



presents a



Christmas Coffee Morning



Saturday 13th December

10am — 12 noon
in the Supper Room

**£1.50 for Tea/Coffee
and 'help yourself'**

Raffle

The last 'Spot the Shuttlecock'
to win a small Christmas Hamper

Any baking or raffle prizes most welcome!
Ring Anthea (660515) or Jean (660394)

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Bumper End-of-Year Picture Issue

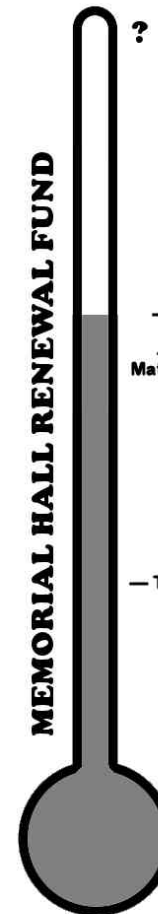
There's so much to report on since the previous Newsletter that we're running to 4 extra pages this time.

We've had magnificent fund-raising events, like the Hog Roast, the Fashion Show, and the Toad Hall Harvest Festival (which raised £411.55) — thanks to everyone for organising and supporting these events.

MoorsholmLive have donated the proceeds of their raffles to the Fund this season. Also (as previously reported) Barclays Bank have now sent the match-funding cheque for the money raised by the raffle at the Vin Garbutt concert earlier in the year.

MoorsholmLive's artistic efforts have also not gone un-heralded, and the local judges of the Calor Village of the Year competition gave them a special Arts In The Community Award to reflect the excellent work they do to bring top-quality music into the village. (Picture P4)

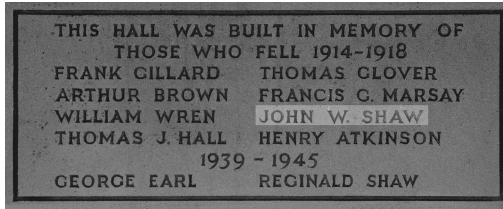
We have an application form for the 2009 200 Club — your chance to win up to £50 — , and our first 'We Shall Remember Them' feature about the 10 Moorsholm men whose names are on the War Memorial stone — in this issue, John W.Shaw.



- MoorsholmLive Raffles £300
- Barclays Bank Match Funding £600
- Fashion Show £510
- Hog Roast £1155
- Pizzas £10
- Toad Hall Harvest Festival £412
- Pizzas Sept 13th £24
- Pizzas After Show £70
- Total at October 08 £12,987

We Shall Remember Them

In each Newsletter, we are featuring the men in whose memory the Memorial Hall was built



38246 Private **John Shaw** of Liverton Mill was killed in action on May 4th 1917, whilst fighting for the British Expeditionary Force in France. The Great-uncle of Hilda Brown, he was described as 'a miller and farmer', and was serving with 6th Battalion of The Yorkshire Regiment. Hand-written letters from his platoon and company commanders give tribute to his bravery and cheerfulness, and his soldierly qualities.

2nd Lieutenant Relton (No 2 Platoon, A Coy) wrote within just a few hours of his death, enclosing a small packet of his personal belongings, and his Commanding Officer, Maj Campbell wrote five days later. It's impressive that, with all else that was clearly going on in the battlefield, these men had time and inclination to write such thoughtful and personal letters. Later there came a printed letter from the King, expressing his sympathy.

John was buried in Hermies British Cemetery, East of Bapaume — an early letter from the War Office confirmed this, but was unable to give an exact location. In January 1918 a further letter said that "the grave has been registered in this office, and is marked by a durable wooden cross with an inscription

bearing his name, rank, regiment, and the date of his death." The present day Commonwealth War Graves Commission website gives the location of the grave as Plot E4.

Other letters in the Shaw Family collection show that his mother asked the War Office in 1919 for a photograph of his grave — they replied that they would provide one as soon as they could, but that as there was "a great number of similar applications received in this office, it is feared that there may be some considerable delay". This letter was personally typed — no question of computerised mail-merged letters in those days!

After the war was over, the Record Office in York forwarded to the family the British War Medal and Victory Medal that he would have been entitled to had he lived.

[Thanks to the Shaw Family of Liverton Mill for providing a large amount of photocopied material for this tribute. Any information about the other 9 men who are remembered in the Memorial Hall stone will be very welcome, and can be left at Hazeltree Farm. Items will be treated with care, and returned as soon as possible.]



It looks as though Jean Bainbridge's recent luck rubbed off on husband Colin, as he won the 1st prize of £25 in the October draw. The 2nd and 3rd prizes went to consecutively-numbered tickets, so the £15 and £10 went to Lilac Cottage, and Ralph & Isabel Pearse respectively.

In November having a birthday was helpful — Tom Cartwright won the first prize on his birthday, and Johnny Boyes had just celebrated his 90th when he won the £10 prize. The £15 went to Dave Anker (who's bound to have had a birthday some time in 2008!)

That's the last payout for the 2008 Club — a new 200 Club will start in February next year, and you're invited to sign up, using the form on P5. **Do hurry** — the more who join, the bigger the prize kitty, the more you could win and the more we raise for the Renewal Fund.

Spot The Shuttlecock 8



OK, so this was a sneaky one, with the shuttlecock actually behind the players on the floor. But it didn't fool Anne & John Wood, who won the £5 prize (which they donated back again to the Renewal Fund — thanks very much).

No new competition in this Newsletter, but the final Spot The Shuttlecock will be a bumper one at a Christmas Coffee Morning in the Hall on Saturday December 13th (see back page) when the prize will be a small Christmas hamper.

Mangiamo Italiano

It's hardly the weather for outdoor eating at the moment, but don't forget that when the Italian tricolour flag is displayed on the gate at Wren's Nest, the garden pizza oven is fired up. Since the last Newsletter, Tricia Powell and family have donated a further £10 to the Renewal Fund.

Other Hall Events

Just to remind you, the **Indoor Bowls** has its winter season in the Hall, every **Tuesday afternoon** from 2pm, and the **Badminton Group** play on Wednesday evenings from 7.30. Why not give them a try?

Stepping out in Spanton Style

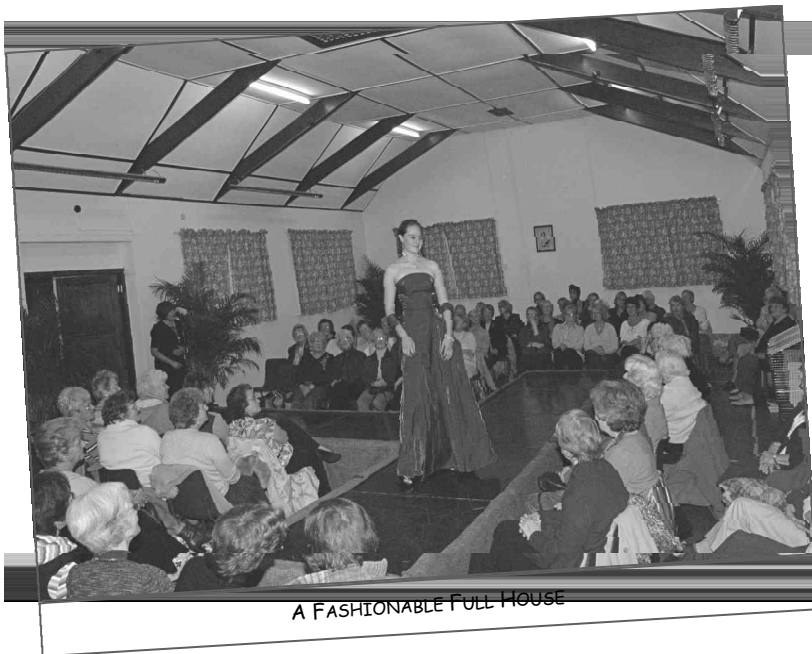


SHEENA HAMILTON TAKES TO THE CATWALK

On October 27th Sheena Hamilton organised a Fashion Show on behalf of the WI, to raise money for the Renewal Fund. Lily and Ray Richardson raided their storeroom of plants and accessories to turn the Hall into possibly the most glamorous venue its ever been.

Fashions were from Spantons of Whitby, who nowadays stock a range of ladies' clothing as well as the 'gent's outfitters' range they traditionally carried. The fashions were much enjoyed and admired by the audience, on what was essentially a 'ladies' night' (although the Newsletter photographer was allowed in towards the end to capture the scene).

The evening raised a very welcome £509.60.



A FASHIONABLE FULL HOUSE

Musical Money



MMH CHAIRMAN KEN RICHARDSON RECEIVES THE CHEQUE FROM NORMAN OGDEN

This year, MoorsholmLive made the Renewal Fund their chosen charity to receive the proceeds from their concert raffles. At the Vin Garbutt concert earlier in the year, a special raffle raised £600, which was match-funded by Barclays Bank — the cheque for that has just been received. In addition, the year's other raffles brought in a profit of £300, which was handed over at the New Rope String Band concert on November 28th. So MoorsholmLive have raised a total of £1500 for the Renewal Fund this year, which is very much appreciated.

Evening Gazette Wish Campaign

We have been collecting the tokens being printed in the Evening Gazette throughout November. Joan Firth has again been undertaking the mammoth task of sticking them to the collection cards, and we've reached a grand total of about 14-thousand.

How much money this will raise for us won't be known until the Gazette has done all its sums, but the totals will be printed in the paper on December 18th. While we wait to read the figures, very many thanks to all those who clipped out the tokens in support of the Renewal Fund.



Hog Roast raises four figures



PETE SMITH, KEN GILLANCE & KEN RICHARDSON SLICE UP THE PIG

Manor Court's second Hog-Roast-and-Bingo evening on October 17th was another crackling success, and brought in £1155 for the Renewal Fund. Many grateful thanks to Molly Wood, and all her family and helpers, for their extremely generous support for this delicious event.

Calor Arts In The Community Award



SOME OF THE MOORSHOLM LIVE TEAM, WITH MMH VICE-CHAIRMAN GRAEME ALDOUS AND CALOR REPRESENTATIVE CHRIS O BÉE



2009

YOUR CHANCE TO WIN UP TO £50!

The Moorsholm 200 Club raises money for the Memorial Hall Renewal Fund. For just £10 annual membership, you will be entered in 10 monthly draws, starting February 2009. Half the stake money will be donated directly to the Fund — the rest will be distributed as prizes.

The target is 200 members. This would immediately raise £1000 for the Hall, while the other £1000 would be earmarked for 3 monthly prizes — £50, £30 and £20. Each member will have 30 chances over the year to win at least double their stake money — and it could be 5 times the stake!

The exact figures depend on the number of people who join the Club — if there are fewer than 200, the prize money will have to be adjusted downwards accordingly (and less will be available to the Fund).

Membership is open to people from outside Moorsholm village, and there can be more than one member per household — please hurry and complete the form below and send it with your £10 stake to **16 High Street, Moorsholm, SALTBURN TS12 3JH** (next to the church). Offer closes February 9th, and the first draw will be at the February MMH Committee Meeting.

Please enrol me/us in the Moorsholm 200 Club 2009. I enclose a subscription of £10 per person, which will entitle me/us to take part in 10 monthly draws between February and December 2009.

Name(s)

Address

Phone

No of Members @ £10 ea Total*

Signed Date

(*Cheques payable to Moorsholm Memorial Hall)

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