



## Chatton Fun Day – your invitation



Everyone is invited to Chatton's Fun Day on Saturday 12 July, starting at 1pm, on the recreation ground. It will be similar to last year's event.

The afternoon will start with a cricket match between Chatton's cricket team and Morpeth Hockey Club. There will be opportunities for children to play games and take part in a penalty shootout. There

will be a barbecue after the cricket match and a rounders game for everyone to get involved in.

This is a free event and is hosted by the cricket and football clubs as a thank you for all of the support they receive from the village. All you need to bring are your own beverages, along with a cup or glass, depending on your tippie. You may also want to bring your own garden chair. The barbecue will be provided.

One request - if anyone has a gazebo that they would be willing to lend for the day please get in touch with Bob Scott on 215376. Please note that in the event of bad weather we will have to cancel the day.

## Chatton Children's Group

The Children's Group is still going very well. Here is the programme for the coming weeks. Please note that we take a break for the school summer holidays: we will meet again in September.

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| 2 July  | Sports – football and hockey skills  |
| 9 July  | BBQ/rounders - starts from 4.30pm, in the school playground. New members are welcome, and any recent pupils/families from the Chatton First School who might like to join in. Bring along your own meat/bread rolls. We'll provide soft drinks and salads. |
| 16 July | Bamburgh beach outing – meet at the beach from 4.30pm, parking at second car park along the Wynding. Bring along a picnic!   |

We meet in the Chatton Parish Hut (unless otherwise stated), Wednesdays 4-5pm, in term times. New members are always welcome, so pop in and take a look – or for more information call Caroline Roberts on 215445.

## Holy Cross walk

On Saturday, 13 September Chatton with Chillingham will be doing the Holy Cross Day walk again. This will probably start at 9.30 from Holy Island, following the St. Cuthbert's Way through Kyle Woods to the Cave, where we take a lunch break, then on to Chatton. This usually takes about 6 hours and the level of difficulty is easy to moderate. Any walkers should be fit enough to

tackle this. It's good fun. Last year we followed it up with a brief welcome back in Holy Cross for those who wish (plus refreshments) and supper at the Percy Arms Hotel.

## Rain fails to dampen Chatton's spirits

On Sunday, 22 June, Chatton vs Ulgham, at Chatton Riverside. Chatton won by three wickets. Toss: Ulgham.

Rain was the only blemish in an otherwise enthralling game of cricket. After the tourists elected to bat first, Chatton made early inroads. Ulgham rarely scored at more than three an over, and it took their middle order to raise the total to 85 all out. Andrew Watson bowled with control in a decisive opening spell, and his namesake Dan took three wickets, owing two of them to a pair of difficult catches by Alistair Cochrane.

Chatton's chase started brightly, with Tom Comber slog-sweeping two sixes for his first twelve runs. Later his solid partnership with Harvey hinted at an easy win for Chatton, but the hosts then lost quick wickets to the variable bounce, and for a while it was a tense, nerve-jangling affair. Finally, amidst passing showers, a fine captain's innings by Salmon (18 not out), supported by Harry Cochrane, saw them over the line.

*Harry Cochrane*

## Open gardens

On Sunday, 13 July the gardens at Hetton House and Fowberry Mains Farmhouse will be open to visitors from 2pm till 6pm and home-made teas will be provided by the PCC and supporters. Proceeds go to support the churches paying their way.

These are beautiful gardens, Fowberry Mains having for the first time this year been open to the public under the National Open Gardens scheme. This is also a good opportunity to see how a love of gardening, much hard work, and an ability to work with the conditions of wind, site and rabbits have produced wonderful results.

## Football quiz night

Chatton FC is holding a quiz night on Friday, 18 July. The first question will be fired in the Percy Arms at 8pm. It is bound to be another evening with at least one trick question and one disputed answer and everyone involved having a good time as a result. Entry is £2 per person and teams need to consist of at least 3 people. Bring your friends and relatives. There are prizes for winning teams.

## Chillingham Castle

On Sunday, 27 July Chillingham Castle will be open in support of the Red Cross. Chatton and Chillingham churches will be selling home baking and plants on behalf of church funds.

## Decision on Chatton First School

On Thursday, 26 June, the Executive of Northumberland County Council took the decision to close Chatton First School.

The reasons the Executive gave were that in November 2007 there were only 8 pupils with projections that numbers would further reduce, and that by December all pupils had been removed through parental choice. The Executive said that the closure is due to the increasing inability to maintain the quality of educational experience that the Governors wished to offer, along with difficulty in maintaining financial viability, due to the reduced roll across the school. The Executive stated that closure has not arisen in the light of standards issues but purely as a result of falling pupil numbers.

The Executive accepted that the closure would have an impact on the local community.

## Church services

Church services for July and the first week of August are as follows. Everyone is welcome to come to the services.

6 July	9:30am	Chatton URC Service
	11:30am	Chillingham Holy Communion
13 July	9:30am	Chatton Holy Communion
20 July	9:30am	Chatton United Service
27 July	9:30am	Chatton Holy Communion
3 August	9:30am	Chatton Holy Communion
	11.30am	Chillingham Holy Communion

## Chatton Fun Morning

On the morning of the 9 August there will be a Fun Morning at the Scout Hut in Chatton. There will be teas and coffees available, a homemade cake stall, tombola and raffle. For the children there will be a treasure hunt, coconut shy and games. All funds will go to the Duchess High School's hockey and rugby tour to South Africa in 2009. As well as funding for the trip, we will donate money to an organisation for disadvantaged children, which we will visit whilst in South Africa. If anyone has any tombola or raffle prizes or nearer the time home baking, please contact Amie Roberts on 215445.

## Gardening Club

The programme for this year continues on 2 July with a visit to the gardens at Hope Park and Kaim House.

2 July, 6.30 pm	Hope Park, Coldstream / Kaim House, Wark
13 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.

## Parish Council sale

We would like to thank all who contributed time, energy and goods for the charity shop held recently in Wooler High Street. A

special thank you to ladies of Wooler churches (who had already had their own charity shops) who gave us help when we greatly needed it. People are very generous! The total raised (after costs) was £2521.61, which will help us pay our bills.

## Wacky Races awards



On 15 June, eight teams set out to raise money for Chatton FC in the annual Wacky Races challenge. It was a fun but challenging tour of the Northumberland countryside. The winning team was The Dastards, shown here claiming their well-deserved prize.

## Weather report for June

David and Meg Thompson of Chillingham Barns provide weather information for the area to the Met Office. The wettest night of the month was 21st, with 0.61" of rain.

Max. air temperature:	24.9°C on 9 June
Min. air temperature:	3.6°C on 21 June
Min. ground temperature:	2.0°C on 21 June
Total rainfall for the month:	2.26"
Average for the month:	2.01"
Total rainfall for 2008:	11.91"
Average rainfall for 2008:	12.49"

## Black and Blue Bin Weeks July 2008



Blue bins emptied on: 3 July, 16 July, 30 July  
Black bins emptied on: 9 July, 23 July, 6 Aug

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this issue. The next issue will be published in August. Items to Stephen Alford at 4, New Road by 28 July please. Tel 215551 or email saa24@cam.ac.uk