

Other Hall Events

The annual Christmas Dinner will be on **Friday December 7th**. As we go to press there may be a few tickets left — contact Pete Smith (660839)

The Bowls Club have regular indoor sessions during the winter months, on **Tuesday afternoons** between 2.00 and 4.00. For more details, contact Joan Firth (660702)

Loftus Young Farmers hold their fortnightly **Tuesday evening** meetings in the Hall. They have Christmas Dominoes on **Tuesday December 18th** at 7.30.

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- Body Shop Party

- Moorside Farm

-- WI Pie & Peas

-- Calor Village of Yr

- Toad Hall Harvest

-- MMH Savings

£230

£100

£650

£100

£527

£3000

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Newsletter

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The Money Comes In

This is the second issue of our progress report on fund-raising efforts for the Hall Renewal Fund. Thanks to everyone who entered our 'Spot The Shuttlecock' competition — the winners were Anne & John Wood who guessed the spot almost exactly, and who donated their prize back to the Fund. Thanks to you both.

The next entry form will be in Issue 3, but there will be a special 'on-the-day' competition at a Christmas Coffee Morning (see P4).

Peter Shaw (Moorside Farm Supplies) said that he would put all his entries in in one go, and wrote a £100 cheque for the Fund — very generous, Pete.

The WI Pie & Peas evening was a great success, and raised a staggering $\pounds 650!$ That was mainly because an anonymous donor paid for the food. Thank you, whoever you are.

The Body Shop Party organised by the Forum brought in a further £230 - the sweet smell of success. Well done!

Thanks to everyone who has organised or supported — there will be more fundraising events in the New Year.

Development News

An application has been made to Awards For All, which we hope will gain us the money needed to get a detailed Feasibility Study carried out by professional architects & surveyors. We are also researching a further source of funding which may be able to help with design work.

Evening Gazette Wish Cash Giveaway

If you have been watching this promotion in our local paper, you may have been alarmed that our collection total for the Hall Renewal Fund hasn't been going up. Never fear — there was a last-minute frenzy of collecting before the closing date of December 3rd.

The final total of tokens collected was **14,324**; far higher than anyone expected, and a wonderful effort by everyone. It wasn't only current Moorsholm residents who supported us — many 'ex-pats' sent tokens, and a collection was made on our behalf by the WI in Carlton (near Stockton) when they saw Sheena Smith's name as our contact.

Members of Doris Greensmith's family collected tokens and sent them in her memory, and Pat Hutchinson organised a thick envelope-full from amongst her friends in Guisborough.

But the person who knows more than anyone how many were collected was Joan Firth. When the collection started, she volunteered to stick the tokens to the special collection cards. She had little idea of what she'd let herself in for — by the time she'd finished, she'd used up 3 Pritt Sticks! Thank you Joan — the mammoth effort was very much appreciated.

We don't know how much money those 14-thousand tokens will raise for the Renewal Fund, because it depends on how many tokens come in in total from all the applicants. When they've all been counted, the Gazette will know what a single token is worth from the money available, and will then be able to work out what each organisation will get. The announcement will be made in the Evening Gazette on **December 17th**.

Gift Aid

If you pay Income Tax at Standard Rate, you may be able to make any donation to the Hall Renewal Fund by Gift Aid, which will increase its value to the Fund without costing you any extra. For more details and forms, contact the Memorial Hall Treasurer Ellen Boyes on 660482



Fund Raising Activities

MoorsholmLive are organising 2 events for Moorsholm youngsters and their friends on **Tuesday December 14th**. From 5.30pm to 7.00 pm there's a Christmas Party for the Under 11s, with Food, Face Painting, Party Games and a Disco. Santa also has the date in his diary.

From 7.30 to 9.30 there's an X-Factor evening for 11 to 18-year-olds, with a chance to sing your favourite songs on a stage with lights, but without the Judges! There'll also be a Disco, non-alcoholic Punch and a Graffiti Wall.

To help the organisers with the numbers, please get your £2 tickets from the Post Office or Trevor Hawkins, Green Ghyl, Guisborough Rd; order them from the MoorsholmLive Ticketline 07766 741272, or email tickets@moorsholmlive.co.uk. (This is especially important for the good Under 11s to help Santa with his choice of presents.)

Fresh fund-raising ideas are always welcome. Please contact any member of the MMH Committee.