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Alison Cutter: a tribute

Alison was one of those people who kept the world turning. Her secretarial and business skills were well known and she was often in demand to help others with computers, business or office organisation. With difficulties large or small she willingly gave her time and expertise.

There are some abiding memories: Her cheerful greeting when she arrived at school was always "Hello. How are you?" The cards of concern and good wishes when you were ill and notes of thanks for any gift or act of kindness received. Her small attaché case, a relic of her own schooldays, that she had lovingly repaired went with her to work every day. When the case was there you knew Alison was at work! And a phrase she often used "If we're going to do it, let's just get on with it!" How Alison packed so much into a day and week was quite amazing. She was a person you could absolutely rely on. Her quiet presence belied such energy and capacity for work, where tasks were completed in record time and done so professionally.

Her love of the local area was reflected in her service to the community of Chatton and Chillingham. In helping to provide a base for the scouts; serving as Parish Councillor and her determination to ensure the refurbishment of the fountain at Chillingham. All in addition to her work as a school administrator, farm secretary and helping run her own family business; as well as caring for the family she was so proud of.

I, along with many others, will remember Alison as a very dedicated and supportive colleague. And above all as a staunch and caring friend. She will be greatly missed.

Sally Tait

Christmas raffle

Hannah Lee and Amie Roberts are holding a Christmas Fair in aid of The Duchess's High School Rugby and Hockey Trip to South Africa Summer 2009 at the Glendale Hall in Wooler on Saturday, 22 November at 10am.

If anyone has tombola or raffle items or can bake a cake they would be very gratefully received. If you 'phone Hannah on 215378 or Amie on 215445 we will collect.

We hope you can come along and have a coffee with us.

Hannah and Amie

Chatton Children's Group

Activities for the coming weeks are:

5 November	Fireworks - in paint (computers)
12 November	Library follow up - poems and stories
19 November	Knex Project - to be confirmed
26 November	Knex Project - to be confirmed

As usual we meet in the Parish Hut at 4pm on Wednesdays. For

more information 'phone Caroline on 215445.



Chatton Cricket Club Awards Night

Chatton Cricket Club held its annual awards night in the Percy Arms on Friday, 24 October.

Chairman Max Renwick reflected on the season. He reported how the club had made progress, increasing its player base and improving standards. Of nine matches played, two had been outright wins, with a further victory, against Ponteland, secured under the Duckworth-Lewis rules.

All of the opposition teams had said how much they had enjoyed playing against Chatton, with particular comments being made about the beautiful setting of the ground, the enthusiasm of the players, especially the younger ones, and the good spirit in which matches were played. All opposing teams have asked for return fixtures next year and there are some invitations from new ones, so the 2009 season promises to be a full one.

The biggest disappointment, of course, was the weather. Many matches were cancelled, and the wash-out culminated in the flooding of the pitch and pavilion on 6-7 September. Nevertheless, some good had come out of this, with a real community effort in cleaning out the clubhouse.

Max made some announcements for 2009:

- Nets will be held in Berwick every other Sunday morning, starting on 1 February. Transport available from Chatton.
- Club night at the ground, every Wednesday evening, from 29 April: 6pm onwards. Players should do their best to attend.
- A new membership structure. Modest subscriptions will be payable from the start of the season, as players register. Major concessions for juniors and families.
- Fund raising events to come - watch this space!
- All new players are welcome, whether they wish to be regulars or occasional players, and whether they are experienced or novices. If you know anyone who would

like to play cricket or has done so in the past and would like to start up again, then please put them in touch with Max on 01668 215465.

