tug of War competition which brought a successful weekend to a close.

Special thanks to all the volunteers who helped to make the weekend such a success, particularly the Festival Committee, and to the officers from Chatteris Town Council and Fenland District Council who delivered a safe and enjoyable event.

If you would like to help plan next year's Midsummer Festival please come along to the Open Meeting in September. The date and venue will be advertised on social media but for enquiries email chatteriscouncil@btconnect.com.

A NEW HOME FOR CHATTERIS MUSEUM

Chatteris Town Council is delighted to announce that it has now successfully purchased the former Barclays Bank at 2 Park Street, Chatteris, using a Growing Fenland grant provided by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority.

Work will begin shortly on converting the building to a new home for Chatteris Museum.

NEW BUS SERVICES

Chatteris Town Council is delighted to announce that thanks to working with Fenland Association of Community Transport (FACT) two new bus services are available for Chatteris residents.

The even better news is that the services are either free or cost just a minimal sum.

The first service is a free, door to door bus to Tesco's in Chatteris every Friday. The bus will pick up residents from their home from 10am or 1pm and will leave Tesco's at 12 noon and 3pm. The bus must be booked by 1pm the previous day by ringing 01354 661234.

The second bus goes to Cambridge on the second and fourth Saturdays of every month. The cost is just £1 return and children under 16 travel for free but must be accompanied by an adult. The bus leaves Furrowfields Car Park at 10am and East Park Street bus stop at 10.15am and should arrive in Cambridge by 11am. It returns from Drummer Street, Cambridge, at 5pm and should arrive back in Chatteris by 6pm. Once again journeys must be booked in advance by ringing 01354 661234 by noon the previous day.

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Since September 2019 CALM has run a series of 10 week lectures and presentations with visual aid support covering far ranging subjects including Barber Surgeons to the NHS and the legend of King Arthur.

We invite you to join our friendly group to enjoy learning more and making friends. We hold courses in the autumn and spring terms.

Venue: King Edward Centre, King Edwards Rd, Chatteris, PE16 6NG

Day/time: Wednesday, 10am - 12.00 noon

Next course: Starts - 14th September 2022

Fee: First week - come and try

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CHATTERIS ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



The Royal British Legion is the UK's leading Armed Forces charity and one of the largest membership organisations. Members get together through the network of branches and clubs all over the country and overseas to participate in social, fundraising and welfare activities. Membership is open to everyone. If you have an interest in the objectives of the Legion and want to help and support those who have served and their families, come and join us. We welcome men and women of all ages, whether they have served in the Armed Forces or not.

Legion membership ensures that:

Remembrance is kept alive and the sacrifices our brave Servicemen and women have made are never forgotten.

The ex-Service community have a voice and that their concerns are brought to the public eye.

Becoming a member also provides the opportunity to get involved in a wide range of activities and events held locally, regionally and nationally throughout the year.

About The Royal British Legion

We provide financial, social and emotional care and support to all members of the British Armed Forces - past and present and their families. The Legion is also the national Custodian of Remembrance and safeguards the Military Covenant between the nation and its Armed Forces and is best known for the annual Poppy Appeal and its emblem the red poppy.

Founded in 1921, the Legion is not just about those who fought in the two World Wars of the last century, but also about those involved in the many conflicts since 1945 and those still fighting for the freedom we enjoy today.

Chatteris Branch meets on the second Monday of every month 7:30pm, Women's Section meets on the first Monday of every month 7pm, both at The Cross Keys Hotel in Chatteris. Meetings are friendly and welcoming, with a chance to get to know like-minded people and make new friends. We cover Branch, Regional and National RBL business as well as more informal chat, we would welcome any speakers or guests who could bring something interesting to our members.

We are involved in many events throughout the year, covering National Days, local formal occasions, commemorations as well as the Remembrance period in November.

The Poppy Appeal Committee are seeking new volunteers to assist with collecting during the build up to Remembrance Day - please get in touch if you are able to offer a few hours of your time or to find out more.

