

SALE OF PROMISES

The Hall's regular Badminton players have got together to offer a unique range of goods and services, to be sold in aid of the Renewal Fund. This will be by phone on a first-come-first-served basis on

Monday, August 17th at 9.00am

Items offered:

- 2 Bags of Main Crop Potatoes (when ready) @ £5 each (Liz Shaw)
- A piece of Moorsholm Beef (frozen) @ £8 (Fred Hart)
- Moorsholm Lamb to the value of £8 (when ready) (Anthea Aldous)
- 1 Orange and 1 Lemon Cake @ £4 each (Janice Lofthouse)
- 2 Chocolate Cakes at £4 each (Charlotte Lofthouse)
- 2 Autoglym Car Gift Packs (worth £10) @ £4.50 each (Dan Wilson)
- 2 hours of 'Slavery' (eg lawn mowing, window cleaning, computer advice, photography, voiceover!) for £8 (Graeme Aldous)

To buy any of these items, phone 01287 660515 as soon as possible after 9 o'clock on the morning of Monday August 17th. Strictly first-come-first-served. Delivery and payment will then be arranged.

The money raised will be a donation to a Teesside school who have 'given' us some surplus good-quality curtains, which will be adapted and installed in the Hall when the (eventual) new windows are fitted.

Pin this to your kitchen calendar and put a circle round the date — don't miss out on these bargains because you forgot to ring. When they're gone, they're gone.

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The Moorsholm Swan

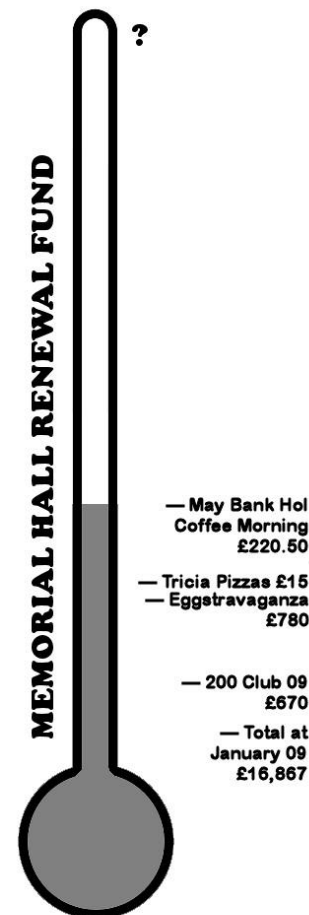
No, not a new exotic resident on the Docks, but an indication of what's going on on the Renewal front — all serene on the surface, but paddling furiously behind the scenes.

It's perhaps not a good idea to try to give every last detail — when you're seeking funding like this, there are frequent dead ends and back-tracks to be made. But Ian Solomon and a small sub-committee are confident that they 'have the attention' of a potential funder, who has asked that various estimates be prepared for schemes that would make the Hall a more attractive venue, and somewhere where people would want to come and promote (or attend) a wider range of activities.

Ian is working hard on these submissions, as the funder is keen to see our proposals as soon as possible. As soon as there is anything definite to report, there'll be another issue of this Newsletter with the details.

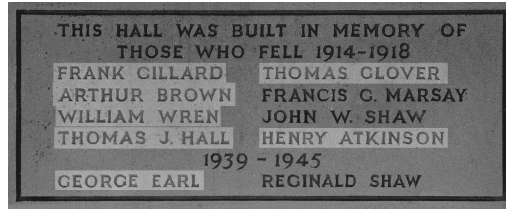
When the flag is showing...

...the oven's glowing! Just to remind you that when an Italian flag is draped over the gate at the Powell Family's house (near the bus stop), the wood-fired pizza oven is alight, and you are invited to order a freshly cooked pizza to your taste. Tricia gives any proceeds to the Renewal Fund... and every little bite helps!



We Shall Remember Them

In recent Newsletters, we have been featuring the men in whose memory the Memorial Hall was built



This page is being written on the day of the funeral of Harry Patch, Britain's last surviving First World War veteran, who has died aged 111. So it's hardly surprising that, despite our determination to 'Remember Them', memories of some of the 10 men mentioned on the Hall's memorial stone are getting dim.

But it is perhaps sad that full details of Frank Gillard, Thomas Glover, Arthur Brown, William Wren, Thomas J.Hall, Henry Atkinson and George Earl haven't been easy to track down — and it's not too late to add to the sketchy details that follow. If you know more, please contact the newsletter via Hazeltree Farm (660839).

From the snippets that did surface, it's understood that George Earl "married one of the Taylor girls". His son Alan (?) still lives in Loftus. From Rob Harding came the information that Frank Gillard was the son of Charlie, Head Woodsman for Skelton Castle, based at Kilton. The family lived on Guisborough Road — probably No.61. William Wren's family suffered tragically — not only did they lose William, but 3 others died of Spanish Flu immediately after the War.

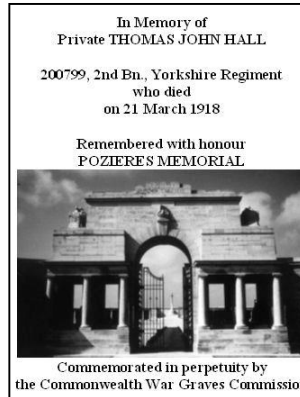
In theory it should, of course, be very easy to find details of the others, because of the wonderful Commonwealth War Graves Commission website (www.cwgc.org), which lists the details of all the Allied troops who died in the two World Wars. But the sad thing is that (particularly with the First War) there were so many of them. The site allows you to search by surname and initial (not full forename), and here's where the problem starts. There are 728 records for 'A.Brown' — where do you start looking for Arthur? There are 84 'H.Atkinsons' — look closely through the list and you find 12 'Henrys'. There are 13 'Thomas Glovers'.

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The Forge Garden Party & Barbecue in June once again broke previous records, raising £1220.66 for the Memorial Hall's general funds. Thanks to everyone who supported it... and especially to Lily and Ray Richardson for making it all possible. **Moorsholm Show** is our next event, on August 29th — the Schedule is being distributed with this Newsletter. See you there.

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Without knowing the regiment, or date and place of death, it's difficult to be sure that the right one has been identified.



This (left) may be the CWGC certificate for Thomas J Hall — it was the correct combination of initials, and a Yorkshire Regiment — but what were his Moorsholm connections? Any further information to Hazeltree Farm, please.

In the next Newsletter we'll have the story behind the soldier who was killed on July 18th 1918, and is buried with a military headstone in St.Mary's Churchyard. But why isn't he mentioned on the War Memorial stone? It's a sad story.

Low Level Exercise

The Redcar & Cleveland BC flier that's included in this Newsletter is for a new series of late morning exercise sessions, starting on Thursday 20th. This is not a replacement for the Wednesday evening Keep Fit Class, which continues to warm the Hall up before the Badminton!

These 'Keep Moving' sessions are considerably less strenuous, and we understand that many of the exercises are done sitting down. So, for that general easing up of muscles and joints you've been promising yourself, why not go along and try it.?



In the July draw, the £35 first prize went to 35 Leila Aldous, with 90 Doreen Smith and 54 Sheila Appleton taking home £20 and £12 respectively.

The next winners will be drawn at the Prizegiving at Moorsholm Show (Aug 29th).

Spot the Sheepdog 2

The second competition produced a very close cross by a sheepdog man... but an even closer one from a gundog man! Congratulations to John Owens, who won the £5 prize.

Spot the Sheepdog will return again at a future Coffee Morning.

