



CHATTERIS CENTRE POINT

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CENTRE POINT IS BACK!

The last issue of Centre Point was due to come out in March 2020. Looking back at it, it's sad to read about the events that were planned for that summer and of course never happened.

Over two years later, I'm thankful that Centre Point is able to start up once again with the support of the King Edward Community Centre.

It might seem odd to restart a hard copy newsletter when so many people read, advertise and connect on the internet and through social media. But I think there's still a place for Centre Point today.

Centre Point is restarting with a smaller print run and distribution than before, but I hope the next edition will be bigger and can be delivered free to every letterbox in Chatteris.

Hopefully the articles and adverts remind you about the amazing events and local businesses that are right on your doorstep.

Please enjoy this latest edition and keep an eye out for the next one in September!

Matt Howells

CAN YOU HELP US DELIVER?

We rely on volunteers to help distribute this newsletter, and we'd like to be able to deliver the next edition to every house in Chatteris.

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.

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What is **u3a**? If you are no longer working full-time then it could be for you because **u3a** gives you opportunities to develop your interests, make new friends and have fun.

There are lots of opportunities to get involved, 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**.

On the 3rd Friday of each month, **Chatteris u3a** hold their Open Meeting in the King Edward Community Centre (KEC) at 10.00am, during which members are updated on local **u3a** matters, have a cup of tea or coffee and then listen to an interesting and informative talk given by an invited speaker.

The upcoming speakers are:

17/06/2022 **Elizabeth Fry – Tea with Betsy**

Georgette Vale has created a series of one woman shows about notable, mostly Norfolk, women in history. In this show we will be joining Mrs Fry in 1845 to hear her tell of her life as a Quaker and her work as a prison reformer, philanthropist, anti-slavery campaigner, and more besides...

So be prepared to be transported back to the mid 19th century and experience the issues people such as Mrs Fry were fighting for.



15/07/2022 **Old English to Modern English**

Anthony Poulton-Smith is a freelance journalist and author, with 83 books, many articles, innumerable crosswords and puzzles published. He has been fascinated by the development of language and etymology.

This talk starts with the Saxons, Angles, Jutes and Frisians who arrived on our shores from the fifth century AD with a culture and language we refer to as Old English. Over the next 1,500 years influences principally from the Scandinavian and French tongues took this to Middle English and eventually to Modern English.

19/08/2022 **Mrs Cromwell – 17th Century Cooking**

Eleonora Gardner is a tour guide and public speaker working and residing in Ely. She is a certified Blue Badge East Anglian Tour Guide and holds a particular interest in the local area and 17th century English history.

She has a number of vibrant talks on East Anglian Life and characters – such as Oliver Cromwell, Samuel Pepys and Charles II. Today she is talking to us about 17th Century cooking and the foods in Mrs Cromwell's house. It will be a tasty trip through the culinary world of the Stuarts, from eel pie to the cakes that started the fire of London.



CHATTERIS MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL

Chatteris Midsummer Festival will return in all its full glory on the 25th and 26th June 2022 with the usual attractions plus some new ideas.

The Festival will be held at Furrowfields Recreation Ground and the theme this year is Fairy Tales and Folklore. Entry to the showground will be just £1 each day.

The Festival will open each day at 10am and will be launched on the Saturday with the walking parade. It should be a lively, noisy and colourful parade with three bands (two samba and one drum corps), Morris dancers, cheerleaders and stilt walkers lining up with local groups, including schools and nurseries. It is not too late to sign up, just email chatteriscouncil@btconnect.com.

On the field the entertainers in the parade will perform in the arena along with the Dog and Duck Show which has appeared on TV and is very entertaining. There will be music in the marquee, a story teller, fun fair, inflatables, stalls and a fairy crown and dragon mask making workshop.

During the afternoon there will be an acoustics session in the marquee and fun sports for the children. In the evening it is time for the Party in the Park with music from popular local band Scooted and Booted and a DJ set from Laura Dennis, who always keeps the crowds entertained.

On the Sunday there will be the dog show, the colour fun run (which was so popular last year), cream teas (with a magician), an animal experience and music from Isle 'ave a Shanty.

During the days browse amongst the stalls, enjoy the refreshments and let the youngsters join in the inflatables fun and enjoy the fairground rides.

It is a small (all female) committee who organise the Festival, with financial help from Chatteris Town Council and Fenland District Council, and we are looking for help. If you can commit please use the email address above to let us know.

Please come along and support one of the main events in the Chatteris diary.

Watch out for the flypasts - Saturday a Hurricane and Sunday a Spitfire!



Programme may be subject to change.

Entry is £1 per person per day, re-entry permitted if hand stamped.

Access to the site is via Furrowfields (the St Stephen's Drive gate will not be open to the public). Parking is available at Furrowfields car park.

No alcohol should be brought onto the Festival site. Bag searches will be carried out and any alcohol discovered will be confiscated and returned to its owners when they leave the site.

FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

SATURDAY 25TH JUNE

10am	Festival Opens to the Public
10.30am	Parade Assembles at Church Lane car park
11am	Parade departs from Church Lane
11.30/45am	Parade Arrives at Furrowfields Recreation Ground Followed by Fancy Dress Competition Judging
12pm to 4pm	Storyteller Mike Dodsworth
12pm to 5pm	Fairy Tale Crown & Dragon Mask Making Workshop
12 noon	Arco Iris Samba Band
12.20pm	Boss Elite Cheerleaders
12.40pm	Cambs ATC Corps of Drums
1pm	Dog & Duck Show
1.30pm	Newmarket Samba Band
2pm	Ely & Littleport Riot Border Morris Dancing in MUGA
2.30pm	Dog & Duck Show
3pm-6pm	Acoustics Session in the Marquee
3pm	Children's and Family Sports
6pm	DJ Set with Laura Dennis
7.30pm	Scouted & Booted
9.30pm	DJ set with Laura Dennis
10.30pm	Event Closes

SUNDAY 26TH JUNE

10am	Festival Opens to the Public
10am	Registration for Dog Show
10.30am	Dog Show
10am - 4pm	Animal Experience Tent
1pm	Music from Isle 'ave a Shanty
1pm-4pm	Strawberry Cream Teas in the Marquee with Magician Dean O'dell
2pm	Warm Up for Colour Fun Run
2.15pm	Colour Fun Run for Toddlers/Family
2.30pm	Colour Fun Run for 4-10 year olds
2.45pm	Colour Fun Run for Everyone aged 11 years and over
3.15pm	Tug of War Competition
4pm	Event Closes

CHATTERIS WI

Chatteris WI meets at the King Edward Centre on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 7.00pm - 9.30pm. If you are feeling lonely and would like to have a chat with friendly ladies and enjoy listening to a speaker, participate in a raffle, also enjoy tea/coffee.....

We are not all 'Jam and Jerusalem'

Come along and visit us and at the same time make some new friends. You never know you might enjoy the experience and want to become a member.

Visitors and prospective new members are always welcome at meetings and we hope you'll like us enough to join. If this seems a little daunting, give Sharon a ring and 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.

Throughout the year we enjoy various trips to other WIs, Tolthorpe open air theatre, gardens and garden centres.

Our 2022 programme is now complete with some exciting speakers booked. If you would like to hear our speakers please let Sharon know. A small fee will be requested. For further details about future meetings please contact Sharon on 01354 460450.

Please check the local press and/or the diary dates on the back of Centre Point for further meetings.

DIARY DATES FOR 2022

May 12 th	Resolutions, and 'Bring & Buy'	7 - 9pm	King Edward Centre
June 9 th	Harmonica Guys - play for us	7 - 9pm	King Edward Centre
July 14 th	Leisa Nichols-Drew Forensic Scientist - a talk	7 - 9pm	Kind Edward Centre
August 11 th	A visit to a NGS garden locally		
September 8 th	Visiting the Cambridge Mosque		
October 13 th	Welney Swan/Welney through the seasons talk	7 - 9pm	King Edward Centre

NEW TOWN SIGN UNVEILED

Chatteris' smart new town sign was officially unveiled by the Mayor, Cllr Linda Ashley, in May.

The sign was created by Chatteris artist Mr Ric Savage who very kindly donated his time after Chatteris Town Council purchased the materials. Cllr Ashley thanked Mr Savage for his wonderful sign.

The original town sign was donated by the Women's Institute in 1977 to mark the Queen's Silver Jubilee. It has been replaced and refurbished four times and Cllr Ashley pointed out it is only fitting that the new sign should be unveiled in the Queen's Platinum Jubilee year.

The sign is located in Jubilee Gardens which have been refurbished as part of the Renaissance

Project. Street furniture and lampposts throughout the town centre have been re-painted, refurbished and replaced through the project which is part of the Growing Fenland scheme funded by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority.

Businesses in the town centre are also able to apply for grants to smarten up their premises. For an application form they should contact the Town Council.

The aim of the Renaissance project is to help businesses and the town recover from the pandemic. It is hoped showing the town is cared for will help to attract more visitors and encourage local people to shop and dine in the town centre.



Mayor Cllr Linda Ashley, Deputy Mayor Cllr Anne Hay and artist Mr Ric Savage

2ND CHATTERIS SCOUT GROUP



Chatteris has a thriving Scout Group running from our own Scout Hall in Victoria Street. Within the Group we have a Beaver Colony, for children aged between 6 and 8, a Cub Pack, for those aged 8 to 10 ½ and a Scout Troop for those between 10 ½ and 14.

We wanted to let you know what our young people have been doing over the last few months so putting an article in Chatteris Centre Point was too good an opportunity to miss.

Over recent months we have been extremely lucky to have several people visit us to chat with our sections and we are very grateful for them giving up their time. Our Beavers have visited the church and spent time with Reverend Wendy, working on their Faith badge, they also had a visit from Amey, who talked to them about recycling and the Wildlife Trust also dropped in and did lots of activities with them. Our Cubs have been working on their First Aid badge so have had a visit from Dr Claude and from MAGPAS to help them with this. They also visited Chatteris Tennis Club and had a session with one of the coaches.

Our Scouts have tried their hand at some adaptations of sports in the Winter Olympics. They've also had a go at Archery, using sucker arrows and they have been learning different ways to light a fire as well as making tents from tarpaulin.

As I write this the final plans are being made to a Group Hike, which will involve all sections. The hike will take them between 3 and 4 hours and will give all those that take part the opportunity to move towards the next Hikes Away badge.

In July all our young people will have the opportunity to join up with other Scout Groups across our District, including Doddington, March, Wisbech, Thorney and Whittlesey, at a campsite in Thetford. There will be lots of different activities available for them all to take part in as well as giving them a chance to join a District Campfire before collapsing into their sleeping bags for a well-earned rest before getting stuck in again the following day.

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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