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A Newsletter for Chatton and Surrounding Area

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Chatton Post Office

It will come as a great relief to the village to know that, for the time being at least, Chatton Post Office is safe from closure. But more post offices will be closed in the relatively near future, so if we want to help our post office, we have to use it. Did you know, for example, that if you are the customer of a number of high street banks you can withdraw cash from the post office without a charge? It may be worth finding out more about the services our post office can offer us.

In the village store at the moment Geoff has on offer drinks for summer days: eight cans of Fosters, £6.90; eight cans of Old English Cider, £5.90; eight cans of John Smiths Extra Smooth, £6.90.

Stephen Alford

Charity fun morning

On 9 August I will be holding a charity fun morning at the village Scout Hut in aid of the Duchess' Community High School's Rugby and Hockey South Africa tour. We are hoping to raise money for a trust in South Africa which we will visit whilst on our tour. The fun morning will start at 10am and it promises to be a good event for all the family, with activities for all ages. If anyone has any tombola and raffle prizes or homemade cakes please contact me on 215445.

Amie Roberts



Claire's 100km Sahara Desert Trek

Claire Coates is raising money for the British Heart Foundation in memory of her Dad, who died aged only 52. We can all help Claire in this huge personal challenge by joining her for a Sassy Sahara Shop and a few Desert Drinks at the Percy Arms on Monday 11 August at 7.30pm. There will be a raffle with Pimms and nibbles. For more information please contact Claire on 07989921311 or Fiona on 215244.

Iron Man UK

On 7 September Tony Lummis will take part in the Iron Man UK competition in Sherborne in Dorset. The challenge involves a swim of 2.4 miles followed by 112 miles on the bike and then a full marathon. Tony hopes to complete the Iron Man in 15 hours. He'll raise money for Tiny Lives, a charity which supports the special care baby unit at the RVI, paying for equipment and services not provided by the NHS. If you'd like to make a donation, either go to www.justgiving.com/tonylummisironman or use the sponsorship form in the village store and Post Office.

Football prize draw

Chatton FC's autumn draw will take place at the quiz night in the Percy Arms on 10 October. The first three prizes are cash prizes

of £100, £50 and £25. Tickets are available from any member of the Club and will be sold over the coming months.

Holy Cross walk, 13 September

We had great fun doing this walk last year: it's amazing what you can achieve when you have lots of different people to chat with. It is approximately 16 miles from Holy Island to Chatton and we stop for lunch at St Cuthbert's Cave. The walk is easy to moderate - just please make sure you're fit enough to tackle the walk and wear suitable clothing and boots. There will be a brief welcome back to Holy Cross for anyone who wishes, and light refreshments will be available. Tide times mean that we will probably start the walk at 9.30am on Holy Island. If anyone can volunteer to be a driver taking walkers to Holy Island we would be very grateful. For further details please telephone the PCC Secretary on 215376.

Bamburgh outplay Chatton

On a bright, breezy day in the shadow of the castle, Bamburgh elected to bat first. The pitch was good, and the opening bowlers did well to remove Bamburgh's first two batsmen for single figures. However, their middle order started to consolidate, and gradually became more aggressive. Ausaf Ali, Bamburgh's overseas (United Arab Emirates) player, gave a masterclass in innings building. He batted cautiously for the first half hour, and then started to play more strokes, and eventually scythed his way to 40 before being run out. The middle order thrashed runs, and Chatton were left with a daunting target of 190. Ord was the pick of the bowlers, with two wickets and an economy rate of four an over.

Chatton's top order was ripped out by the opening bowlers, and Bamburgh's crafty spinners, including Sashwari from The Durham Academy, got their share of the wickets too. The innings almost lasted the full 35 overs, but the run rate never bettered two per over, ending on 49. A. Cochrane (with a yawn-inducing 19 in an hour and a half) was the only batsman to reach double figures. Chatton suffered a heavy defeat, losing by 140 runs, but it was wonderful to have played at such a venue, in front of a large number of people, and to have played against an international.

Alistair Cochrane

Open gardens



For the Open Gardens Day in July we had, thankfully, the only dry day for a week. This rare spell of fine weather

encouraged just over 300 visitors to the two gardens, Fowberry Mains Farmhouse and Hetton House and £2,240 was raised for Chatton & Chillingham Churches.

