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A Newsletter for Chatton and Surrounding Area

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Chatton Children's Group

Welcome back! After the summer holidays we'll be meeting again, still on Wednesdays, 4-5pm, at the Parish Hut, at the cost of £1 per family per session. Here's the schedule so far for autumn term:

10 September	Sports/Rounders (weather permitting)
17 September	Gardening - harvest time
23 September	Computers - autumn project
1 October	Computers - project continues

We look forward to seeing everyone again. New members are always welcome!

Caroline Roberts

Chatton United Reformed Church

We are delighted to inform you all that we have a new lease of life! From 23 August we are part of a newly formed MISSION PARTNERSHIP, together with all the URC churches in North Northumberland.

The six congregations will be sharing the ministry of Rev. David Herbert of Belford and Rev. Pamela Ward of Rothbury.

The first service of this new era will be a service of Holy Communion conducted by the Rev. Pamela Ward on Sunday, 7 September at 9.30am in the Parish Church. We cordially invite everybody, whatever their church connections, to join us for this service and welcome both the new minister and the new era!

Church services

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

7 September	9:30am	Chatton URC Service
	11:30am	Chillingham Holy Communion
14 September	9:30am	Chatton Holy Communion
21 September	9:30am	Chatton United Service
28 September	9:30am	Chatton Holy Communion

Chatton village Hall

Members of the community are invited to play a part in establishing a valuable resource for the village.

Following the formal closure of the school, a Village Hall Working Group has met with Alan Hedley of Community Action Northumberland (CAN). He advised that we set up a trust and a management committee in line with other village halls in Northumberland. He explained the roles and responsibilities of Village Hall Trustees. The group then met with Marc Johnston from CAN, who has provided details of seven possible sources of funding for the project.

The Parish Council wrote to Northumberland Estates in June requesting a lease to use Chatton School as a village hall. They replied in July saying that they are sympathetic to the residents of Chatton but were waiting for Newcastle Diocese and Northumberland Council to confirm that they want to terminate their present lease. The Estates have now confirmed that formal notification has been received and they will respond shortly on the parish council proposals.

The Working Group will meet again on 18 September at 7.30pm in the parish hut and continue the process of establishing a Village Hall in Chatton. Anyone is welcome to attend this meeting or join the group.

Bob Scott

Iron Man UK

On 7 September Tony Lummis will take part in the Iron Man UK competition in Sherborne in Dorset. The challenge involves a swim of 2.4 miles followed by 112 miles on the bike and then a full marathon. Tony hopes to complete the Iron Man in 15 hours. He'll raise money for Tiny Lives, a charity which supports the special care baby unit at the RVI, paying for equipment and services not provided by the NHS. If you'd like to make a donation, either go to www.justgiving.com/tonylummisironman or use the sponsorship form in the village store and Post Office.

Holy Cross walk, 13 September



We had great fun doing this walk last year: it's amazing what you can achieve when you have lots of different people to chat with. It is approximately 16 miles from Holy Island to Chatton and we stop for lunch at St Cuthbert's Cave. The walk is easy to moderate - just please make sure you're fit enough to tackle the walk and wear suitable clothing and boots. There will be a brief welcome back to Holy Cross for anyone

who wishes, and light refreshments will be available. Tide times mean that we will probably start the walk at 9.30am on Holy Island. If anyone can volunteer to be a driver taking walkers to Holy Island we would be very grateful. For further details please telephone the PCC Secretary on 215376.

Chatton FC

Chatton FC's 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 are available from any member of the Club and will be sold over the coming months.

Football Fixtures

Chatton's football team open the season with a tough game against Bedlington Station. In the Cave Cup they have been drawn against Castington, last year's third division champions. There have been some new signings and the evidence from friendly matches over the summer suggests that the team should improve on the previous year's performances.

Fixtures are as follows. Spectators are always welcome at home or away games.

<i>Date/home/away</i>	<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Competition</i>
31 August (H)	Alnmouth	Friendly
7 September (H)	Bedlington Station	League
14 September (A)	Ashington Conchie	League
21 September (H)	Amble Dock	League
28 September (A)	Castington	Cave Cup

Weather report for August

The weather, as you may have noticed, is very much with us, but as *Chatton News* is going to press a little earlier this month, we haven't yet the weather statistics for August. But rest assured that David and Meg Thompson of Chillingham Barns are as busy as ever, and so the weather will return in a bumper weather report in the next issue! And I hope, too, that in future issues of *Chatton News* we may have reports here and there of village weather from years gone by.

Stephen Alford



From the Editor

Thank you to everyone who has sent in items for this issue of *Chatton News*. Please send anything you have to me, Stephen Alford, at 4, New Road by 21 September, or feel free to telephone (215551) or communicate by email (saa24@cam.ac.uk).

I'm always open to suggestions for *Chatton News*. It's a fabulous way to advertise events and spread news, but there may be room too for a little bit more of a look at the village and the surrounding countryside, its history and personalities, old and new photographs – perhaps a way of continuing the story of the Chatton book.

Ever the historian, I thought I'd include this month the sad story of one man, his dog and his cat ...

A melancholy tale from Chatton, June 1752

At Chatton, in Northumberland, a Mr. Pratt who had been bitten some time previously by a mad cat, died under the most deplorable circumstances. The cat had been bitten by a mad dog, but being a favourite, was put under confinement by Mr. Pratt, in order to prevent danger, and to preserve her life, if possible; but as he was offering her some meat too incautiously, she suddenly snatched at his fingers, and occasioned this melancholy event.

The Gentleman's Magazine



Black and Blue Bin Weeks
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Blue bins emptied on:
Black bins emptied on:

10 Sept, 24 Sept, 8 Oct
3 Sept, 17 Sept, 1 Oct