The Branch also has an active Youth Section for young people aged between 12-17. If you would like to know more, please contact our Youth Officer.

Branch Chairman: Anne Wells - anne1956wells@gmail.com - 07488 270230

WS Branch Chairman: Jan Baynes - janbaynes@hotmail.com

Poppy Appeal Organiser: Caroline Hopper - carolinebrimson@gmail.com - 07596 079041

Youth Officer - Becky Edgley-Cooper - bizziebecky@btinternet.com

Branch Email: chatterisrbl@gmail.com

Please see back page for diary dates.

On the 3rd Friday of each month, **Chatteris u3a** hold their Open Meeting in the King Edward Community Centre (KEC) at 10.00am. If you would like to find out more about **Chatteris u3a** then please take a look at our website, www.u3asites.org.uk/chatteris/welcome, or our Facebook page **u3a@Chatteris**.

Or join us on our **Chatteris u3a Open Day** on Saturday 29th October in the afternoon.

Our upcoming speakers are:

16/9/2022 **Medical Detection Dogs**

Medical Detection Dogs trains dogs to detect the odour of human disease with the aim of developing faster, more efficient and less invasive diagnostics that lead to better patient outcomes. We are at the forefront of the research into the fight against cancer and other life-threatening diseases, including Parkinson's and bacterial infections. Our bio detection dogs are trained to find the odour of those diseases in samples such as urine, breath and sweat and our work has the potential to benefit millions. We also train our Medical Alert Assistance Dogs to support individuals with complex health conditions who have limited awareness of an impending life-threatening medical event. Using their amazing sense of smell, dogs can be trained to identify minute odour changes emitted prior to an emergency and alert the person to take preventative action.



21/10/2022 **When Birds Sing**

Last year Saffron came to sing to us and told us of her life in the music industry. This time she is giving an illustrated talk using her own recordings of bird songs, photos and videos. This talk is accessible to everyone, whether you're a bird watcher or just interested in the birds in your garden. We will learn how, why and when a bird sings. We will look at some of the latest scientific research on the state of our British songbirds. Can we really influence the singing of our songbirds by feeding them? How can a tiny bird like our Wren sing 25 notes a second?

Do female birds sing? (Yes!) Why does the dawn chorus have such an emotional and calming effect on humans? Bird song has inspired composers; Beethoven, Sibelius and Messiaen have all acknowledged the influence of birdsong. Mozart kept a pet starling and taught it tunes.

18/11/2022 **A History of Gardening in Britain**

Nigel Start's visit was originally planned for March 2020 and had to be re-arranged twice so we are looking forward to being able to welcome him to our monthly meeting. His love of gardening started in the late seventies when his first small house came with a large plot. He found the best way to manage it was by growing fruit and vegetables, with the help of a small flock of chickens to clear the weeds and fertilise the ground. They very quickly became self-sufficient for a good bit of their food, and have been so for nearly 40 years. He started talking about his experiences to clubs and societies in the Cambridge area over 10 years ago.

COME AND BE HEARD

Come and Be Heard is a Chatteris based group for anyone who has hearing difficulties. We have started our meetings once again and are glad to be able to chat to others in a similar situation. Being hard of hearing can be isolating, so come along and join in our friendly group who understand what it's like. We can help with batteries each month and twice a year Hearing Help come along to retube and check your aids.

Our numbers are increasing, where other groups are having to close, so we must be doing something right!

We meet on the last Friday of the month at Lyon's Court at 2pm. Sometimes we have a speaker, other times just a cuppa and a chat. We have a boat trip planned and a Christmas meal. For more information contact Hilary, 695317. We would be happy to see you.

Please see the back page for our diary dates.

ANYONE FOR TENNIS?

Chatteris Tennis Club is a friendly, thriving Club that welcomes players of all ages and abilities.

