

£15 for 2-4 hours and £25 for the day. Please contact Anne Hunter (Tel: 825721).

Bits and Pieces

Achievements!!!

Congratulations to "The Garvald Eejits" who won the "What do you know about Pakistan?" quiz at Yester Primary school when they had their fund-raising coffee morning. The Eejits included Hazel Clark, Norma and Jimmy Thomson, Heidi and Caroline McGregor.

Well done to Colin Macaldowie and Gary Macgregor for completing the Glasgow Great Scottish Run Half Marathon in September, both in good time.

And last but not least... huge congratulations to Murray Thomson who won the ACU British Veteran Expert Championship a few weeks ago.

Church news

A some of you may know Rev. Cammy Mackenzie left in May which leaves a vacancy for a new minister of Garvald Church and Haddington West. Adverts for the job went out in the October issues of the relevant publications and we're hoping to interview and appoint someone within the next two or three months.

Church services are at 9.30am in Garvald one week, Morham the next. You can check the Church notice board to verify which - with various ministers (again grateful thanks). There's a brilliant Sunday school for all children. They only have to sit in the church for about 10-15 minutes at the start and there is also a room for a crèche (we just don't have any regular very small children at the moment). Coffee is in the Stables afterwards.

There are various small bible study and prayer groups for anyone who's

interested and for the month of October on a Thursday night at 7.30pm in the Stables there's a Bible Study group run by one of our Stand-in ministers Ivor Forrest - he's fab!

John Hughes (Session Clerk) can provide further information (Tel: 830345).

Garvald Inn

Come and enjoy the regular "Open Mic" afternoons. Details and dates are on the pub noticeboard. All welcome.

Pilates

The Pilates classes are ongoing in the hall on Tuesday evenings. Please contact Sue Kelly on 07710 642254.

Garvald, Morham and Gifford Telephone Directory

The directory is still being progressed. We hope to sell this for charity in the new year. Details will follow.

FESTIVE EVENTS

Keep an eye on the notice boards for details of upcoming festive events, the Hogmanay Bash in Garvald Village Hall, for example!

HAPPY news

Congratulations to Alan and Penny Short at Nunraw Barns on the safe arrival of baby Ruby on the 23rd of September... a little earlier than expected! We are delighted to welcome another little one to the community.



Forthcoming Newsletters

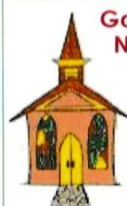
The next newsletter will be published in the winter. Please contact Shirley at sawalker106@hotmail.com (Tel: 830270) with any news or ideas.

GARVALD and MORHAM NEWSLETTER

Autumn

2010

The autumn school holiday is now behind us, Halloween is here, the trees are fast losing their leaves, temperatures are dropping noticeably and Christmas is only 8 weeks away! But instead of battenning down the hatches and putting the feet up by the fire, Garvald and Morham are looking forward to an eventful end to the year.



Garvald Village Hall News

There is an autumnal feel to the year and a bit of a chill fills the air so a warm welcome to you all and a special welcome to new residents. For those who have recently arrived, as well as a reminder for existing residents, Garvald Hall is first and foremost a vital social asset for use by everyone here. Importantly it not only houses such excellent annual events as the Village Flower Show but we organize a variety of different activities throughout the year, including a splendid Hogmanay party. Pilates and badminton regularly take place during the week, as well as hosting Councillor surgeries each month, and providing accommodation for Post Office services each Thursday morning from 9.00-11.00am.

The hall offers an excellent venue for private parties, both for children and those of us who are no longer children! An Art Exhibition is planned at the end of November, details of which will be advertised. So if you could use a well appointed facility for a social event, to support a charity, start up a club, or anything else you can think of, get in touch with a Committee member

or Barrie Ash (Hall Booking's Secretary). We'll be happy to hear from you and assist.

As most of you will know, our Mass 'Strip-the-Willow' in support of flood victims in Pakistan finally raised £484. Many thanks again to all who participated or attended. £40 of the total came from Peter at the pub who gave 10% of the takings for his curry night. Also, special thanks to members of Haddington Pipe Band who played wonderfully and gave the whole thing a good atmosphere.

Of course it's not all fun and games. The hall needs time, money and active support. Thanks to the generous support of Tyne Esk Leader we have just recently secured a grant which significantly helps towards the cost of meeting current fire safety requirements. We will now be



proceeding with the necessary installation work.

