

## Garvald Interview

Conal 6, Bethan 10 & Evie 12 are just back from Japan after 3 years.



**What did you think when Mum & Dad said you were going to Japan?**

We thought they were joking then we got very excited. But Evie was bigger & she knew about earthquakes & volcanoes in Japan so she was a bit worried!

**What do you remember of when you got off the plane?**

There was loads of traffic & it was very hot, and the noise of the cicadas (they're like big crickets).

**Was life very different for you in Japan?**

Not really, school was much the same, though we had earthquake drill which meant sheltering under tables. In winter we wore a uniform but not in summer. We had to get used to the food. Lots of fish, seaweed & noodles - even fish eggs & eyes!!!

**No beefburgers?**

They don't have many cows or sheep in Japan, only in the North island. I only saw 2 sheep in 3 years and that was in an animal park.

**What about pets? Do the Japanese like having animals around them?** They love their dogs, it's really strange - they dress them up in shoes & hats! Once they had a big parade of dressed up dogs!

**Good to be back in Garvald?**

It's a bit cold..... but yes.



### This & That:

- Congratulations once again to Murray Thomson - Scottish National Motorcycling Enduro Championship for an amazing third time!
- Congratulation also to Alan Hood, who was awarded the bronze award in the National Apprentice of the Year competition.
- Finally our congratulations to Jack & his owner Anzie for qualifying for Crufts 2008!
- Welcome to all our new residents in Garvald & the parish. Especially the new babies: Rory, Olivia, Alex & Dylan
- Sylvia & Lilly are delighted to announce that they raised a fantastic £460 with their walk to Gifford (& back!) in their PJs. They would like to thank everyone for their support.
- Next newsletter - March 2008

# GARVALD



# NEWSLETTER

## Winter

## 2007

Where have the last 12 months gone? Christmas is almost upon us & there are lots of lovely events planned, so read on for details of these & news of the happenings in Garvald over the last few months. Remember, if you have any news please do not hesitate to contact us

### Village Hall Committee News:

It's been another busy few months for your village hall committee.

Despite terrible weather almost £700 was raised at the Garvald Gathering in August.

The 'Pink Party' on 11<sup>th</sup> November was a great success with over £400 being raised for Breast Cancer. Many thanks to Jimmy for his very special form of fund raising on the night!

Plans for new lavatories in the hall are still with the council and we are eagerly awaiting their response - as we have been for a while now! Once we have the go ahead the village will be notified so that we all get into fund raising mode!

The AGM will be taking place on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm - do come along and find out what is happening & what is planned for your village hall in the coming year.

### Community Council News:

GMCC minutes are available on line at [gmccbroadband.org.uk](http://gmccbroadband.org.uk). All are welcome at the next meeting at 7pm in Morham Hall on the 3rd Dec.



### Flower Show:

The Garvald Village Show schedule is again under review, & suggestions for this should be sent to Hazel Clark ASAP. Details of changes will be announced in plenty of time for entries to be prepared for next August



### Garvald Inn:

The music men are back on December 4<sup>th</sup> for the second of their winter sessions, so do come along for a tap of the foot & a friendly pint!

Christmas quiz - December 18<sup>th</sup>

### Morham News & Interview:

A walk round Morham with Countryside Ranger, Vicki Hughes, was a great success. The rain held off and in sunshine around 25 children and adults set off on a circular walk through the glen, down to the church, eventually returning to the village hall for an early Hallowe'en Tea. Thank you to everyone from tea makers to walkers and especially to Vicki. The day also opened up opportunities to extend walks within the Core Path Plan. For more information: [www.outdooraccess-scotland.com](http://www.outdooraccess-scotland.com)



### Dates for your diary:

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December: proposed date for Children's Christmas Party in the afternoon and a Drinks Party in the evening. Watch the noticeboard and invitations will be sent in good time.  
26<sup>th</sup> January - Burns Supper tbc

### Local historian Mary Stenhouse talks to Alice Farmer (aged 13 years).

Mary was born at Millknowe Farm which is now under the Whiteadder Reservoir! Her first memory is the smell of grouse roasting (which she didn't like!). She also recalls walking to school in the nearby village when she was 4. Later she cycled to school in Gifford - a long ride in the winter. She was once snowed in at Millknowe for 8 weeks. When Mary got married to Drew she moved to Leaston where they lived for 5 years. Her two daughters Mary & Hannah were born there. Mary & her family moved to Morham in 1966. Since that time Mary has seen a lot of changes. The village school which Mary & Hannah attended was closed down in 1969. Mrs Johnson (the only teacher) & the pupils moved to Yester school. The school and school house were turned into private houses & two new houses were later built in the school yard. Mary worked in the Garvald Hotel in the 1980s where she got to know many local residents. She was an active member of the Scottish Women's Rural Institute in Morham and was on the Garvald Flower Show Committee for many years. Mary thinks that the best things about living in Morham are the beautiful views and the fresh air.

### Join In/Come Along:

- The badminton lines are now done in the hall, so now would be the perfect time to join those playing each Monday from 6.30pm - all welcome.
- Dancing has started again, every Tuesday 7-9pm, come along to get fit & have fun at the same time!



### What's On at Christmas/New Year:



### Nunraw dinner:

This started in the early 70s to bring Garvald residents together. The Nunraw dinner is the first event for Christmas in Garvald. The venue has always been the dining room at Nunraw House but the menu has changed through the years. In the early days a full Christmas dinner was on offer, with helpers working out of Jean Waddell's kitchen and innovative ways of keeping things hot, like Irene Anderson's African style straw boxes. But the welcome is always the same, warm & convivial. We hope you'll mark 6<sup>th</sup> December in your diary and look forward to seeing you there.

### Christmas Fayre:

Keep Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December (12-4pm) free & come along to the hall for some Christmas fayre. There will be fantastic stalls to help you with your Christmas shopping, as well as what Garvald does best, home baking for sale. Soup, bacon rolls, tea/coffee and cakes will be served throughout. There will also be a chance to buy the Garvald Christmas Stamp - put it on your local Christmas cards, post them in the box at the village green notice board & your cards will be delivered within Garvald Parish.

### Children's Party - date tba

**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 2008. £7.50 for adults - school children free.

### Burns Supper:

A Burn's Supper is planned for January 19<sup>th</sup>. Already we have the food organized and the main speakers approached. If you have a talent and would like to 'do a turn' give Caroline McGregor a call on 830349. We're certain it will be a great night. Make sure you watch for details nearer the time.