The Club has superb facilities with four hard tennis courts, all with floodlights enabling year round play, plus two Clubhouses for members' use. Equipment can be provided free of charge too for beginners and those participating in the Club's various coaching programmes. The coaching offered caters for tennis beginners right through to advanced match play coaching - and the prices are very affordable too!

Both social tennis and league matches are available at the Club, with Club nights held Mondays and Wednesdays at 6pm and from 10am on Sunday mornings. The Club also now operates a booking system which enables players to team up with other members for play in between the regularly held Club sessions.

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, Halloween 'Monster Smash' event, Open Tennis Weekends and ten-pin bowling evenings.

Why not come along and see what Chatteris Tennis Club has to offer - it really is a gem of a tennis Club, and a warm welcome awaits all new members.

Please visit www.chatteristennis.com or telephone Kathryn Booth, Club Secretary on 07496 187332.

SHORT MAT BOWLS

Come and enjoy an afternoon of Short Mat Bowls on Thursdays from 2pm to 4pm in the main hall at the King Edward Centre.

Just turn up, or contact Ken Barber on 07860 139069 or 01354 669271 for more details.

CHATTERIS WI

Has covid lockdown and the aftermath of covid made you realise that you need to do something? Then why not come along and see if we can fill that gap one evening a month. Come and join our friendly WI in a covid safe environment.

Chatteris WI meets at the King Edward Centre on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 7.00pm - 9.30pm. We are not all 'Jam and Jerusalem'.

You might enjoy a chat with friendly ladies and listen to a speaker. Sometimes we have hands-on demonstrations. We have put together a programme of events, social evenings and speakers for us to enjoy monthly and which we hope you will enjoy. Each meeting we participate in a raffle, a small competition, along with some refreshments.

Visit us at one of our meetings and at the same time make some new friends. For a small fee. Visitors and prospective new members are always welcome at our meetings and we hope you'll like us enough to join.

If this seems a little daunting, for further details about future meetings please give Sharon a ring on 01354 460450 and if you decide this is for you we will make sure someone is waiting to welcome you.

We always put a WI Christmas tree in the Chatteris Church to help celebrate the Christmas Tree festival, and lay a wreath on Remembrance Sunday. And this year our WI came first in the Church flower festival.

We also try to visit a couple of places each year whether it be a garden centre, a garden from the National Garden scheme, Tolthorpe open air theatre or another place of interest where friends and family can come along with you to enjoy the experience. We as a WI often participate along with other WI's within our federation to enjoy various games, competitions and activities.

Please see the back page for diary dates.

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Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

Wednesdays 7.00 pm

(Please contact for details of venue)

Contact: Pastor Robert Read

Telephone: 01354 694393

Email: robert-read@talktalk.net

2ND CHATTERIS SCOUT GROUP



Our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have been really busy since the last Centepoint. In early July they had the opportunity to attend a District Camp, where they joined Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and even Squirrels from Groups in Wisbech, Whittlesey, March and Doddington. During the Camp they were able to try activities such as abseiling, bouldering, soft archery, den building, fire lighting, climbing wall, tug of war, shooting, slacklining, canoeing, pond dipping and bridge building to name just some. We had a very tired group of young people at the end, but they all said what a fantastic time they had had. Now comes the task of rehoming the lost property!

As the weather has been so good over the last few months, we have spent a lot of time away from the hall. Our Beavers have been to Little Acre Pocket Park, making slime, Somersham Nature Reserve, exploring and hiking in Mepal. Our Cubs have been to the District Camp Site, in March, preparing for camp by honing some skills, they have been litter picking and hiking to work towards their navigator badges. As part of their Personal Challenge badge several of the Cubs organised a football session at Cromwell Community College, having a go at improving lots of footballing skills before finishing off with a game. Our Scouts have been at Sutton Primary School, slacklining and finishing the term with a bbq and a water session.

As a Group we were honoured to take part in the Platinum Jubilee Church Service.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our amazing parents. Many of our sessions could not go ahead without additional adult support. To be able to put on certain activities we need more adults than we have, so we are very appreciative to our parents for volunteering when needed to come along to specific sessions.

