

Garvald Interview:

John Davidson, (37), Cooperage Cottage

Why did you choose Garvald to live?

I was born & schooled in Morham so wanted to stay near to my roots.

What do you like to do in your free time?

I love a glass of wine in the garden and walking in the Hills.

I know you were away for a few months. Do anything interesting?

Yes, I was part of a team making a film in the Sahara. 3 guys had the idea of running from the West African coast to the coast on the East.

Who was doing the film?

Well Ben Affleck & Matt Damon's company. But the National Geographic were filming the making of the film, so we ended up with two crews.

What was your part?

I collected the unimog (big truck!) & drove it down from Belgium to Senegal, maintained it & made sure all the equipment was in the right place at the right time.

How did you get into this kind of work?

I went to Australia for a year at 19, met someone who offered me a job driving groups of people from London to Bali. Touring, kayaking, mountain climbing, & it went from there.

Where else have you been?

Jungles in Thailand & Everest base camp.

After all these adventures will you survive Garvald?!

It's great to have my own front door to shut and enjoy the peace & stillness.

What's Next?

A bit of farm work this summer then possibly the Paris/Dakar race or ballooning in the Sahara!

Misc:

- Well done to Alan Hood - apprentice of the year at Stevenson College & now in the last 3 representing Scotland. Well done to Davey his trainer & father!
- Don't forget the GMCC broadband website at <http://www.gmccbroadband.org>. contact Ian Smith (822195), Alan Torrance (830208) or David Walls (830249).



GARVALD & MORHAM NEWSLETTER



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Introduction:

We are delighted to now include Morham in our village newsletter and hope that it will encourage lots of inter- village activities! Read on for news from Morham

Village Hall Committee News:

We have had a very busy first half of the year and between the plant sale, bingo & jumble sale have managed to raise over £2,250. Many thanks to all those who helped & attended.

The exciting news is that planning permission is currently being sought for new lavatories. At date of publication nothing is confirmed but we will update you when we have news.

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The SCVO (Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations) have launched an e-petition calling on the Scottish Executive to give extra funding to halls. Please go online & register your support: www.scottish.parliament.uk A paper petition is on the village notice board - please go & sign it! The petition closes 27th July.

Community Council

Minutes of Community Council meetings are now available at www.gmccbroadband.org, and should you wish to be kept up-to-date with proceedings, Rufus will add your email address to his list Send your contact details to Bellamycom1@aol.com.

Applications are invited to fill a vacancy on the Council. Contact Jim Thomson for details

Events:

Garvald Games Day will be taking place on Sunday 5th August. We have some great new stalls & activities so do mark it on your calendars. See enclosed leaflet for more details.

Don't Forget:

Rounders - Tuesdays @ 6.45pm
Badminton - Wednesdays @ 7pm
Coffee Mornings - Wednesdays in the Stables 10-11.30am (entry of £1 goes to 'Tools with a Mission' - all welcome.

Papana Woods project

Many thanks to everyone who came to the presentation about the regeneration of the woods. The committee made the case that the woods require active management to ensure their long-term viability. There were questions, answers & wide ranging discussions about details such as removing the conifers and replanting the bank with indigenous hardwoods, wild flowers and shrubs. There was a consensus that a plan should be worked up.

Since the meeting, the committee has obtained an environmental impact assessment from a conservation consultancy & advice is being sought from the Forestry Commission & Scottish Woodlands Ltd.

The woods' owner, the Nunraw Community, is being kept informed and the next step is to produce a detailed management plan that can be costed prior to investigating funding sources.

Contact: papanawoods@googlemail.com

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The next issue of the newsletter will not be distributed door to door. Instead it will be available online @ [www.gmcdbroadband.org](http://www.gmcdbroadband.org), & from the pub & post office. It will be published in mid November so if you have any contribution please let us know by 1<sup>st</sup> November.

### **Village Hall Committee Members:**

|           |             |        |
|-----------|-------------|--------|
| Chairman  | Ian Marwick | 830391 |
| Secretary | Lisa Lyte   | 810895 |
| Treasurer | Barrie Ash  | 830322 |

### **Members:**

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|----------------|--------|----------------|--------|
| Freda Crosbie  | 830222 | Elaine McQuade | 830311 |
| Davey Hood     | 830215 | Tim Flinn      | 830261 |
| Anthony Burnet | 830280 | Hazel Clark    | 830269 |
| Vicky Short    | 830295 |                |        |

### **Community Council:**

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|-----------|----------------|--------|
| Chairman  | Jim Thomson    | 830634 |
| Vice      | Julia White    | 825551 |
| Secretary | Rufus Bellamy  | 830307 |
| Treasurer | Ian Middlemass | 825323 |

### **Members:**

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|---------------------|-------------|--------------|--------|
| Wilma Marwick       | 830391      | Carol Aitken | 830298 |
| Broadband Convener: | Ian Smith   |              |        |
| Garvald Hall Rep:   | Hazel Clark | 830269       |        |

### **Morham News:**

It is with pleasure that Morham village is to be included in the newsletter. We have had a good year to date starting with a marvelous Burn's Supper where the village rallied and packed into the hall (until the wee hours!) The AGM in June covered the usual dilemmas which all small halls have and we continue to search for much needed funding for the renovation of the hall. It is in desperate need of upgrading in order for it to continue functioning.. The committee were re elected with Kirstie Shearer as chair. We need a secretary so if you are interested let us know. As always, if you have experience or particular skills that we could use, then your input will be much appreciated. Builders, joiners, plumbers, all trades - we need your help!!

### **Dates for the diary:** Village

Barbeque on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August. This has proved to be good fun and we would like to extend the invitation to Garvald village residents and friends. We supply the BBQ's and you bring your own supplies. There will be more information nearer the time on the notice board.

In September the Countryside Ranger walk will take place - watch the notice board & website for details.

### **Flower show:**

Plans for the "New Look "Show are well under way, and we hope everybody is busy preparing their entries for 25th August. Schedules have been distributed, and details are also at [www.gmcdbroadband.org](http://www.gmcdbroadband.org) (thanks to the assistance of David Walls). Competitors of all abilities are welcome, and committee members will be on hand to help.

If you don't "Have a Go"  
there won't be a Show  
so join in the fun  
and see what you've won

### **Rounders In The Park.**

Each Tuesday throughout the summer a motley crew, ranging from the very young to the very old, have been meeting in the park to play rounders. The weather has been mainly kind to us and everyone seems to thoroughly enjoy themselves, not withstanding an occasional bit of cheating that goes on! If you would like to join in just turn up at 6.45pm any Tuesday, the more the merrier.

Oh, just a word of thanks to the diligent dog walkers who have ensured none of us have gone home with dirt on our shoes. It is much appreciated. (Did you know you can get free poo bags at the post office?)