



Chatton News

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A Newsletter for Chatton and Surrounding Area

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The Old Manse Receives Tourism 'Oscar'

Christine Brown and Tony Lummis took a Silver Award in the Bed & Breakfast/Guest Accommodation category at the national Enjoy England Awards for Excellence. The awards ceremony was held in Liverpool on 23 April.



'Enjoy England' is the organization responsible for standards in tourism throughout the UK and the award is the ultimate accolade that accommodation providers can achieve.

Congratulations go to Tony and Christine who thoroughly deserved the red carpet treatment that they received at St Georges Hall where comedian Ben Miller and Chair of Enjoy England, Hugh Taylor, presented the award. You can see the video clip about The Old Manse used at the award ceremony on YouTube. Go to:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b4fyEOdznXo>

Children's Group Programme

The Children's Group is still well attended and the group had a great time with a lambing visit at Chatton Park Farm just before the school holidays. Sessions are held in the Chatton Parish Hut (behind the First School), Weds 4 - 5pm, term time. £1 per family, includes drink and biscuit. The future programme is as follows:

30 April	Gardening Fun - Continued
7 May	Computers - All About Me - Photography
14 May	Sports - Rounders/Kwik Cricket
21 May	Visit to Chatton Fishery (Meet sharp at hut to walk up. Please bring a snack picnic.)

Just call in and take a look, or for further information call me on 215445.

Caroline Roberts

Planning Applications

At a Parish Council meeting on April 17th the following planning applications were considered.

08/B/0256- Full Planning Application- Proposed egg laying unit - Chatton Park Farm Chatton Alnwick NE66 5RA

08/B/0251- Advertisement Consent Application- Erect double sided internally illuminated free standing display unit Trollshaws Coldmartin Terrace Wooler NE71 6QR

07/B/1162 - Full Planning Application- Erect extension and detached garage- 7 Mill Hill Chatton

The Parish Council have submitted comments to Berwick District Council Planning Committee who will, in turn, be making decisions on these proposals

Chatton with Chillingham PCC

The Wooler coffee morning held on April 5 was a great success and made £227! Thanks to all who baked or made preserves, and thanks to those who helped on the day selling produce or making teas and coffees. Thanks as always to those who supported the event.

A reminder about the Charity Shop to be held on Friday 23, Saturday 24 and Monday 26 May in the Glendale Gateway Trust shop in Wooler. If anyone has any items they are clearing out this Spring and which they would be willing to donate for sale in the charity shop, we would be very grateful. Saleable items include crockery, bric a brac, jumble, clothing and items of furniture. *Please contact PCC Secretary on 215376*

Natasha McEwen of Fowberry Mains and Jane Lovett of Hetton House are opening their exceptional gardens on Sunday 13 July 2-6 pm to raise funds for Chatton & Chillingham Churches. Homemade teas available plus a plant stall. Admission to both gardens is £4.

Wooler Meets Chatton at Carpet Bowls

Twenty players, including 10 from the Wooler Indoor Bowls Club, had a great social evening on 8 April. The Wooler players came along to pass on their experience and playing tips. Everyone joined in with mixed teams from the two clubs. Pictured are players measuring distances to determine the winning bowl.

Chatton have been invited to a return fixture at the Wooler club next season and before then have also been invited to try out the summer bowls game at Wooler. The Carpet Bowls Club will continue to play



Tuesday evenings up until May 6 and then switch to Thursday evenings playing up until 29 May. The club will restart playing next season from the first week in September.

Interested in joining the group? Then come along on Tuesdays or Thursdays at 7pm, or contact Bob Scott on 215376 if you have any questions.

Tai Chi is coming

A Tai Chi introductory course will start on Tuesday, May 13th in the School Hall and will run for 6 weeks. A FISHNETS grant to cover instructor and hall hire costs has been approved by Northumberland Care Trust. Jane Virginia, an instructor from Wooler, will lead the sessions which will start at 6.30 pm and last about an hour. Tai Chi is a form of moving meditation, increasingly popular as an effective way to reduce stress. Already we have a good number of people have put their names down but places are still available. Interested in Tai Chi? Then come along on May 13th. If you have questions, call Bob Scott 215376

Chatton Cricket Club

Chatton Cricket Club are looking forward to another great season, and have the following fixtures arranged -

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opposition</u>	<u>Venue</u>
26 th April	Mitford	Home
4 th May	Eglingham	Home
7 th May	Percy Farmers	Home
18 th May	Alnmouth & Lesbury	Home
25 th May	Ovingham	Home
8 th June	Berwick	Home
15 th June	Alnmouth & Lesbury	Away
22 nd June	Ulgham	Home
6 th July	Ovingham	Away
20 th July	Bamburgh	Home
23 rd July	Berwick	TBC
27 th July	Vikings	Home
10 th August	Ulgham	Away
31 st August	Bamburgh	Away

Anyone interested in joining and playing for Chatton this season should contact Max Renwick (215465) or Andy Salmon (215539). We have several youth members and we encourage younger players to come along and join in.