A date for our AGM will be announced later this year. Come along and hear first hand not only about what has been accomplished in the past year, but what we plan to do for the future. Ask questions or simply listen, whatever you prefer. The Committee appreciates your support.

One for the diary..... a Christmas Craft Fayre is arranged for **Sunday 21st November** from Noon until 3.00pm. There has been such a demand for tables that we already have a waiting list. Soup lunches and teas with home baking will be available, and the Post Office will provide the usual services including cash-back for those needing the wherewithal to continue their Christmas Shopping at this very local venue.

Your Garvald Village Hall Committee Members are: Davey Hood, Ian Anderson, Norma Thomson, Caroline McGregor, Anne Raitt, Elaine Davis, Carrie Ferguson, Jean Casey, Hazel Clark (Treasurer) and Barrie Ash (Chairperson).

Garvald Village Show

Congratulations to Rachel Argo for winning the "Best Kept Flower Garden" award 2010 at the end of August.

Retired Lighthouse Board Worker,



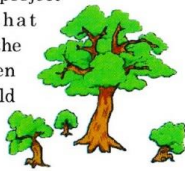
Rachel moved to the village from Edinburgh with her partner John around 18 years ago and since then has devoted a great deal of her time to developing their stunning flower garden. Pansies, Begonias and many other perennials occupy the organised space alongside miniature apple, cherry and plum trees. A beautiful "Rachel Rose" which was gifted to Rachel for her 75th Birthday is also prominent and can be admired from the sun room at the rear of the house.

A very organised person by character who takes pride in all she does, Rachel keeps a record of her gardening with details of how the various species should be looked after. She has already started her preparation for the winter with some plants neatly wrapped up to protect them from "Jack Frost". Others are basking under lamps in the garage.

Congratulations again to a well deserved winner! Thank you to Graham Barnes for the lovely photo.

Papana Woods Project

The Papana Woodlands Group is at last official! The Community Council has made us a sub-committee. This enables us to apply for grants for the project, and also provides for the continuity of project supervision that funders require (the project lasts ten years). We are told by an expert that with a fair wind the trees will be cleared and/or pruned in Spring of 2011, and replanting should happen next Autumn.



Community Council News

The next meeting of the Council will be held in Garvald Stables on Monday December 7th at 7.00pm. All

residents of the Community Council area are welcome to attend and are reminded that applications for the Wind Farm Community Fund can be made in the New Year.

Newcomers to the area who wish to be added to the list of those who receive a copy of CC minutes by email should forward their address to bellamycom1@aol.com.

GMCC Broadband Upgrades Programme 2010

GMCC Broadband is now in its sixth year of operation. We are currently in the process of a programme of equipment upgrading and replacement that should bring noticeable improvements in speed and quality of service to all. We will be using our own funds and some of the Crystal Rig money to finance this. Subscribers may be contacted over the coming months to discuss access to replace equipment, etc.

Our current Internet supply comes from East Linton. Dunpender Community Council have expressed an interest in our network. An agreement has been reached with them to investigate ways of expanding our system to include East Linton and other parts of East Lothian where broadband access is poor or non-existent. The aim is to access a high speed fibre optic connection and then to broadcast that across an expanded network using the latest wireless technology, initially at 20Mb/s.

Clearly this will depend on being able to access adequate funding. Various options are currently being pursued and we hope to have more information about this in time for the next Newsletter.

Morham News

Improvements

Since our last newsletter we have had

our road surfaces greatly improved and we are more or less, pothole-free. Our roads are so much better and perhaps our cars will last a little bit longer now! We also have been provided with new signs painted on to the road to encourage drivers to reduce their speed. This is greatly appreciated.

Annual BBQ

We had our annual BBQ in August. The weather was great and the BBQ was well attended and everyone had lots of fun. Thanks to everyone who attended and thanks to all those who helped with the organisation and publicising of the event.

A special thank you to John and Cathy McGuire for their BBQ-ing expertise!

Morham School New-starts

Some of our Morham youngsters have started school at Yester Primary School and have all settled in very quickly. An exciting time for them all particularly as they all are travelling on the school bus!

Morham Hall Committee

Apologies to those involved with Morham Hall Committee. The AGM was postponed and we will notify all concerned with the new date when it is agreed. Thank you all for your patience.

We are still looking for Office Bearers for Morham Hall Committee. We are looking for Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. If anyone is interested could they contact Anne Hunter (Tel: 825721)

Hiring of the Morham Hall

Morham continues to be a popular venue for children's parties and was also hired out last month as a venue for a christening. If anyone would like to hire the hall for an event our rates are: