

Why should you want to join the Garvald and Morham Community Broadband service?

- It is a really innovative wireless connected, part renewable energy supplied, unique community initiative - which is entirely self supporting and cost neutral.
- The delivery speed for downloads are faster than BT offers for the same cost.
- It will enhance the value of your property by having broadband access.
- It will allow those who want to work from home.
- It is possible to use world wide internet phone access for much improved contact with relatives abroad.
- Or Internet Messaging watching/talking to friends
- The best reason - to support the effort that has been made on your behalf by some stalwarts and help enable the whole local rural community!
- There are about 50 folk who have joined already - some of whom physically could not get broadband any other way - they depend on our community broadband service.

Please join the 21st Century and encourage your neighbours to join too - the more the merrier! www.atlanticbow.co.uk/gmccwbn/



This & That:

For Sale

Leather Chair - Mahogany stained arms and base. Burgundy leather seat and back. Reclines and swivels. Adjustable seat height.

As new £60 O.N.O. Contact Barrie or Doreen on 830322

Moses basket - wicker, with stand, in excellent condition - £35 &

travel cot in excellent condition - £30 - contact Sally on 830657

- Congratulations to John Winters who took the Vintage Ploughing Champion title at the recent match at West Fenton
- Welcome to Garvald's newest resident. Euan Evatt born 29th Nov
- To report or check if dangerous local road or other defects have been reported to the Council go to: www.fillthathole.org.uk/ or www.clearthattrail.org.uk/
- Father Raymond & Cammy Mackenzie wish all Morham & Garvald residents a joyous Christmas

GARVALD & MORHAM NEWSLETTER

Winter



2008

Is it really Christmas already!! Where has the year gone?

Here is the Winter newsletter for you to catch up on village news & what's on in the coming weeks. We have had some great contributions for this edition - many thanks for getting involved.

Garvald Village Hall News:

The 100 Club numbers are down on last year. It's never too late to join in. Remember, you've got to be in it to win it! Please call Barrie if you would like to subscribe. How will we celebrate & 'warm' the new loos?? This is not another fund raiser but just an opportunity to get together as a village to celebrate - do you have any ideas? Please contact Hazel (830269), Caroline (830349) or Lisa (810895) with any brainwaves.

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It's full steam ahead for the new loo block and work is finally underway. The heating is going in & there is a big hole at the back of the hall! Work is due to be completed (hopefully!) by end January. We are also applying for funding to resurface the driveway - fingers crossed we should all be able to walk up to the hall in winter without the fear of turning an ankle!

The committee would like to say a huge thank you to everyone in the village for all your support, not only financially but at events too.

If you didn't get round to 'buying a brick' in the summer there is always the opportunity now - a Christmas present for the man/woman who has everything?!! Please contact Barrie on 830322.

The recent Halloween Party was a huge success and raised over £1,500.

Morham News

It has been a long haul on the renovation front and it has taken considerably longer than anticipated but, with the exception of some decorating, the work on the hall has been completed. Information for the hire of the hall will be posted on the Notice board. Ideas for the use of the hall are welcomed so please get in touch and let us know of your thoughts - whether it be classes, clubs or just as meeting place. To everyone who has worked on achieving a fully functioning hall in Morham, thank you!

The AGM will take place on November 18. We are still looking for a Secretary so if you are interested in helping to put Morham back on the map then please come and help. The future will be exciting and Morham may no longer be the hamlet no one has heard about!

Our August BBQ went ahead with an amazing turnout despite the torrential downpour that preceded it. Thank you to John and Cathy Maguire for all their hard work and the tantalizing smell of barbequing food drew folk outside and we all enjoyed the afternoon.

Plans are afoot for Old Year's Night with a party in the hall. If you wish tickets for Hoot'n'Nanny then please contact: Hannah (No 1), Eunice (No 3) or Dorothy at Castleshot. There will be Stovies and crusty bread, and entertainment to see you into the early hours of the New Year.....everyone welcome!!

Looking forward to 2009 there will be the Burns Supper and we hope the support for this will be as strong as ever. Information will be available nearer the time. We still have plans for a Family Ceilidh but this will now be held in the Spring.

Join In/Come Along:

- Dancing has started again, every Tuesday 7-9pm, come along to get fit & have fun at the same time!
- Another way to keep fit is badminton - in the hall every Monday at 6.30pm - all welcome.



What's On at Christmas/New Year:



Nunraw dinner:

This is always a wonderful evening for Garvald village. So please do come along on 4th December. Details on the flyers delivered last week.

Christmas Teas:

Sunday 14th December (2-4pm). A change of plan this year. Instead of the Christmas Fayre we've decided to have Christmas teas instead - not just tea though - mulled wine & mince pies too! Of course it wouldn't be Garvald or Christmas without a home baking/produce stall so come along and join in the fun.

Children's Party - date tba - keep an eye on the notice boards for further details.

Church Services - Garvald Church @ 6pm on Christmas Eve & Midnight Mass will be at Nunraw @ 12am.

Hogmanay:

What are you doing for Hogmanay? Garvald Hall is holding a family Ceilidh with live music from 8pm. Supper will be provided so bring your own bottle and come along to see in 2009. £8.00 for adults - school children free. Please could we ask that everyone purchase their tickets in advance this year? Last year we ran out of chairs!!! Please contact Hazel on 830269.

Ian Smith writes:

I think it would be good to alert people about the budget crises that the county is entering into and the opportunity to comment provided by the Council's consultation document:

<http://edubuzz.org/blogs/haveyoursay/files/2008/10/budget-consultation-paper.pdf>

The council are proposing to reduce Education & Community Services departments' share of the budget. The budget for these services will be cut each year for at least the next 3 years. All services have this year suffered "efficiency savings" and there is little room left for more cuts. In education, if these proposed cuts are endorsed, they will certainly lead to further teacher cuts and rising class sizes.

The Administration promised to support the vulnerable and to improve the education of our children in their document "Our Contract with the People". It's difficult to understand how these promises can now be fulfilled when the budgets are about to be cut. See:

<http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/documents/contentmanage/our-contract-18267.PDF>

The consultation period is open now until the 19th of December.

Comments can be sent to

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Garvald Thoughts at Christmas



What was your most memorable Christmas?

When I was ill one Christmas Jimmy took over the cooking, decided to deep fry the potatoes, set them on fire then set fire to the stair door as he flung them out. **Norma Thomson, Smiddy Cottage.**

What do you think Santa does for the rest of the year?

He watches TV under the duvet & drinks hot chocolate. **Tilly, age 5**

What is the highlight of your Christmas? Being so busy throughout the year, it's lovely to just have time with family & friends. **Marion & Bob Hamilton, Garvald Mains**

Who would you like to invite to your Christmas table? The Three Musketeers and D'Artagnan, so that I could discover the truth about the mysterious Man in the Iron Mask! **Toni Bunch, Garvald Grange.**

If you could have anything, what would be your best Christmas present? Lots & Lots of snow so that I could go sledging. **Brigid, age 8**