We practice on a Wednesday evening from 6pm, and current members and anyone else interested should come along for the first practice session on Wednesday 7 May (check first for weather).

Church Services

Church services for May are as follows. Everyone is welcome to come to the services.

4 May	9:30am	Chatton URC Service
	11:30am	Chillingham Holy Communion
11 May	9:30am	Chatton Holy Communion
18 May	9:30am	Chatton United Service
25 May	9:30am	Chatton Holy Communion

Chatton Fun Day

Chatton Cricket and Football teams are proposing a Village Fun Day on Saturday 12 July. Similar to last year the focus will be around Cricket, mini- Football and Rounders games played throughout the day. More details to follow over the next months, but for now make a note to keep July 12 free for what promises to be a day not to be missed!

Chatton News - Editor Found

The good news is that Stephen Alford has offered to take on the role of editor of Chatton News. The newsletter has become an established means of communication in the village and surrounding area and we are indebted to him for volunteering to produce it.

I have enjoyed editing Chatton News and greatly appreciated the help and contributions of many people in the village in its production and distribution. Special thanks must go to Richard Roberts and Percy Wood Golf and Country Retreat for their sponsorship and production of the newsletter. Without this support it would not have been possible to keep the newsletter in circulation. Thanks also go to Bob Scott for producing these last two issues in my absence.

Articles and news written by community members make the newsletter what it is - don't be shy about contributing!

Bob Perris

Gardening Club - 2008 Programme

The gardening club is about to start its fourth year and continuing the theme of last year are looking for the experience of different gardens and those that garden them. The 2008 programme is :

13 th May, 6.30pm	Howick Hall Gardens
3 rd June, 6pm	Lilburn Tower Gardens
15 th June, 2-6 pm	Fowberry Mains Farmhouse, Wooler (Open for National Garden Scheme)
2 nd July, 6.30 pm	Hope Park, Coldstream / Kaim House, Wark
13 th July, 2-6 pm	Hetton House / Fowberry Mains Farmhouse (in aid of Chatton & Chillingham Churches)
September	Etal Manor Gardens
October	Pumpkin Show, Percy Arms, Chatton

Times given are for those meeting at the gardens. Earlier times apply for car share at the Percy Arms. Any non-members are welcome, £2 per visitor.

In anticipation of another popular pumpkin show, pumpkin seeds were sown on April 20. Plants are expected to be ready by the end of May for club members and also non-members interested in exhibiting at the October Show.



Summer Church Fete In July

By kind invitation of Sir Humphry Wakefield the Parish is to hold its Church Fete at Chillingham Castle once again. This is in conjunction with the Red Cross Open Day on Sunday July 27th.

Baking, preserves and plants will be on sale. Any offers of help gratefully received as always and any contributions for sale are especially welcome!

March Weather Report

David and Meg Thompson of Chillingham Barns provide weather information for the area to the Met Office. Ground frost was recorded on 20 nights with a low of -8.8 °C on March 5. A very low barometer reading of 28.3 ins. Hg was recorded on March 10.

Max. Air Temperature:	13.0°C on Mar 31
Min. Air Temperature:	-5.1°C on Mar 25
Min Ground temp	-8.8°C on Mar 5

Total Rainfall March 2008:	1.28"
Average for March:	2.17"

Total Rainfall for Jan - Mar 2008	5.31"
Average Rainfall for Jan-Mar	6.50"

Black and Blue Bin Weeks May 2008



Blue bins emptied on:	7 May, 21 May, 4 June
Black bins emptied on:	30 Apr, 14 May, 28 May

With thanks to all contributors to this issue. The next issue will be published on May 30. Items to Stephen Alford at 4 New Road by May 26 please. (Tel:215551 or email saa24@hermes.cam.ac.uk)