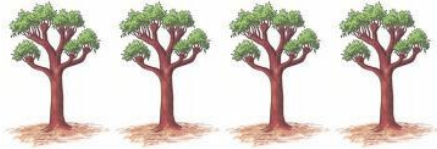


Interested in Garvald History?

One or two people have expressed an interest in staging an exhibition about various aspects of Garvald History-- possibly in August 2009. If you are interested to help in this in any way, please contact Hazel Clark to be informed of developments.



Papana Woods project

At a well attended public meeting held in the hall in 2007 there was general agreement that action will be needed concerning restoration of the woodlands. The Woodland Committee's recommendations were basically as set out in an invitation sheet delivered to every household earlier in May. Overall the meeting reflected a very positive response. We have therefore been moving forward, securing tenders and investigating grant sources, ready if given YOUR confirmation to proceed with a final plan. Of course, any plan for action or otherwise must be firstly acceptable to the Nunraw Community as owner of these woodlands.

- An independent report has been secured from a qualified nature conservation consultant.
- Professional recommendations from bodies involved in woodlands/forestry have been obtained.
- By the time you read this, a woodland manager from the Forestry Commission will have made an on site visit to confirm practical options for the existing woodlands.
- We are now awaiting news of the new Forestry Commission grant scheme which is in the process of hopefully receiving European Approval (possibly to be announced in March/ April this year).

Information will later be available to residents of Garvald and immediate vicinity so that options for and against woodland restoration can be fully considered before a final vote. We hope for everyone's continued support.

Villagers seeking details, wanting to give opinions or express wishes, or perhaps join the Woodland Committee are always welcome. Please contact Barrie on 830322.

GARVALD & MORHAM NEWSLETTER



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2008

Welcome to the Spring Newsletter. There has been lots going on in Morham & Garvald & there is lots planned for the next few months. With this in mind we have produced a handy event calendar for you to stick on your notice board - now you need never miss an event again!

Village Hall Committee News:

It's been another busy few months for the committee. Between the Christmas Fayre, Hogmanay & Burns night we have raised over £1,400 - an excellent result.



Many thanks to everyone who helped & supported these fantastic village events.

However, our efforts need to be redoubled this year as plans for the hall extension (new loo block) are near to being approved.

If anyone has ideas about funding sources or has any donations they would like to make please contact Barrie Ash on 830322.

Community Council

It was reported that East Lothian Council have agreed to repair two of the bridges between Garvald and Stonepath Tower, and that the middle one is to be replaced by a metal structure.

There was also some discussion about a few irresponsible dog owners using the Park in Garvald, and all hoped that in future dogs would be kept under control, and that owners would clean up any "poo" by using the free bags obtainable from the Post Office or the local libraries if necessary.

This is the time for us to be thinking about the Council for the next 4 years. Those wishing to stand can obtain nomination papers from John Muir House after 19th March, and must lodge them by 2nd April. If required, the Poll will be held on 24th April.

Morham News:

The Morham Burns Supper has returned to the record books as being one of the best locally. We had a full house and already tickets have been booked for next year! The speakers and entertainment excelled and an astounding £1027 was raised. Thank you to all who helped in so many ways from catering to the chandeliers!

Renovation is due to start in April, date to be confirmed. This is exciting and once completed the hall will be available for hire. It is a great venue for all ages. We have plans for a family ceilidh once it is up and running so dig out your dancing shoes!

The AGM is due in June, (date tbc). Kirstie Shearer is to stand down from the Chair after five years and will take a back seat on committee. If you wish to become involved in the running of the hall please let us know. We are a friendly bunch and work as a team sharing the jobs as we are all busy people. Please don't let the word 'committee' deter you, it is fun and a great way to start meeting people if you are new to the village.

Flower show:

The Show will be held this year on 23rd August. Schedules will be available late spring. Look out for a few changes in the Classes, but nothing major.