The teas have since been described by several people as the best they have had at a garden opening and their 'deliciousness' was commented upon all afternoon! A huge thank you to the excellent team from Chatton and Chillingham who worked so hard and with such good humour to produce the wonderful spread and always with a smile on their faces! A huge thank you too, to all the people who helped and contributed in many capacities both beforehand and on the day. This all made for a very happy and successful village day.

Jane Lovett and Natasha McEwen

Village Fun Day

The weather did its best to dampen spirits for the Fun Day sponsored by Chatton's football and cricket teams. Mick Douglas and friends managed to improvise a temporary shelter and extension to the pavilion and keep everyone reasonably dry -- except for the chefs who prepared the barbecue. The rounders match between adults and youngsters proved to be a tense affair with the adults proving that they can cheat with the best of them. This year's top cheat was catching the ball and running with it to avoid being stumped. At the end of the day we think the children won by a narrow margin.

Bob Perris

In cricket this was Chatton's most exciting game of the season, against Morpeth Hockey Club; but they eventually fell short, the margin being two runs. After electing to bat first, Morpeth batted positively, and, at times, belligerently. Davison hoicked four enormous sixes, all over the midwicket boundary. One came very close to denting a passing car. The middle order kept the runs ticking over, although Salmon contained them with a spell of 5-0-16-2. Burn produced an inspired over at the death, taking three wickets in four balls. At the end of the 25 overs, the Morpeth Hockey Club finished with a respectable score of 104.

Chatton suffered a top order wobble early on, but Richard Roberts steadied them with a defiant 36. He had good support from Paul Douglas, and later, amidst heavy showers, when it was clear that the match was going down to the wire, Tebay and Nixon kept their nerve. Tantalisingly, however, they couldn't quite get the three runs required off the last ball. Chatton therefore lost by two runs.

Cheer was restored by a fantastic barbecue -- many thanks to all those who so kindly made this possible.

Harry Cochrane

Congratulations

Very many congratulations to Oliver (Ollie) Brown who has just graduated from Newcastle University with BEng. Hons. in Mechanical Engineering. Ollie is currently working in Blyth. From December he will be France with Sarah, his long-term girlfriend, where they will both work as skiing chalet hosts.

Church fête

Many thanks to Sir Humphry and Lady Wakefield for their generosity in allowing the PCC once again to hold its fête in the gardens of Chillingham Castle. It was a lovely afternoon, the gardens were beautiful, and we were well supported as always.

Phil Scott

Chatton FC quiz night

On July 18 the football team held another quiz night. Ten teams took part and a team from Belford took the honours after an entertaining evening. Everyone enjoyed the challenge and the

company and over £150 was raised for football team funds. Thanks go to Neil Douglas and Colin Lee for organising the event, everyone who took part and the people who donated raffle prizes.

The football club would like to extend a special note of thanks through *Chatton News* to the Anglers for their generous donation. It is an invaluable contribution that ensures we can maintain the pitch to a high standard, especially during the summer months.

Bob Perris

Wildlife in Need



Four cygnets came to Wildlife in Need from the Swan and Wildlife Trust in Berwick for rehabilitation. Eventually they will be released on to the River Tweed. Ten mallard ducklings have at last found their wings and were recently released on to the River Till.

Church services

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

3 August	9:30am	Chatton URC Service
	11:30am	Chillingham Holy Communion
10 August	9:30am	Chatton Holy Communion
17 August	9:30am	Chatton United Service
24 August	9:30am	Chatton Holy Communion
31 August	9:30am	Chatton Holy Communion

Weather report for July

David and Meg Thompson of Chillingham Barns provide weather information for the area to the Met Office. July has been a month of mists which are more usual in June. On 19 July a very heavy storm gave 0.58" of rain in half an hour.

Max. air temperature:	25.0°C on 22 July
Min. air temperature:	7.5°C on 5 July
Min. ground temperature:	5.5°C on 5 & 20 July
Total rainfall for the month:	2.71"
Total rainfall for 2008:	14.62"

Thanks

A huge thank you to everyone who put *Journal* tokens through my door. We collected 960 tokens altogether for Eglington C of E First.

Dorothy Douglas



Black and Blue Bin Weeks August 2008

Blue bins emptied on:	13 Aug, 27 Aug, 10 Sept
Black bins emptied on:	6 Aug, 20 Aug, 3 Sept

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this issue. The next *Chatton News* will be published in early September. Please communicate items to Stephen Alford at 4, New Road by **25 August** please. Tel 215551 or email saa24@cam.ac.uk