Thanks must also go to Sutton Primary school for continuing to give us access to their field, Cromwell Community College for allowing us to use their football pitches for our Cubs football session and to Lillies Football Club Coach Cole for overseeing that particular evening.

We will be back in September and look forward to updating you again soon.

If you would like to join in the fun either on a regular basis or to help show our young people a new activity or skill, please do get in touch on info@fenlandscouting.org we would love to hear from you. If you have a child aged between 5¾ and 14 who is interested in joining, please contact us via info@chatteris-scouts.org.uk.



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CHATTERIS OPENS ITS DOORS TO LITTLE MIRACLES

Chatteris opened their doors last month to Little Miracles Charity. Little Miracles is a charity that supports families that have children with additional needs, disabilities and life-limiting conditions. Just like everyone else these children need a place to play, laugh and create friendships.

Spokesman Mick for Little Miracles said: "Our first Chatteris session was terrific, it was a relaxed session with lots of happy faces from our families."

Our first session in Chatteris was messy arts and crafts. We had around 8 families attend. They all had positive reviews and thanked the staff for a wonderful time.

It was amazing for the community in Chatteris to have an opportunity to enjoy themselves and come together for an amazing opening event.

Sophia of Little Miracles said: "It was amazing to see the community come together and for children with additional needs to have a place to make friends."

Please see our Facebook page for details of our next events: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/871272532954649>.



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NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Following the restrictions of 2020/21, the library is pleased to be back open with business as usual. By the time you read this we will have finished running the popular Summer Reading Challenge for the children. During the Covid period it ran on-line but we have been really pleased to welcome back record numbers of youngsters enjoying lots of books, craft activities, a magic show and lots of laughter. Thank you to Chatteris Town Council for their financial support of the Summer Reading Challenge.

We are beginning to run some new activities such as **Happy Baby Hour** on Mondays at 10.30 and Wednesdays at 2.30. Parents/carers with their babies and toddlers are invited to drop in and play with the toys, choose some books and have a chat. No booking necessary and no charge. The ever-popular **Rhymetime** is also back for babies and toddlers on Fridays during term time at 2.30. For the older generation we have started to run a **Cuppa and Company Afternoon** on Tuesdays. Join us for tea/coffee biscuits and the opportunity to meet new friends. Drop in any time after 2.30. Our **Engage in the Afternoon** events have also started again. These are aimed at the over 50's. Listen to a speaker in our warm and welcoming meeting room and enjoy some refreshments afterwards. No charge or pre booking necessary. September's speaker Heather Johnson is talking about her **Hedgehog Sanctuary** in Chatteris. The event starts at 2.30 on September 28th and on November 23rd we hope to welcome Rebekah from The **Great Fen Project** to speak to us.

It won't be long before the month of October approaches. The Library will be holding a **Halloween Party** on Thursday 27th between 10.30 and noon for children aged 3 plus. The children are invited to come along in fancy dress and enjoy the fun. Tickets are £2.50 from the library. Also during half term on Tuesday 25th at 10.30 we will be making **Spooky Face Plant Holders** from recycled milk cartons. Ask at the library for more details and to book your place.

The Arts Council is helping to fund more events in Chatteris this autumn under "The Library Presents" banner. Our first autumn event is on October 8th at 11am, where we will be running a **Fused Glass Workshop**. Suitable for adults and families with children over 8 years, you will be shown how to make a fused glass dish or a unique piece to hang in your window. On October 15th at 3pm it's a magic show with illusions and mind control. Witness the impossible with **Scoop Magic**.

On Saturday November 19th at 2pm we are staging **The Museum of Imagination** - suitable for families with children aged 4 years plus. The idea is to find a collection of mysterious objects and with the help of the curators you can label them and prepare them for display in the library so others can view your fascinating finds!

For more information and tickets visit www.library.live/the-library-presents. Pop into the library and pick up a brochure listing all the events at Chatteris and other Cambridgeshire libraries.