Finally, the 2008 awards were presented:

Best Batsman: Aaron Scott
 Best Bowler: Andy Salmon
 Best Young Player: Harry Cochrane
 Most Reliable All-Rounder: Max Renwick
 Clubman of the Year: Henry Harvey

Alistair Cochrane

Pumpkin Show



Despite the less than ideal growing conditions this year there was an excellent turn out of pumpkins (admittedly not all orange). Our thanks go to the judge, Mr Tommy Swann, who was pleasantly surprised by the 16 entries, and awarded the

following results for the Best Pumpkin. First Prize went to Gordon Carr, Second to Tom and Charlie Nesbitt and Third to Andy Middleton. Tommy also awarded Maxine Fletcher with 'the most unusual pumpkin', for its attractive orange shawl, and Julia Bucknall for 'the most challenged pumpkin'. He also picked out Vicky Kirkup's for its excellent shape, colour and texture - if only it had been bigger. The Gardening Club would also like to thank Fiona Monro for hosting the event at The Percy Arms, providing pumpkin soup for all the competitors and lunch for the judge.

Rebecca Moss

Quiz Night and Prize Draw

Chatton FC are holding another quiz night at the Percy Arms on Friday, 28 October. The first question will be asked at 8pm. Everyone is invited to join in with the fun. Teams of up to five are welcome with a team prize for the top team. Each competitor will be asked to contribute £2.

Chatton Look For First Victory

Results in October:

Bed Stn Railway	8	-	0	Chatton
Chatton	1	-	3	Morpeth Black Bull
Chatton	2	-	4	North End Trap
Ashington Hirst Ind.	4	-	1	Chatton
Chatton	1	-	4	Bedlington Station

Chatton's football team has been involved in much tighter games over recent weeks but need to convert the improvement into results to lift itself off the bottom of its league. In the most recent match against second division Bedlington Station, Chatton lost 4-1 but both the referee and opposition manager agreed that the difference between the divisions was not obvious. John Steele blasted in a great goal for Chatton to take the score to 2-1 and it was not until late in the game that the Bedlington boys asserted their authority.

Spoilt by gale force winds, the game against Ashington Hirst Industrial was one of our poorer performances. Chatton conceded a fluke goal blown in by strong winds and gave away a second before half time. Despite looking the stronger team until early in the second half, we failed to make use of good possession and a late goal by Barry Rochester was not enough to bring home any points.

Chatton went ahead thanks to two goals from Danny Harris in the game against North End Trap. Fitness told on Chatton and they gave in to late pressure and lost the game. In the Bill Reverly Cup, an early penalty miss and several missed chances let Morpeth Black Bull take advantage in the second half to run out 3-1 winners. The penalty sent the ball over the high bar and into the river - thanks goes to Caroline Roberts for rescuing and returning the ball several days later.

Training is held every Wednesday at 7.30pm at the Duchess School and people interested in playing are welcome to attend the sessions. Future fixtures are as follows. Spectators are always welcome.

Date/home/away	Opponents	Competition
Nov 9 - Home	Ashington Bubbles	League
Nov 16 - Away	Morpeth Swan	League
Nov 23 - Home	Morpeth Black Bull	League

Church services

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

2 November	9:30am	Chatton URC Service
	11:30am	Chillingham Holy Communion
9 November	9:30am	Chatton Holy Communion
16 November	9:30am	Chatton United Service
23 November	9:30am	Chatton Holy Communion
30 November	9:30am	Chatton Holy Communion

Weather report for October

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

October began with heavy rain in the first two days of the month and ended with another two days of rain. The first snow arrived on Cheviot on 30 October - fourteen days earlier than usual ...

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Max. air temperature:	17.5°C on 13 Oct.
Min. air temperature:	-2.6°C on 30 Oct.
Min. ground temperature:	-4.8°C on 30 Oct.
Total rainfall for the month:	54.1mm/2.13in
Average rainfall for October	60mm/2.36in
Total rainfall for 2008:	29.18in



Black and Blue Bin Weeks November 2008

Blue bins emptied on: 5 Nov, 19 Nov, 3 Dec
 Black bins emptied on: 12 Nov, 26 Nov, 10 Dec

Thankyou to everyone who has contributed to this issue. The next issue will be published in early December. Items to Stephen Alford at 4, New Road by 24 November please. Tel 215551 or email saa24@cam.ac.uk