

Bits and Pieces

Sad news

It is sad to report the death of Rachael Argo who featured last year in the newsletter when she won the Best Kept garden in the village. She died on Friday 30th after a short illness. Our sympathy goes to John and her family.

For Sale

Bookcase For Sale – Glass fronted, in six sections, £65. For further details please telephone Garvald 830 328

Garvald Inn

Come along and enjoy some folk music. Regular dates posted on the notice board at the pub entrance. Open Mic Sunday afternoons are also on-going fortnightly.

Pilates

Pilates classes are on-going in the hall. The new term started on 6th September and runs on Tuesday evenings between 6.30pm - 7.30pm and 7.30pm - 8.30pm. Please contact Sue Kelly (tel: 07710 642254)

Badminton

Sunday night badminton sessions (with 15 minutes of Fussball at the end) will start up again on 23rd October in the hall. The sessions costs £1.50 per person and is open to all ages and abilities.

Achievements

Congratulations to Scott Thomson on winning the Scottish Judo Championship for his age and weight category last month.

Congratulations to Gary and Caroline Macgregor who completed the Glasgow Half-marathon on 4th September with an impressive time of 1 hour 52 minutes. Gary and Caroline would like to thank everyone who

sponsored them as they will have raised about £200, which is matched by Lloyds Bank....so £400 total for Save the Children Fund.

Gardening Tips and Hints

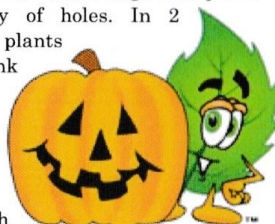
Leaf Mould

Autumn is here. It will soon be time to dig out those rakes and collect those leaves. To grow strong, healthy plants we need a good soil structure. We ask a lot from our soil – good aeration, optimum water holding capacity and with adequate drainage – to allow the roots to take up water, oxygen and the food they need. Leaf mould is made from the rotted leaves of deciduous trees and is invaluable in maintaining that desirable open structure. It is also free! Compost the leaves separately in a mesh cage (4 poles and chicken wire) or simply stick in black bags and pierce with plenty of holes. In 2 years, your plants will thank you for that fine, dark brown, crumbly, muck with big blooms and healthy veg.

p.s. If you're feeling impatient, shredding the leaves will help speed up the process! Happy raking.

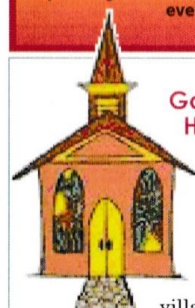
Forthcoming Newsletters

The next newsletter will be published in the winter. Let's hope the weather will be kinder to us this year. We are always looking for useful or interesting information to add to our newsletter. If you have anything you would like to add or can suggest some topics for our regular updates please contact Shirley (Tel: 830 270). Thank you.



GARVALD and MORHAM NEWSLETTER Autumn 2011

The weather has been a bit confused of late. Recently we have been sheltering from torrential rain one minute and basking in blazing temperatures the next. However, the lovely warm colours of the surrounding countryside confirm that Autumn is indeed back and it won't be long before the clocks "fall back" again. Ghosts and naughty ghouls will be roaming the villages and plans for the impending festive period will begin. We do have plenty of planned activities and events to entertain us all during the cold, dark, evenings and weekends ahead so let's make the most of them!!!



Garvald Village Hall News

As the seasons change, it's time to reflect on a busy summer for Garvald and its village hall. There was the inaugural village barbeque on perhaps one of the few dry Sundays of the summer! Much water-sliding made for hearty appetites – and many burgers were consumed. All in all, the event raised £103 for the Hall. The Boat Race, run very competently by Finlay Hay, raised an additional £98 for the DEC Somali Famine appeal. But more importantly, a great time was had by all.

As ever, the Horticultural Society's annual Flower Show was staged in the hall on the last Saturday in August. There were plenty of fine blooms and some incredible looking fruit and vegetables, despite the testing growing conditions of a back-to-front hot spring and cold summer.

Among the hall's private hires, there were four weddings. And one Saturday afternoon, a party spilled out into the

orchard and the whole village got to enjoy the sound of jazz. How very civilized indeed!

The Coffee Evening held in Garvald on 30th September raised £525 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Those who attended enjoyed a varied programme of Barber Shop singing from The Rolling Hills Chorus, and the refreshments available at the interval were further evidence of the baking skills of several generous residents.

The Fund-raisers would like to thank all those who helped them to reach this total, whether it be by donating refreshments, raffle prizes or cash. The applause at the close of the singing, which reverberated round the Hall, showed how much the performance from the gentlemen of the Rolling Hills had been enjoyed.

On an ongoing basis, there is badminton in the hall on Sunday evenings and pilates on Tuesday. Country dancing will start again when a suitable time is arranged. The mobile post office visits on Thursday between 9-11am. If we don't use this service, we'll lose it – so do try pop along next time you need any Post Office services, including Cash Back, without any queuing.

Dates for your Diary

Looking forward, the coming months are no less busy.