It is free to join the library. If you cannot call in to join you can join on-line by visiting www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/libraries and don't forget if you like to listen to stories or read using a tablet rather than a book, the library is able to offer digital downloads at no charge. Visit the library web pages for details or call in and speak to the staff. The Library is located at 2 Furrowfields Rd in Chatteris. Free car parking adjacent.

Opening hours are: Monday 10am-5pm Tuesday 2pm-5pm Wednesday 10am-5pm Thursday Closed Friday 10am-5pm Saturday 10am-1pm.

BRINGING THE WORLD OF FILM TO THE COMMUNITY



The aim of Chatteris Community Cinema is to provide Chatteris with a real cinema experience, which is accessible to all. The cinema is housed in the King Edward Centre, King Edward Road, Chatteris PE16 6NG. It features: BIG SCREEN - HIGH DEFINITION PROJECTION - FULL THX SURROUND SOUND.

Films are screened monthly on the SECOND Saturday, with showings at 3pm and 7:30pm.

Ticket Prices:

Adults = £5.00

Children = £3.00 (16 and under)

Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

The Chatteris Community Cinema is committed to ensuring our admission price is kept as low as possible. We are a non-profit, constituted group run entirely by a small group of committed volunteers from the local community. We do however have various running costs which must be covered by the admission price. We are constantly seeking sponsorship from the local business community for our screenings which if received will ensure our ongoing costs are kept as low as possible thus ensuring you have to pay only the bare minimum to come and see the movies we screen.

We have a small snack bar where refreshments can be purchased prior to the start of the film.

Please note we only have 56 seats in our cinema and tickets are sold on a "First Come First Served" basis, so, make sure you get booked early to avoid being disappointed.

We have no card payment facilities at this time, tickets and refreshments are cash only.

Details of upcoming films can be found on our Facebook page and look out for posters around town.

Ways to book your ticket:-

- Call or Text 07759 049619
- Reserve via our Facebook page
- chatteriscommunitycinema@gmail.com
- Tickets may be available on the door

Please see back page for diary dates.

ADVERTISING IN CENTRE POINT

Interested in placing a regular advert in Centre Point? Prices start from just £45 for a year (4 issues).

The deadline for the next issue is 9am on Monday 7 November.

For more information, or to submit your advert, please email howells510@googlemail.com.

CHATTERIS COMMUNITY GROUP

The Good Neighbour Medical Loans Scheme is run by a very small number of volunteers. Wheelchairs, commodes, walking aids, chair raisers etc are all available for loan in return for a donation. We rely on this money and any other donations we gratefully receive to further support our work and help maintain and clean the equipment in between uses. We are not part of the NHS or any other statutory body.

In the first instance, please call us on 01354 695154 to make an enquiry. If the aid you require is available, we will arrange a suitable date and time for collection from: 58 Westbourne Road PE16 6HQ.

You will need to provide proof of name and address and sign an agreement form for the loan of the equipment. This covers a disclaimer saying you are using the items at your own risk, plus agree to look after it and clean it before returning it to us.

A normal loan period is a maximum of two months- this is sufficient time for recovery. If you require an item for a longer period, you should contact the NHS via your GP or hospital consultant, or look at purchasing one for yourself. Under some special circumstances, we may allow loans for longer periods, providing regular contact is maintained.

COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATORS FOR CHATTERIS

We are a group of three residents who started fundraising to purchase Community use Defibrillators for Chatteris, in August 2018 and with the kind donations from the public; local businesses; grants; awards, and events we are pleased to announce that we have raised over £10,000 in four years, which has purchased and maintained our current five defibrillators, dotted around town. Our sixth unit is purchased and ready to go. We are awaiting a host facility, hopefully somewhere in the Bridge Street area of town, where this can be erected.

As with all small businesses, charities and community groups, the lockdown of 2020 stopped larger fundraising events from occurring, so our funds began to deplete as we purchased new stock to be used in the unit after it had been used, at a cost of £50 each time.

