

Playpark:

As anyone who has been to Garvald lately will know, the new play park has been a big hit. Even though the weather has been far from perfect, the park has been well used and there have been a lot of positive comments about the equipment and the landscaping. There has also been the start of a new village competition - 'most precarious way to zoom down the flying fox' (parents look away now!). So here's to a really playful rest of the summer.

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Misc:

- Congratulations to Ben Lyte for successfully completing the 3 Peaks Challenge. If you haven't already sponsored him you can do so easily at www.justgiving.com/benlyte - he has already raised £1,500 for the Child Bereavement Charity but every extra penny is welcome!
- Welcome to youngest resident Molly Ramsay & any new residents reading this.
- Congratulations to Nancy & Tommy on their 50th wedding anniversary. Tommy was heard to quote 'you get less for murder'!
- Garvald Kirk holds a coffee morning every Wednesday morning - all welcome
- The next newsletter will be published in November. Please contact Vicky (830295) or Lisa (benlisalyte@yahoo.co.uk) with any news or ideas.

GARVALD & MORHAM NEWSLETTER



SUMMER

2008

Village Hall Committee News:

The plant sale in April was very quiet but we still managed to raise over £350. The June jumble was a great success, and raised over £1,000.

The development of the new lavatory block & heating system at the hall has finally been given planning permission so it's full steam ahead with our fund raising activities. The committee has already secured some finance for the project, but we still need to raise an additional £6,000 ourselves. Please take time to look at the letter with this so that you can see how you can do your bit! Our main fund raising event will be a **Halloween Fancy Dress on 31st October**. This is going to be a fantastic event with supper, disco, bar, apple dooking for adults, an auction of promises & lots, lots more. The **Fun Day** is on **3rd August** and has an Olympic theme this year. Don't forget to kit the children out in their swimming stuff to take advantage of the very popular water slide. There will be a home baking & produce stall. Please contact Hazel on 830269 if you are able to contribute to this.

Community Council

The Community Council would like to draw attention to The Civic Fund, which is available and open to applications for one-off, non profit making projects. The fund provides £3000 - £5000 for communities to improve their appearance and amenities e.g. new village entrance signs. The Community Council would like both Morham & Garvald communities to think of projects that would help improve the appearance/amenities of their village and any ideas generated will be considered. Contact your Community Council representatives for more information.

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After literally years of risking life & limb on wobbly structures the 3 bridges have been repaired! Well done to the Community Council for pushing for this work.

### **Papana Woods project**

What has been going on concerning the restoration and maintenance of the two woodland areas adjacent to our village? Well, after nearly two years, without any Forestry Commission grant scheme being available, a new Scheme was launched in April. Adequate financing of the project is crucial & information on the new scheme was vital. This enables us to now seek up to date costs and we are obtaining professional opinions, seeking options, as well as acquiring information to assist in ensuring informed choices can be made. Rest assured, not a leaf will be disturbed before Garvaldians have been told about the final proposals (which are likely to be almost identical to those presented to and approved by the village public meeting last year). For anyone new to Garvald and wanting background information, or for those wanting clarification on any aspect, please contact **Barrie Ash** (Tel: 830322)

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More Great Garvald Questions & Answers:

Q - When and by whom was Stoneypath Tower built?

A - In the 16th Century by the Lyles. It was restored in 2006/7.

Q - Which author is thought to have immortalised Nunraw House as "Ravenswood" in "The Bride of Lammermoor"?

A - Sir Walter Scott.

Q - Where in the parish will you find a nine-hole Golf Course?

A - Castle Mains - the first nine hole course was built in Garvald parish, the extension of a further nine holes are in Yester parish!

Q - . How many nest holes does the Nunraw doocot have?

A - 450

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

Morham News:

Little has happened in Morham Hall since the last newsletter due to renovation taking place. It is looking good with the floors now raised to one level & the ramp to the building almost complete, the kitchen is fitted & new working loos installed - Hurray!! There is still external building work & landscaping to complete & some flooring & decoration to be done but it is hoped that by the middle of August the hall should be finished & available for hire. Rates & contacts will be posted on the hall notice board.

The Hall AGM has been postponed until the hall has been completed. It is expected to be in August/September. We need a new Chair & Secretary so if you are interested in putting Morham back on the map then please come and help. The future will be exciting - Morham may no longer be the unheard of hamlet!

The Village Barbeque is planned for Sunday 10th August so please put the date in your diary & look out for a poster at the hall with more information. It will be the usual format: barbeques supplied & bring your own supplies. Great fun & we look forward to seeing everyone.

On completion of the hall we plan to have a Grand Opening & Family Ceilidh so keep eyes peeled for information!

Rounders In The Park.

This summer has seen the return of the rounders every Tuesday evening at 7pm. Do come and join in, it's free, fun & good for keeping fit!

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**Garvald Village Show:  
Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August**

Calling all you competitive bakers and gardeners!

Schedules for the show are now available and you can download the necessary details from [www.gmccbroadband.org](http://www.gmccbroadband.org), or collect a copy from Mrs Norma Thomson at Smiddy Cottage.

Several classes have been altered this year, and we feel sure that there is something to enable everyone to enter this fun event.

New members are very welcome and "old hands" are only too willing to pass on their expertise to beginners.

And remember delicious tea & cake is served throughout the afternoon.