



# Chatton News

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A Newsletter for Chatton and Surrounding Area

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## Carol Singing in the Parish

This Christmas we will be singing on Saturday, 20 December. This is a great start to the Christmas festivities: all are welcome, young and old, to join us in our tour round the Parish. We will meet at 6pm on the village green. I hope the itinerary will involve some visits to outlying farms and houses where some victuals and good cheer will be on hand! If anyone is musical, instruments and singers would be most welcome to drown out Railton's groaning. Bring torches, wrap up warmly and join in. Those 'in' on that Saturday night should be prepared for the infamous knock on the door and the joyous musical tones of soprano Jane Ord, the famous tenor Mr Oratorio Lee, the dulcet alto tones of Geraldo Dickensio and sweet treble sounds of the Chatton choristers.

Last year we collected over £150 for the Air Ambulance. If anyone has a 'close to home' local charity or fund that they are raising money for, please contact me on 01668 215323. Also ring him for further info, times, route, dietary requirements, ideas & high-jinx, etc.

*Jim Railton*



## Name the Reindeer

Most people will have noticed that a Reindeer has been standing outside The Percy Arms for a week or two. You can become its proud owner by guessing its name. Entries cost £1 and can be purchased in the bar of The Percy. The beast was made by Neil Douglas and Colin Hunter in support of the football club. It can be delivered up to a radius of 20 miles from Chatton and the draw takes place on Friday, 19 December.

*Bob Perris*

## Chatton Bowling Club

Our Club was invited to Wooler Bowling Club for a night out. Four members took up the invitation and enjoyed a great night, for which Wooler provided a wonderful supper. Two members from Chatton won raffle prizes.

*Linda Fletcher*

## Chatton Children's Group

We are into the festive season and have some fun-packed activities in store!

- 3 December Christmas cards using digital photography
- 10 December Making mini Christmas cakes. (Please bring along a small empty metal can.)
- 17 December Making sweets, plus icing the cakes: treats for the children and mulled wine for the adults.

Activities will begin again after the New Year on Wednesday, 7 January. Any new members are very welcome. The group is held at the Chatton Parish Hut behind the First School on Wednesdays in term-time between 4-5pm. Children need to have an adult with them. We charge only £1 per family for each session.

Thanks for all the support of our current members! Have a lovely Christmas and all the best for 2009!

*Caroline Roberts*

## Clothes bank

Look out for the clothes bank at The Percy Arms. Any clothes or shoes that you can put in the bank will sponsor volunteers to go to southern Africa to work in development projects. The volunteers work in Mozambique, Angola, Malawi and Namibia on projects to do with the prevention of HIV/AIDS, social work with orphans, schools and education, sanitation and the supply of clean water, and tree planting.

## Church services

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

7 December	9.30am	Chatton URC Service
	11.30am	Chillingham Holy Communion
14 December	9.30am	Chatton Holy Communion
21 December	9.30am	Chatton United Service
Christmas Eve	7.00pm	Carol Service
Christmas Day	9.30am	Chillingham Holy Communion
28 December	9.30pm	Chatton Holy Communion

As well the services listed above, carols will be sung in the courtyard of Chillingham Castle on 22 December, beginning at 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome!

## Quiz Night

The Christmas quiz night organised by Colin Hunter and Neil Douglas in aid of Chatton Football Club was a great success with Noddy's Holders winning by a single point. A total of £136 was raised for the club. Thanks go to Fiona and David at The Percy

Arms for hosting the evening. Special thanks go to all of the people who took part and made it such an enjoyable evening.  
Bob Perris

## Village Hall Plan Update

There have been further discussions to consider how the old school building might be used as a village hall. Northumberland Estates have set out the terms that they would like to attach to a lease. The Steering Group, in collaboration with the Parish Council, are considering a response to the terms that have been outlined. Meanwhile, the Steering Group have drawn up a draft Business Plan for the project, based on a model used across Northumberland. At this stage a number of ideas are on the table - and the Steering Group are keen to develop a village hall that meets the needs of the community. Several possible funding sources have been identified and bids will be made early in the New Year.

## Christmas opening times at The Percy Arms

Christmas Eve	11am- 10pm
Christmas Day	12 noon-2pm (drinks only)
Boxing Day	12 noon-11 pm.
New Year's Eve	11am-1am
New Year's Day	12 noon-11pm

All other times are as usual. Fiona and David and all the staff at The Percy Arms wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

## Chatton Look For First Victory

### Results in November:

Chatton	0	-	5	Ashington Bubbles
Morpeth Swan	2	-	3	Chatton
Chatton	P	-	P	Morpeth Black Bull

With a game postponed due to the weather and a week with no fixture Chatton have only played two further games. On a windy day, Chatton had plenty of opportunities to go ahead in the first half but failed to capitalise on the possession that they enjoyed. Going a goal down before half time and losing Will Douglas through injury early in the second half turned the game. With no substitutes available, Chatton were left with ten men and an uphill battle. The last twenty minutes saw a collapse and Bubbles ran amok, scoring four goals to win 5-0.

On their latest trip to Craik Park in Morpeth, Chatton played old rivals Morpeth Swan. Unfortunately the referee failed to turn up and a volunteer from the line was drafted in to take charge. John Steele snapped up a chance inside the box but Swan still led 2-1 at half time. Against the run of play, Chatton allowed Swan to score a soft goal just after the break but woke up in the last quarter of the game. In a strong finish, Jack Strangeways latched onto a Ross Simpson cross to narrow the gap to one goal. Chatton were by far the strongest team in the second half but could not take advantage of the series of chances that they created. Joe Spour, playing his first game for a while, was awarded man-of-the-match.

Training is held every Wednesday at 7:30pm at the Duchess School and people interested in playing are welcome to attend the sessions. The only arranged fixture at present is as follows. Spectators are always welcome.

Date/home/away	Opponents	Competition
7 Dec. - Home	Morpeth White Swan	League

## Weather report for November

David and Meg Thompson of Chillingham Barns provide weather information for the area to the Met. Office.

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Max. air temperature:	14.0°C on 13 & 14 Nov.
Min. air temperature:	-6.0°C on 30 Nov.
Min. ground temperature:	-8.0°C on 29 & 30 Nov.
Total rainfall for the month:	40.4mm/1.57in
Average rainfall for November	70mm/2.76in
Total rainfall for 2008:	30.75in

## Christmas refuse collections

Berwick Borough Council's website says that collections will be one day later than usual in the weeks of Christmas and New Year, but just to keep us all on our toes the dates they give for the Mondays of those weeks don't seem to match! It may be worth giving the Council a buzz on 01289 330044 just to make sure.

## Thank you

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this issue. The next issue will be published in early January. Items to Stephen Alford at 4, New Road by 28 December, please. Tel. 215551 or email [saa24@cam.ac.uk](mailto:saa24@cam.ac.uk) Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!