Luckily, once people were able to go out more, we were able hold our first yard sale in Chatteris. This proved extremely popular, with many people commenting how it was a joy just to get out of the house, see people and say hello. Our yard sales have continued each year, with us holding two this year, Jubilee weekend and another recently, August 21st.

Now that covid is more manageable and the public are beginning to mingle again, we are reinstating a few of our fundraising events, that had to be cancelled. These include a Horse Race Night at the King Edwards Centre and a tea dance.

If you would like to know more about these events and any other events we will be holding, please follow us on: [Facebook.com/CommunityDefibrillatorsforChatteris](https://www.facebook.com/CommunityDefibrillatorsforChatteris), or sign up for our updates on teds.shed.events@gmail.com.

We would like to thank all our supporters, over the years, and look forward to your support into the future.

F stop Camera Club- Chatteris was formed in early 2020 just before the country was hit with the COVID-19 lockdowns. In the last two years we have continued to run a Facebook group, as well as a few outdoor events, when permitted, but we are now hoping to properly get ourselves established and up and running as a proper camera club.



F - Stop Camera Club
Chatteris

In 2020 we put together a competition for local submissions of photographs depicting life in lockdown - this culminated in an exhibition at the Parish Church and also produced a photo book which can be seen at the Chatteris library.

The aim of our club is to provide friendship and support for photographers of all abilities in the company of like-minded people. We intend to hold regular talks and practical sessions as well as excursions, all associated with photography. Currently, club membership is free but certain events do have a small fee to cover running costs. Club meetings are generally held on the last Wednesday of the month, 7pm at the Vermuyden Room, Chatteris library- this may be subject to change, depending on the session/events organised.

Recent events have included a photography day at The Raptor Centre, St Ives, a talk by local professional Rob Morris and a studio shoot.

Current members are a mix of ages, abilities and photographic styles, so everyone is welcome.

To join or find out more, email: fstopcameraclub@btinternet.com

F-Stop Committee:

Events Coordinator - Lesley Allen

Secretary - Mike Allen

Social Media - Sarah Clarke

Treasurer - Gemma Rowell

Publicity - Tina Prior



Talk by Rob Morris at Chatteris library
Photo Credit: Sam Williams



Top: Photography day at The Raptor Centre
Photo Credit Lesley Allen

Bottom: Studio session with Rob Morris
Photo Credit: Tina Prior

CHATTERIS IN BLOOM



This year we were back representing the Town at the Anglia in Bloom judging and also, for the first time proper, Britain in Bloom. The team have worked exceptionally hard in creating new areas and more sustainable planting across the town, with many more plans for the future. This has been achievable this year with a new volunteer, Head Gardener, Tor Leifsen, who has brought years of professional gardening experience to us.

The planting schemes are designed to represent elements of the town and its surrounding areas. Bringing the Fens and its history into the town - our agriculture, the Fen Tigers, our fallen soldiers and the people are all represented, whilst creating natural environments for wildlife to thrive alongside us, with plants that will continue to flourish year after year.

The exceptionally hot weather has been a huge challenge for us and at the peak of temperatures, we had volunteers out every evening. The water we use is provided to us by local farmer, Robert Smith, who allows the use of the reservoir on his farm. The tank on the milk float carries 1000 litres and we were recently donated another 400 litre tank, which has proved invaluable in getting the quantities of water around to all our areas. Watering takes around 2 and a half to 3 hours each time.

Across the town we are currently responsible for: 40 hanging baskets, 14 Large railing troughs, 22 Small railings tubs, 7 Three tiered planters, 4 Large Round Tubs, 3 Large Square Tubs, 20 Beds of varying shapes and sizes and a Train Planter.

We were judged on Monday July 25th by Anglia in Bloom and Tuesday July 26th by Britain in Bloom and now we wait for our results...

