

New Gardening Column—Tips and Hints

Gardeners of Garvald!

You may already know that Garvald is awash with wonderful gardeners, ranging from those with university degrees in plant and tree stuff to those steeped in years of horticultural folklore.

We thought it might be a good idea to start a seasonal gardening column and invite a different guest gardener to tell us something interesting and/or useful in each new edition of the newsletter. In the meantime, and just to whet your appetite, here are a few handy hints gleaned by a novice gardener while seeking advice round the village.

1. Composting is very, very good – I mean REALLY good. Better than.....well shop-bought stuff definitely.
2. In your compost bin you can put eggshells (washed or else rats may be attracted), tea-bags and coffee grounds as well as all the normal things you might already have thought about.
3. Rhubarb really likes a good



4. If your rhubarb starts to grow a strange phallic protuberance, CUT IT OFF! It's a flower and will sap energy which could otherwise go into growing rhubarb (metaphor for life really).
5. You can put the ash from your wood-burning stove, open log fire or garden bonfire on your potatoes – they like the potash (potassium). Or you can simply tip it onto the compost heap. Potassium is vital to the health of all plants.

How am I doing – all you experts out there?

If anybody has any gardening questions by the way please send them to the editor at sawalker106@hotmail.com and we will endeavour to get them answered for the next column.

And here's a question...

Should fresh eggs be kept in the refrigerator? Send your answers with your reasons to Shirley at sawalker106@hotmail.com. We'll publish the consensus in the next issue.

Forthcoming Newsletters

The next newsletter will be published in the summer after the Garvald Village Show. We are always looking for useful or interesting information to add to our newsletter. If you have anything you would like to add or can suggest some topics for our regular updates please contact Shirley (Tel: 830270). Thank you.

GARVALD and MORHAM NEWSLETTER

Spring 2011

We're a bit late with this "Spring" edition of the Newsletter... Spring is long gone and the daffodils lie completely wilted in the long grass. However, judging by the weather, summer is still a long way off. Apart from a couple of warmish days, temperatures struggle upwards painfully trying to rise above the low teens. With the holidays looming, let's keep our fingers crossed for warmer days ahead...



Garvald Village Hall News

This winter's extreme weather has taken its toll on the village hall. The roof sustained considerable damage and there are now some noticeable damp patches inside. Moreover, a number of rhones were torn off by heavy icicle build up and the weight of avalanching snow.

Repairs will begin soon. And whilst they are in situ, it is hoped that the builders will be able to fit secondary glazing as well. With a bit of luck, this additional insulation will keep the place a wee bit warmer, perhaps even going some way to preventing more avalanches in the future!

Whilst the building awaits its touch up, the committee have been busy with events. First up was the Plant Sale, which took place on Easter Sunday this year. With a nod to timing, the usual stalls and cream teas were

supplemented by a treasure hunt style Easter Egg search in the orchard. There was plenty of chocolate on offer to diligent hunters, and a good time was had by all. The beautiful weather made it an altogether great day.

Dates for your Diary

Come 26th June, it will be time for a bit of magic - as hand-me-downs and cast offs are turned into much needed funds at the annual Jumble Sale. Over the next couple of months, could you keep the village hall in mind as you clean up and clear out? We will be asking for your donations nearer the time, and would be more than happy to come collect them if transport is an issue.

Sunday 14th August - Garvald Village Barbecue (ie. this year's version of the Fun Day). We are hoping to have the water slide again, lots of fun races, tug-of-war etc. If you have any suggestions or if you would like to help please contact the editor and your ideas will be

passed on to the relevant parties.

Community Hall Events

Not to be outdone by events South of the border, there will be not one but three wedding celebrations in the Hall this summer. It is fantastic that the hall, a former Free Church, can continue to play an integral part in couples' big day. We wish all the very best to those whose nuptials are forthcoming.

Hiring of Garvald Hall

Can we take the opportunity to remind everyone that the Hall is always available for hire? Whether it is the event of a lifetime like a wedding, something special like a birthday party or just a game of badminton amongst friends, please contact booking secretary, Barrie Ash (telephone: 830322,) for availability. It is a fantastic resource, which deserves to be used and enjoyed by all the community.

Garvald Village Show

The Village Show will be held this year on 27th August. Schedules have now been delivered and further copies can be obtained, if required, by emailing Hazel at handdclark@btinternet.com.

Morham News

On Saturday 16th April, Morham Hall held an Easter Table Top Sale. This was well attended. The weather was fabulous and the children had a fantastic time participating in

the organised Easter egg hunt. By the end of the day the children were happy (and a little chocolate covered!) and the adults also enjoyed the bacon rolls provided.

Thank you to David and Eunice Murray, Hannah Stenhouse and Moira Galbraith for all their hard work.

Morham Hall Committee is now meeting once a month, on the last Sunday of the month. All are welcome to attend, to support and contribute to these meetings.

Community Hall Events

A number of community events are already being planned over the next few months.

Please refer to the noticeboard for more information on forthcoming events and watch out for fliers through your doors!

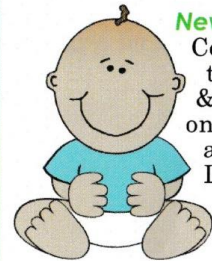
A Midsummer Boogie is to be held on Saturday 25th June

Scotland's leading Celtic Rock band "The Picts," in Morham Hall on Saturday 25th June at 8.00pm. Tickets are £10, which includes pie and beans. Bring your own refreshments. For tickets please contact: Hannah Stenhouse (Tel: 829629) or Eunice Murray (Tel: 824836).

Hiring of Morham Hall

The hall continues to be a popular venue for celebrations and particularly for children's birthday parties. If you would like to hire the hall for an occasion or an event then please contact David Murray (Tel: 824836).

Bits and Pieces



New Arrivals

Congratulations to Sarah, Dave & Molly Ramsay on the safe arrival of Baby Dylan, born at the end of March.

A warm welcome to the village and further congratulations to Emily and Thomas on the safe arrival of their baby girl, born a few weeks ago.

Finally, a very warm welcome to all other recent newcomers to the village.

Pilates

Pilates classes are on-going in the hall. Please contact Sue Kelly on 07710 642254.

Badminton

Sunday night badminton sessions (with 15 mins. Of Fussball at the end) is still ongoing in the hall. The sessions costs £1.50 per person and is open to all ages and abilities.

Garvald Inn

Come along and enjoy some folk music. Regular

dates posted on the notice board at the pub entrance.

Open Mic Sunday afternoons are also on-going fortnightly.

Community Council News

Just a note to confirm that a number of applications have been received from groups seeking grant assistance for projects from the 2011/12 Crystal Rig Community fund. The deadline for applications was 31 May.

Garvald and Morham Church Invitation

Garvald and Morham Church would like to invite you all to a family Ceilidh to welcome our new Minister Rev John Vischer and his family. The Ceilidh will take place on Friday 1st July between 7.30pm and 10.00pm in Garvald Village Hall. A finger buffet will be provided and BYOB will apply. If you would like to attend please RSVP by 26th June to either of the following people: Caroline McGregor (Tel: 830349), Mairi Neillans (Tel: 810669) or Carol Hughes (Tel: 830345). We hope to see you there!

