



Chatton News

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A Newsletter for Chatton and Surrounding Area

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Water, water, everywhere ...

Over the weekend of 6 and 7 September the River Till burst its banks in a spectacular way. Chatton was virtually cut off, and a good number of people passing through the village found themselves stranded and unable to travel any further. Lots of people in Chatton rallied round to help: rescues were made, food provided and accommodation found - great examples of the village really pulling together. As one couple from Suffolk, stranded in their car just outside Chatton, have written: 'Then to us a miracle occurred.'



The Till on the evening of Saturday, 6 September

Wildlife in Need

I wish to thank Neil Douglas and Mandy Smith for helping me when our hay barn was flooded on 6 September. With huge good humour they arrived the following Monday with a great forklift and a Land Rover full of singing dogs; and with quiet efficiency - and a lot of banter - they rescued 69 undamaged bales of hay and moved them up to the stable, and took away 31 waterlogged bales: our barn began to look a little less forlorn.

We were joined by Jane Butler, our camerawoman, and bale lifters Tony and Richard, while Helen entertained us all with her wonderful Irish wit. Thank you all so much: I don't think you know how much all this help and support meant to John and me.



I would also like to thank those anonymous members of the village who have kindly left bread for the cygnets. We hope they will be ready for release on to the River Tweed, having grown enormously on all the great food. This week a sparrowhawk brought in from AllNorthumbria with a pinned wing has been returned from release after a month with us. Also a young barn owl from Kilham has finally fledged after five weeks and was released a few weeks ago.

Lisa Bolton

Peggy Hull

Earlier this summer Peggy Hull received a medal to mark and celebrate her service in the Women's Land Army during the Second World War. The medal arrived with a certificate signed by the Prime Minister: 'The Government wishes to express to you its profound gratitude for your unsparing efforts as a loyal and devoted member of the Women's Land Army at a time when our country depended upon you for its survival.'

Peggy enrolled as a member of the Women's Land Army in June 1943 and served in it until February 1947, though she continued to work on the farm at Wandon for a further twelve years after that, before spending three years farming at Henlow, and a further sixteen years as caretaker of Chatton School. At Wandon she worked in the dairy early in the morning and late at night. In the summer she worked on the harvest and remembers often walking to Wooler.

Before enrolling in the Land Army Peggy was just as busy, and when war broke out in September 1939, and the village postmen were called to fight, she helped to deliver the post in Chatton and the surrounding area. She remembers cycling her round on frosty mornings and evenings till the New Year of 1940.

Peggy moved to Chatton with her parents and six brothers and sister when she was eleven years old. In August this year she celebrated her 93rd birthday with her family, made all the more memorable by the award at long last of her well-deserved medal.



Coffee mornings

I would like to thank everyone who supported the coffee morning at the Percy Arms on 5 September. We raised £223 for Cancer Research. Thank you!

Helen Ashton

The 29th September was nice morning weather wise and an even better morning inside the Percy Arms where the kettles were on for our Macmillan Coffee Morning. Thankyou to everyone for donations, cakes, raffle prizes and to all who helped on the day. The total stands at £400.80. Brilliant - well done Chatton!

RD Bolam

Quiz Night and Prize Draw

Chatton FC are holding another quiz night at the Percy Arms on Friday, 10 October. First question will be asked at 8pm. Everyone is invited to join in with the fun.

Meanwhile, the 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 cost £1 and are available from any member of the Club or the shop.

Pumpkin Show, 19 October



The Gardening Club's Pumpkin Show will be held on Sunday, 19 October. All pumpkins should be at the Percy Arms Hotel by 2pm. Viewing will begin at 3pm. Everyone is very welcome to come and to celebrate the end of the gardening year - pumpkins not essential!

Rebecca Moss

Chatton's Football Season Kicks Off

Chatton's first game of the new football season was cancelled as a result of the floods. The tide mark on the goalposts was later found to be just under the crossbar. Early in September the team went two goals up against Ashington Conchie in the first half. A late collapse allowed the opposition to score four goals in the second half and take the points. Amble Dock then visited Chatton with a very different squad from last year and, despite being reduced to ten men following a red card, beat a lack-lustre Chatton by five goals without a response.

Chatton played second division Castington in the Cave Cup on 29 Sept. Castington led 4 - 0 after 50 minutes but Chatton came back in the second half with two excellent goals from Luke Strangeways and John Steele to lose 5 - 2.

Hopefully, once the harvest is complete, Chatton will play a full-strength team and begin to see some rewards for the general improvement in performances. 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.

<i>Date/home/away</i>	<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Competition</i>
Oct 5 - Away	Bedlington Station	League
Oct 12 - Home	Morpeth Black Bull	Bill Reverly Cup
Oct 19 - Home	North End Trap	League
Oct 26 - Away	Ashington Hirst Ind.	league

Chatton Children's Group

Activities for the coming weeks:

1 October	Autumn Walk and Picnic - Hepburn Woods. Meet in car park by 4:30pm. Bring along a picnic tea.
8 October	Berwick Library Visit - Reading Activity
15 October	Leaf Paper Making
22 October	Arts and Crafts - Make a leaf man.

After a break for Half Term, we will meet again on 5 November for a Fireworks theme on the computers.

All sessions run from 4pm-5pm Wednesdays in the Parish Hut unless otherwise stated. We look forward to seeing you there! All welcome. For more information contact Caroline 01668 215445.

Church services

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

5 October	9:30am	Chatton URC Service
	11:30am	Chillingham Holy Communion
12 October	9:30am	Chatton Holy Communion and Harvest Festival
19 October	9:30am	Chatton United Service
26 October	9:30am	Chatton Holy Communion

Weather report for August & September

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

AUGUST 2008

Max. air temperature:	23.8°C on Aug 28 th
Min. air temperature:	9.1°C on Aug 5 th
Min. ground temperature:	6.4°C on Aug 18 th
Total rainfall for the month:	3.81"
Total rainfall for 2008:	19.39"

SEPTEMBER 2008

Max. air temperature:	22°C on Sept 21 st
Min. air temperature:	3.5°C on Sept 28 th
Min. ground temperature:	1.0°C on Sept 28 th
Total rainfall for the month:	7.66"
Total rainfall for 2008:	27.05"

There was very heavy rain on the 5th and 6th September with 3.0" and 3.23" falling respectively. The rain gauge at Chillingham Barns recorded the most rain on the country on these dates according to the Met Office!

Black and Blue Bin Weeks October 2008



Blue bins emptied on:	8 Oct, 22 Oct, 5 Nov
Black bins emptied on:	1 Oct, 15 Oct, 29 Oct

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