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A Newsletter for Chatton and Surrounding Area

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Top Award for The Old Manse

The Old Manse has won the prestigious Best Bed and Breakfast Award at the recent North East English Tourist Awards Ceremony. The presentation was made by BBC's Wendy Gibson and Stacey Hall of One North East at Sunderland's National Glass Centre.



Christine Brown and partner Tony Lummis, along with Sally Douglas are pictured with the award and certificate. The Old Manse will now go forward to the national finals to be held in April next year.

Everyone in the village will join in congratulating Christine and her team for a fabulous achievement and wish them well in the national finals.

Antiques Roadshow Fame for Jim Nesbitt

After hearing about BBC's Antiques Roadshow coming to Alwick Castle in July, Jim Nesbitt decided to take an 1830 Royal Mail Stagecoach number plate along out of curiosity. The plate had spent its working life on the side of a coach travelling between Edinburgh and the Elephant and Castle sorting office in London. Jim is unsure of how his family acquired the plate but his grandfather lived in Edinburgh for a while.



The Roadshow team asked Jim to return later in the afternoon when he was filmed alongside a gentleman with the nameplate of a steam locomotive called Collingwood. It was announced that one of the items was of considerable value - but viewers were then told that it was the Collingwood nameplate that was worth £15k and Jim's nameplate was valued at £300.

Grand Auction for Church Heating

An auction of promises is being planned to help fund the repair of the heating system at Holy Cross Church. Jim Railton has volunteered his services as auctioneer and the auction will begin at 7:30pm on 9 November in the Percy Arms. Already promised for auction are a week's hire of a Ski condo in Canada, a day's fishing and 2 deserts for a dinner party for 8. If you wish to contribute to the list please contact any member of the Parish Church Council - you can offer any service or item. More information in next month's Chatton News. Meanwhile put the date in your diary - it will be an entertaining evening.

Treasure Hunt

The football club Treasure Hunt held early in September proved a big hit with the 8 teams that took part and raised £40 for club funds. The 40 mile scenic route took people to places they had never been before and challenged them to find answers to clues that varied from easy-peasy to seriously difficult. Teams had to collect a set of objects including, controversially, a Daniel O'Donnell CD.



Special thanks go to Colin Hunter and Neil Douglas for organizing the event. Pictured are the winning and losing teams.



Winners were the three amig'o's, also known as Maxine Reed, her mother Heather Reed and Linda Duncan. Wooden spoon holders were Ben Pardey, Dave McCarthy, Jane Scott and Rachael Robson, known to some as The Percy Posse.

Holy Cross Walkers

The sponsored Holy Cross walk in aid of funds for improvements at church, brought in sponsorship in the region of £600! There were 16 walkers who left Holy Island on the morning of September 15th and who walked the full 15 miles, and 3 more who joined us at St. Cuthbert's Cave. The walk was a huge success enjoyed by all



despite one or two sore legs and backs, and was rounded off by a warm welcome back to Holy Cross. The evening was completed by a very enjoyable supper at the Percy Arms.

Thanks to all those who took part in whichever way from the drivers who ferried the walkers to the Island to the participants and their sponsors, and to Mick Douglas who was 'at the end of a phone' in case someone needed help to get home.

Headteacher Appointment

The post of Head Teacher of Chatton School has been advertised in national and local press with a closing date of 28 September. Interviews will be held in October and it is hoped that a new Head can be in post in January.

Pumpkin Disaster

Poor growing conditions throughout the summer have taken their toll on pumpkins being grown by members of the gardening club for this year's competition. Unless something amazing happens to the golf ball sized pumpkins, no-one at present has anything worth showing so there will be no pumpkin show this year. It is a great pity since it was lots of fun last year and club members look forward to more pumpkin-friendly weather next year.

Meanwhile, Lucy Ogilvie-Grant is to give an informal talk to the gardening club on eco-forest gardening at her home in Chillingham on Friday 28th September at 7pm.

Thanks

Margaret Fowler passes on her thanks to all those people who entered the raffle in support of Alexas Animals. The draw took place over the August bank holiday weekend and there were seven winners in the Tillside parish. Over £3500 has been raised.

