



# Chatton News

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A Newsletter for Chatton and Surrounding Area

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## RAF visit Wildlife in Need

Eight students and two instructors from the BTT Course 414 at RAF Boulmer came to Chatton on Thursday, 8 May to pay a working



visit to the Wildlife in Need Sanctuary. They spent the day voluntarily mowing, cutting, cleaning ponds, laying paths, shifting hay to name but a few tasks! Our photo shows the RAF team with Lisa and John and friend and volunteer Roy Mounsey

*Jane Butler*

## Children's Group programme

The group really enjoyed an interesting visit to the Chatton Fishery on 21 May. Thanks to Ali and Roger Brown for hosting the event, and answering all the children's questions! Also a big thanks to the Surestart Team in Wooler for their kind donations of arts and crafts materials and sports equipment.

Our programme in June is:

4 June	Gardening - in the school garden
11 June	Computers - Chatton project
18 June	Big painting session
25 June	Village Treasure Hunt

We meet in the Chatton Parish Hut, Wednesdays 4 - 5pm, in term times, £1 per family. Please call in and take a look, or for more information call me on 215445.

*Caroline Roberts*

## Tai Chi

A Tai Chi introductory course began on Tuesday, 13 May in the School Hall. The first session was attended by 13 people most of whom were trying Tai Chi for the first time. Jane Virginia, an instructor from Wooler, will lead the group through a total of six sessions each starting at 6.30 pm and lasting 1 hour. The group will not meet during half-term week but on each Tuesday between 3 June and 24 June. Tai Chi is a form of moving meditation, increasingly popular as an effective way to reduce stress.

Interested in trying Tai Chi? Then come along on and join the group. If you have questions, call Bob Scott 215376

## Start walking again

The walking group will meet for their first jaunt this year on Wednesday, 4 June at 7.00pm outside The Percy Arms. Anyone who would like a leisurely evening walk is welcome. Nothing too strenuous!

*Edna Perris*

## A welcome

We hope you will join us in welcoming our daughter, Claire, and her husband, Martin, and our new grand-daughter, Grace Ella, who have moved to their new home on North Terrace. Martin has a new job in the Percy Arms alongside our son, Stephen. We wish them all lots of luck in their new home and jobs.

*Jean & Chris Johnson*

## Runners of Chatton

Congratulations to all the runners of Chatton who successfully completed the Les Allcorn 10K race in Alnwick on 20 May: Victoria and Simon Curry, Gerald Dickinson, Charlotte Dodds, Maxine Fletcher, Tony Lummis, Rebecca Moss, and Jane and Robert Ord.

## Chatton Cricket Club

On Sunday, 25 May, Chatton's season moved into top gear. Early season defeats at Wooler and against Mitford, Alnmouth and Percy Farmers were swiftly forgotten as the home team recorded a convincing win over Ovingham at Chatton Riverside.

Chatton batted first on a blustery day and the start was inauspicious. Nick Douglas recorded a 'diamond duck', being dismissed on the first ball of the match. Soon afterwards, Cochrane went for only 2 to a spectacular diving catch. Tebay steadied the ship with some responsible batting before being caught at point.

Aaron Scott then set out on a glorious innings, recording an undefeated 53, his first ever half-century. This included four sixes and had fielders scouring many parts of Amersidelaw for the ball. Henry Harvey, another big hitter, contributed a great 27 to a super partnership with Aaron, before the latter retired to let lesser mortals take the crease. Of these, Harrison and Renwick sent the new club fines regime into overdrive with ducks. K. Watson (12), Salmon (15 not out) and T. Grindell (7 not out) made valuable contributions to a very useful 140 for 7 off 35 overs.

Ovingham were in trouble as soon as their innings began: they were no match for the (mainly) youthful Chatton bowling attack. K Watson dismissed both openers for 0 and finished with an amazing 3 for 16. Andrew Watson bowled four maidens from 5 overs in a superb spell to take 1 for 3! The Grindell father and son combo recorded two wickets each while Salmon and Renwick took one

apiece. Scott completed a marvellous day by bowling Stewart, the visitors' top scorer, with his first ball.