15th October - "Big National Ceilidh"

Saturday 15th October will see the village participate in Water Aid's "Big National Ceilidh." Please get your tickets and ready yourself for Jimmy Wilson's music and lots of reeling. Caroline MacGregor is the point of contact, (tel: 830 349) or mail garvaldcaroline@hotmail.com

30th October - Halloween Party

The children's' Halloween Party will be held this year on Sunday 30th October. Meeting in the hall at 6pm and then off guising around the village from 6.30pm, So villagers.....be prepared for some ghoulish visitors!!!. Children should bring along a plate of sharing food and we will be looking for as many adult helpers on the night as possible. Please contact Sally (tel: 830 657) for more details.



27th November - Xmas Fair

The Xmas Fair will be held in the hall on Sunday 27th November from 12pm - 3pm. There will be local crafts, Santa, Raffle, Refreshments and plenty of Festive Spirit! Not to be missed. Tables can still be booked. Further details from Jean Casey, Treetops (tel: 830 605, email: jean@garvald.org)

23rd December - Christmas Party

The children's' Christmas Party will take place on Friday 23rd December between 4.30pm and 6.30pm and will cost £2 per child. There will be a children's' entertainer and we're hoping

that Santa will pay an early visit. Again, children should bring a plate of sharing food. If you have not been to the Christmas Party before, please contact Sally (tel: 830 657) or Lorraine (tel: 830 346) for further information regarding Santa's visit. It won't be long in coming round so remember to put this one in your diary!

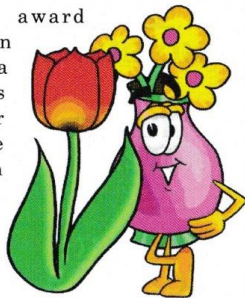
Hiring of Garvald Hall

Please remember that the hall is always available for anyone to hire - open air jazz not mandatory but always encouraged! It is a wonderful resource that deserves to be used and enjoyed. Please contact Barrie Ash to discuss dates, times and requirements - (tel: 830 322) or mail barrieash@aol.com.

Garvald Village Show

The AGM of the Horticultural Society will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 13th October. All members are invited to attend, and the Committee welcomes suggestions for changes to the schedule.

Congratulations to all prize-winners at this year's show after what has been a very difficult growing season. Several people have remarked how Ian Anderson's award winning garden at 5 Papania Cottages is even better now that the dahlias are in full bloom than it was at the time of judging in August.



Last newsletter asked for an opinion re egg storage. I would definitely support the no fridge option. In particular, one always wants eggs at room temperature for baking, (and

older eggs are best for this) and there is less chance of eggs cracking when being boiled if they don't come from a cold start. Incidentally with all the scientific advice available to the supermarkets, I don't think they would store their eggs on the ordinary shelves if they benefited from refrigeration.

Morham News

Morham Hall Activities

Morham has been a busy place over the past few months. In May, Morham Hall held a plant sale. The hall resembled the Botanic Gardens with a wide variety of flowers, plants and vegetables being sold on the day. Many locals took advantage of having their own garden centre on their doorstep!

On Saturday 25th June, Morham Hall was also the venue for a ceilidh with excellent music provided by "The Picts," featuring our own Davy Murray. Given the standard of the event, it was not surprising that it was well attended by locals. As the night wore on, the enthusiasm for dancing grew so that all were up jigging.

Due to the success of this event, a second evening with "The Picts," has been planned entitled "Hallowe'en Fancy Dress Boogie." If you missed them the first time, this is another chance to hear some great music and have a good dance in our local hall. This will take place on Saturday 29th October starting at 8.00pm. Tickets cost £10.00 and can be ordered from Eunice Murray (tel: 824 836) or Hannah Stenhouse (tel: 829 629). BYOB and fancy dress is optional.

Morham Hall Committee and AGM

Morham Hall committee now meets on a more regular basis. If anyone is interested in supporting the hall and

its activities we would be delighted to see you there and everyone is welcome!

Dates for Morham Hall Committee AGM are still to be confirmed and notification of the agreed date will be advertised on the hall noticeboard nearer the time.

Community Hall Events

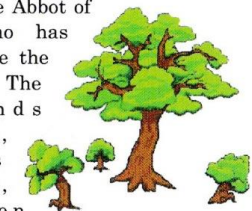
29th October - Halloween Fancy Dress Boogie - Details noted above.

Hiring of Morham Hall

Morham Hall continues to be a popular venue for birthday parties and celebrations. If anyone is interested in hiring the hall for a party or an event then please contact Davie Murray (tel: 824 836) to book.

Papana Woods Project

Garvald and Morham Community has raised the required money for the project and the Woodland Committee has now received a quotation for the work. This has been passed to the Abbot of Nunraw who has agreed to see the job through. The Woodlands Committee, thus redundant, has been disbanded.



Broadband Update

The planning application for a wireless mast and equipment on Garleton Hill has at last been registered. We await a decision. Assuming this is positive, work can then commence on the long awaited upgrade to existing subscribers and the extension of the network over a wider area of East Lothian.