Church Christmas Fair

This is to take place in the school on the afternoon of December 8th when we hope to have cakes for sale and other Christmas goodies. If anyone would like to be involved in the planning of this event please contact PCC secretary.

Chatton Secure Victory as Gnomads Discover Time And Tide Wait For No Man

On 1st Sept At Chatton Chatton won by 6 wks. Toss: Chatton
Weather: Hot and dry Typical September Pitch: turning.

Chatton made an early breakthrough but couldn't keep wickets falling regularly. The no.1 batsman Shepherd pulled viciously and glanced delicately to score 35 retired. Salmon took two wickets and Burn bowled incredibly economically. He took 1-16 from five overs. Four of the seven Derbyshire Gnomads reached twenty, and by the end of the thirty overs they had made what looked like an imposing total of 137-4 (137-5 including the retirement).

Chatton started well with their no.1, Comber, also making 35. Then A. Cochrane gave his wicket to the bowler as a present and Chatton started losing wickets. The Gnomads found resistance in Ord, but the target run rate began to look beyond Chatton after he was out. It seemed as though the home side were heading for defeat until captain Salmon clubbed three huge sixes over square leg. He sealed victory with only six balls to spare. The Gnomads had to hurry back to their lodgings on Holy Island lest the tide, like Chatton, should overwhelm them.

Harry Cochrane

Church Services

Harvest Festival will be celebrated in Holy Cross Church on October 14 at 9:30. Anyone with spare flowers or vegetables suitable for decorating the church is asked to contact a church warden.

30 Sept	9:30am	Chatton Holy Communion
7 Oct	9:30am	Chatton URC Service
	11:30am	Chillingham Holy Communion
14 Oct	9:30am	Chatton Harvest Festival
21 Oct	9:30am	Chatton United Family Service
28 Oct	9:30am	Chatton Holy Communion

Brian Lockett

Chatton FC

The football team have found their opening games challenging. In the first match of the season they lost 2 - 10 to Ashington Hirst Industrial, who are newcomers to the league. After equalising twice in the first half through goals from Steven Skeen and Aaron Scott, Chatton simply ran out of legs and gave far too much space to the opposition. In their Challenge Cup match against second division Bedlington Station Railway Chatton lost 1-11 with Shaun Rochester scoring a consolation goal. Back in the league, Chatton then lost 1-7 away to Shilbottle reserves. Even though the performance was better than in previous games, fitness proved to be a problem.

The next game will be a tough cup tie against Red Row Brick. Entry into the Cave Cup is a reward given to the 16 best disciplined teams in the league.

Chatton FC Fixtures

30/9/07	Red Row Brick	Cave Cup	Away
7/10/07	Felton	League	Home
14/10/07	Shilbottle	Div 4 Cup	Away
21/10/07	North End Trap	League	Home
28/10/07	Morpeth Black Swan	League	Away

Spectators are always welcome at matches. Unless otherwise stated kick off is 10:30am.

Chatton Store Deals

Pal Lamb or Chicken - 2 x 400g	87p
Go Cat Munchies - 375g	£1.09
Lifestyle Cat Litter	£1.09

Weather Report up to 26 September

David and Meg Thompson of Chillingham Barns provide weather information for the area to the Met Office. The first twelve days of September were dry - when the summer holidays are over and children are back at school after a very wet 6 weeks. It has been showery since and there was quite heavy rain on Sept 26 with 7.2mm falling.

Max. Air Temperature:	23.9°C on Sept 5
Min. Air Temperature:	1.2°C on Sept 4
Min Ground temp	-0.5°C on Sept 15
Total Rainfall for first 26 days of Sept	26.8mm or 1.05"
Average for September:	57mm or 2.24"
Total Rainfall for 2007 to date	17.21"
Expected Rainfall for first 9 months	19.46"

Black and Blue Bin Weeks October



Blue bins emptied on:	10 Oct, 24 Oct
Black bins emptied on:	3 Oct, 17 Oct, 31 Oct

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Articles are always welcome. If you have any views or news or information about an event please let us know.

With thanks to all contributors to this issue. The next issue to be published will be on October 26. Items to Bob Perris by October 22 please. (Tel:215564 or email at robert.perris@btinternet.com)