The only blot on Chatton's fielding performance was the number of dropped catches. The resulting fines collected by Treasurer Tebay would make Mervyn King green with envy.

Ovingham never looked likely to reach the target and were dismissed for 106 with four balls remaining, making for a Chatton win by 34 runs.

Next match: Home v. Berwick on Sunday, 8 June. All are welcome at practice every Wednesday at 6.30pm. To check in case of questionable weather, call Max Renwick on 215465

*Alistair Cochrane*

## Church services

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

1 June	9:30am	Chatton URC Service
	11:30am	Chillingham Holy Communion
8 June	9:30am	Chatton Holy Communion
15 June	9:30am	Chatton United Service
22 June	9:30am	Chatton Holy Communion
29 June	9:30am	Chatton Holy Communion

At the time of *Chatton News* going to press, the Church charity shop in Wooler was going very well, and it should provide a welcome boost to Church funds. There will be a full report in the next issue.

*Brian Lockett*

## Chatton FC

*Chatton FC 2 - 12 Berwick Rangers Amigos.*

Round 1 of The Berwick Charities Cup, played at The Stanks, Berwick-upon-Tweed, 8 May.

We turned up at The Stanks full of our usual optimism, already dreaming of progressing to the the heady heights of round two of The Charities Cup. We were soon brought back down to earth however as some of our players caught sight of the opposition and found that they were not so much Berwick Rangers Amigos as actual Berwick Rangers players - past and present. Our thoughts soon turned from victory to avoiding a hammering ....

The game started really well for Chatton, even though we gave away our customary early goal. Our defence managed well and the midfield gave a good account of themselves. We even had the odd chance on goal against a team who were clearly going to try and put on an attacking display for their hometown spectators. Although we did get a few chances and managed to score twice there were two periods during the game when we shipped three of four goals in quick succession and any chance of competing for a result was gone. Nevertheless this was a plucky and consistent performance against opposition who play at a level far above our own.

*Colin Lee*



## A Dastardly event!

On Sunday, 15 June, Chatton FC will hold its 'Wacky Races Treasure Hunt' in aid of club funds. It will set off from the car park of the Percy Arms at 2pm. For more information, talk to Neil Douglas (215298).

## Gardening Club

The programme for this year continues on 3 June with a visit to the gardens at Lilburn Tower.

3 June, 6pm	Lilburn Tower Gardens
15 June, 2-6 pm	Fowberry Mains Farmhouse, Wooler ( Open for National Garden Scheme)
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.

## April and May weather report

David and Meg Thompson of Chillingham Barns provide weather information for the area to the Met Office. Ground frost was recorded in April on 19 nights with a low of -5.5 °C on the 8th. May had three nights of ground frost.

	April	May
Max. air temperature:	18.0°C on 3 Apr	23.0°C on 10 May
Min. air temperature:	-2.6°C on 8 Apr	-1.8°C on 20 May
Min. ground temperature:	-5.5°C on 8 Apr	-5.0°C on 25 May
Total rainfall for the month:	3.66"	0.68"
Average for the month:	1.85"	2.13"
Total rainfall for 2008:	8.97"	9.65"
Average rainfall for 2008:	8.35"	10.48"

## Special offers at Chatton shop

Six Softest toilet rolls, £1.55; two Fiesta kitchen rolls, 99p; and a box of Kleenex tissues at special price, £1.19.



## Black and Blue Bin Weeks June 2008

Blue bins emptied on:	4 June, 18 June, 3 July
Black bins emptied on:	11 June, 25 June, 9 July

## Short notices

If you have an unwanted greenhouse could you please call Victoria or Simon on 215255. We can collect.

Some local schools are collecting vouchers from *The Journal*. If you are not already giving them to a school, and might like to give them to Eglington C of E First, please put them through the letterbox of 5, New Road. Thank you.

*Dorothy Douglas*

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this issue. The next issue will be published on 1 July. Items to Stephen Alford at 4, New Road by 26 June please. Tel: 215551 or email saa24@cam.ac.uk