



# Chatton News

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A Newsletter for Chatton and Surrounding Area

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## Fishery Opens

Chatton Trout Fishery, Chatton's latest business venture, opened its doors to Anglers early in December. It aims to provide the



highest quality fly fishing in relaxed and friendly surroundings. The site covers 4 acres and gives anglers idyllic views overlooking Chatton and beyond to the

Cheviot Hills. The first lake has been stocked with blue, brown and rainbow trout. Two further lakes are under development.

## Chatton School Closure

The Parish Council held a public meeting on Tuesday 11 December where issues surrounding the proposal to close the school were discussed. Fifty nine people attended the meeting and many aired their views, some for closure and others against. The future use of the school was also discussed.

It is expected that there will be no children attending the school from January 2008 and Northumberland County Council have started the process of consultation over closure requested by Governors of the school. Northumberland County Council have organised a public meeting at the school on Thursday 17 January 2008 at 7.00 p.m.; all interested parties are welcome to attend. This meeting is your opportunity to listen to the arguments for closure and make your views known to the authority. A questionnaire about closure will be available at the meeting.

The consultation ends at 4pm on January 29. Northumberland County Council will then compile a report and a final decision will be taken about the school in March. It is therefore extremely important that anyone with views expresses them at the meeting and in writing. You can write to:  
Northumberland County Council, FREEPOST NEA5976, Chief Executive's Directorate, FAO Helen Griffiths, County Hall, MORPETH, NE61 1BR

If you have internet access you can go to the following link and read the consultation documents and download a questionnaire:  
[http://pscm.northumberland.gov.uk/portal/page?\\_pageid=449,97146&\\_dad=portal92&\\_schema=PORTAL92&pid=90120](http://pscm.northumberland.gov.uk/portal/page?_pageid=449,97146&_dad=portal92&_schema=PORTAL92&pid=90120)

## Carol Singing - Tonight

Chatton's Carol Singers will be making their way around the village this Friday evening. All proceeds will go to the Air Ambulance.

Everyone is welcome to join in - it's always good fun and much appreciated by residents. Usually it ends with a gathering in The Percy Arms. Please meet on the village green at 6pm if you would like to join the group.

## We Have A Dream

At the end of November members of Chatton with Chillingham Parochial Church Council met to view, for the first time, proposals for the future development of Holy Cross Church. Disabled access, toilets, efficient heating, meeting rooms and catering facilities were high on the members' wish list. These aspirations are well catered for in the plans submitted by architect, Robin Dower. As one member said, "I came to the meeting believing that I would not approve of the alteration. Having seen the plans, I am utterly delighted."

The restoration of the nationally important organ is incorporated in the planned development of the building. While the PCC recognize that the fundraising needed to achieve the fulfillment of their dream is enormous, they acknowledge that anything is possible if the will is there.

Early in the New Year the proposals will be displayed in the Church and the architect will attend a meeting to which the whole community will be invited, giving everyone the opportunity to see, discuss and influence the plans for the future of the Church in Chatton.

*Reverend Brian Hurst*

## Cricket Club Awards Night Chatton Celebrate Improved Season

On Friday 16th November, Chatton Cricket Club reflected on what had been, what could have been, and what they hope to be in the coming season. Chairman Max Renwick gave a stirring speech about how persevering the team had been and how far superior teams were not thrashing us like they should have been. All in all, it was hard to be convinced, but it gave us a certain amount of pride and optimism.

The awards were as follows: Simon Ord was indisputably awarded young player of the season, Andrew Watson the best bowler,



Henry Harvey the most dedicated clubman, Andy Salmon the most reliable all rounder, and controversially, Alistair Cochrane was named the best batsman of the season. Then we all had our photo taken and tucked into the delicious meal that the Percy Arms Hotel had provided.

*Harry Cochrane*

## Percy Arms Holiday Opening Hours

The Percy Arms will be open as follows over the Festive season:

Sunday 23rd Dec:	12pm-10.30pm
Monday 24th Dec:	11am - 10pm
Tuesday 25th Dec:	12pm-2pm (Bar only)
Wednesday 26th Dec:	12pm-11pm
Sunday 30th Dec:	12pm-10.30pm
Monday 31st Dec:	11am-1am
Tuesday 1st Jan:	12pm-11pm

All other days are as normal: 11am-11pm

## Christmas Market Thanks

The Christmas Market organized by Chatton and Chillingham Churches was an extremely successful event thanks to all of the people who contributed to the stalls and turned up on the day. While the total raised for Church Funds is yet to be finalised, it is understood to be in the region of £900 – an extremely good result despite the appalling weather on the day. Grateful thanks go to the many people who gave their time, energy and support, both before and on the day of the Market.

## Chatton Store Deals

Bell's Whiskey 75cl	£9.99
Wine Selection – 3 bottles from	£12
John Smiths Extra Smooth 8x440ml cans	£6.50

## Football Quiz Night

The Football team held another successful Quiz Night in November, attended by ten teams and raising £156. Special thanks go to organisers Colin Hunter (who set the questions and has been a valued friend and supporter of the football club), Neil Douglas and Colin Lee. Thanks again to The Percy Arms for hosting a very enjoyable evening.

A visiting team from Belford took the honours, closely followed by a team led by Simon Curry. The most controversial question of the night asked the name of the last battle fought on British soil. Culloden was given as the answer but there was a protest that it should be the Falklands.

## Church Services

Church services for the rest of December and January are as follows.

23 Dec	9:30am	Chatton Holy Communion
24 Dec	7:00pm	Chatton Carol Service
25 Dec	11:15am	Chillingham Holy Communion
30 Dec	9:30am	Chatton Holy Communion
6 Jan	9:30am	Chatton URC Service
	11:30am	Chillingham Holy Communion
13 Jan	9:30am	Chatton Holy Communion
20 Jan	9:30am	Chatton United Service
27 Jan	9:30am	Chatton Holy Communion

Do try to attend one of the services over the Christmas period.

*Brian Lockett*

## Smoke Detectors

The fire service will provide and fit smoke detector alarms free of charge. At the same time they will give advice on fire safety in the home. Using this offer of support could be a matter of life and death. If you are interested please phone Louise Duncan on 01289 330753 at Berwick Fire station or call at Wooler Fire Station.

## Chatton FC Concede Goals

Chatton FC have found life tough playing in the Morpeth Sunday League since the improved results early in November. They have scored one goal in each of their last three games in response to 11 from Ashington Excelsior, 5 from Ashington Hirst Industrial and 6 from Felton. In the last two games, there has been an improvement in both team performance and spirit leading to periods of the game when two of the top teams in the division were rattled. Against Felton Shaun Rochester hit the woodwork twice and had a cracking shot well saved by the Felton keeper.

Unfortunately, two players have incurred serious injuries in the last two games. Dan Moffat broke his leg during the match against Hirst Industrial and the following week against Felton, Danny Harris had to go to hospital with a nasty head wound. In both cases the injuries were a result of accidental contact rather than any foul play. Neil Douglas is back in Chatton's team, having played 90 minutes in the last couple of games. He might just get the record for the oldest player to appear for the team. The next game will be on January 6.

## November Weather Report

David and Meg Thompson of Chillingham Barns provide weather information for the area to the Met Office. With a ground frost on eleven nights, the first snow of the winter fell on the Cheviot on November 15 – four days earlier than last year.

Max. Air Temperature:	17.5°C on Nov 2
Min. Air Temperature:	-2.6°C on Nov 24
Min Ground temp	-5.7°C on Nov 24

Total Rainfall November 2007:	2.76" or 69.8mm
Average for November:	2.76" or 70.0mm

Actual Total Rainfall for last 11 months:	20.81"
Average Total for these 11 months	24.58"



*The Till burst its banks on Monday 10 December*

## Black and Blue Bin Weeks January 2008



Blue bins emptied on:	3 Jan, 16 Jan, 30 Jan
Black bins emptied on:	27 Dec, 9 Jan, 23 Jan

*(collections will be a day late in Christmas and New Year weeks).*

## Chatton News

I am looking for an individual or group of people to take over the editing and writing of Chatton News from February 2008. If anyone is interested and would like to discuss what is involved please get in touch. Help will be given to anyone who wants the job but is unsure of their computer skills.

*With thanks to all contributors to this issue. The next issue to be published will be on January 25. Items to Bob Perris by January 21 please. (Tel: 215564 or email at [robert.perris@btinternet.com](mailto:robert.perris@btinternet.com))*