An innovation this year will be a Grand Scarecrow Competition. Details in the next edition of the newsletter. For further details, or to offer help at the time of the Show, contact Hazel(830269)



An Easter 'high tea' will be taking place in the hall on Sunday 23rd March 2-4pm. Do come along for some wonderful cakes, a cup of tea & a catch up with the neighbours!!!

Feeling those extra winter pounds around your waist?? Don't be despondent now that dancing has finished. From Tuesday 8th April @ 7pm **rounders** is back in the village park, so dust off those trainers & come along for a little light exercise (& a lot of laughing).

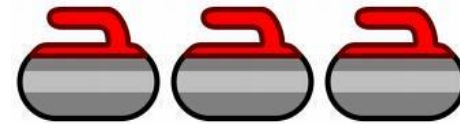
The Playpark

Spring is almost upon us and it looks as if it won't just be the flowers that will be springing up in Garvald Village. Yes, that's right, the new playpark has been ordered and is due to be put in place in the second half of April.

Many thanks to all those who took the time to come along and review the proposals for the playpark design in the Village Hall in December. The feedback from that meeting allowed us to come up with a final design which was displayed in the Pub in February. This received an overwhelmingly positive response. As those of you who have seen it will know, it includes a really good range of equipment, including the flying fox that was number one in the kids' wish lists. Here's to a playful Summer.

Bits & Pieces:

Fancy your hand at **curling**??? On Tuesday 18th March @ 7pm there will be the opportunity to have a go, so come along to the hall & join in the fun - who knows, we might end up representing Scotland at the 2012 Olympics!



The current year of the **100 Club** will soon be coming to an end. It has been another fantastic year - for the prize winners & helping with the hall's coffers! Please be sure to renew your subscription when the flyer comes through your door in April.

Well done - to Scott & Bethan who did so well in the Inter Schools Cross Country Championships in February.

Congratulations - to Father Raymond & Father Hugh who are both celebrating their 50th anniversary in the priesthood.

Good Luck - to Ben Lyte who will be taking part in the 3 Peaks Challenge in June. He'll be raising money for Child Bereavement Organisation so please consider sponsoring him when he comes begging!

So how much do you know about this special place called Garvald?

1. How big is the Parish of Garvald and Bara?

It stretches from the Chesters and Tanderlane in the north, to Meikle Says Law and the northern side of the Lammermuir Hills beyond Hopes Water reservoir in the south, and from Castle Mains in the west to Castle Moffat in the east.

2. How many people live here?

The 2001 census records 448 for the whole parish and 126 for the EH41 4LN postcode (i.e. most of the village).

3. In 1835 how did the local men earn a living?

There was a Carrier, a Carter, a Minister, a Preacher of the Gospel, 2 weavers, 2 Taylors, a Baker, a Brewer, a Fishmonger, a Schoolmaster, 3 Shoemakers, 16 Labourers, 94 Farmers and Farm Workers, 8 Masons, 16 Labourers and 1 Merchant.

4. What are "Jougs" and where might you find them?

They are iron collars that were used on miscreants and can be found on the Church walls.

5. Apart from living on the same estate, what do the present Monks and the 12th Century Nuns have in common? (The name Nunraw is thought to come from the Nun's row, referring to where they lived)

They are both of the Cistercian Order.

6. When was the village as we know it established?

In 1775 there was a disastrous flood that washed away many properties and these were replaced by red sandstone, pantiled cottages and houses built between 1780 and 1810. (In the 18th Century there were 5 inns in the village!) The Georgian house, Whitelaws, was built by an eminent London doctor, Dr Whitlaw, for his father who was one of the local weavers. The "Council Houses" were built in the 1930's replacing older cottages and Burnside Court was built on the site of a Prisoner of War Camp. Kirk Brae and West Point were built in the early 1990's.

(References: Irene Anderson's books and paper, Nunraw Abbey's website, GRO Scotland and a variety of websites found via Google.)