Work still continues, as what we do is not all about the competitions. Plans are being drawn up for the next season and beyond and everything is still having to be maintained with weeding and dead-heading done daily and watering every other day.

Our sincere thanks to everyone who has supported us this year and all of the volunteers who have worked and continue to work incredibly hard.

We meet on the THIRD Thursday of each month, 7pm at The Old Bakery, 3 Market Hill.

Litter-picks take place the FIRST Saturday of each month 10am at The Church Lane Car Park.

Fundraising Quiz Nights are on the SECOND Tuesday each month 7pm for 7:30pm start at The Chatteris Working Mens Club. £1 per person entry. Max teams of 4 people. Please bring a raffle prize.

We welcome new volunteers, regardless of your gardening knowledge or skill-set, there is always something you can do to help us! Email us on chatterisinbloom@live.co.uk or call/text 07557 877441.

DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 10	Chatteris Community Cinema (page 12)	3pm and 7.30pm KEC
Monday 12	Royal British Legion (page 5)	Branch meeting, 7.30pm Cross Keys
Thursday 15	Chatteris in Bloom (page 15)	CiB meeting, 7pm The Old Bakery
Friday 16	u3a (page 6)	“Medical Detection Dogs”, 10am KEC
Wednesday 28	Engage in the Afternoon (page 11)	“Heather’s Hedgehog Hospital”, 2.30pm Chatteris Library
Friday 30	Come and be Heard (page 7)	Mark Davey, Cambs Sensory Services, 2pm Lyons Court

OCTOBER

Saturday 1	Chatteris in Bloom and StreetPride (page 15)	Litter-pick, 10am Church Lane Car Park
Monday 3	Royal British Legion Women’s Section (page 5)	Fish & chip supper, 7pm Cross Keys
Tuesday 4	Chatteris in Bloom (page 15)	Quiz Night, 7pm Chatteris Working Mens Club
Saturday 8	Chatteris Community Cinema (page 12)	3pm and 7.30pm KEC
Monday 10	Royal British Legion (page 5)	Branch meeting, 7.30pm Cross Keys
Thursday 13	Chatteris WI (page 8)	Welney Swan talk/Welney through the seasons, 7pm to 9pm KEC
Thursday 20	Chatteris in Bloom (page 15)	CiB meeting, 7pm The Old Bakery
Friday 21	Royal British Legion (page 5)	Poppy Appeal Launch Day, from 9am outside Cross Keys
Friday 21	u3a (page 6)	“When Birds Sing”, 10am KEC
Friday 28	Come and be Heard (page 7)	Hearing Help, hearing aid maintenance, 2pm Lyons Court
Saturday 29	Royal British Legion (page 5)	Start of Poppy Appeal fortnight, various locations around the town
Saturday 29	u3a (page 6)	Open Day

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 1	Chatteris in Bloom (page 15)	Quiz Night, 7pm Chatteris Working Mens Club
Saturday 5	Chatteris in Bloom and StreetPride (page 15)	Litter-pick, 10am Church Lane Car Park
Monday 7	Royal British Legion Women’s Section (page 5)	Ploughmans Supper in aid of Poppy Appeal, 7pm Cross Keys
Thursday 10	Chatteris WI (page 8)	AGM and Bring & Buy, 7pm to 9pm KEC
Friday 11	Royal British Legion (page 5)	Remembrance Day, 11am War Memorial Service
Saturday 12	Chatteris Community Cinema (page 12)	3pm and 7.30pm KEC
Sunday 13	Royal British Legion (page 5)	Remembrance Sunday: parade, wreath laying & church service from 2:30pm
Monday 14	Royal British Legion (page 5)	Branch AGM, 7.30pm Cross Keys
Thursday 17	Chatteris in Bloom (page 15)	CiB Meeting, 7pm The Old Bakery
Friday 18	u3a (page 6)	“A History of Gardening in Britain”, 10am KEC
Friday 25	Come and be Heard (page 7)	Members’ Christmas meal, 2pm Lyons Court