

SALE OF PROMISES

It was anticipated that the Badminton Group's Sale would raise £58 for Hall curtains, but people were so generous with support and donations that £80 was made — enough to provide the additional thread and Rufflette tape needed, as well as send a donation to the school that provided the original curtains.

The curtains are huge, and Anthea Aldous has worked out that she can cut them down and make new ones for all the windows in the Main Hall (but not the Supper Room, which will receive the best of the existing ones). This will take some time, and it's been decided not to put them up piecemeal, but to wait until the windows are replaced so the whole job can be completed in one go. Thanks to everyone who supported this.

Take me to your LEADER

LEADER Funding is a community-led approach to rural development. It is an EU-wide initiative and forms part of the Rural Development Programme for England. It's administered in this area by the North York Moors National Park, on behalf of Yorkshire Forward.

When it was first announced, the MMH Committee believed that we would not be eligible as we are outside both the Yorkshire Forward and National Park areas. However, we subsequently learned that in this case the area covers the whole of East Cleveland, but there had been poor response from the area — no doubt most people thought like us.

We were encouraged to put in a funding bid, and a sub-committee has been working very hard to compile the necessary facts and figures, and fill in the forms. They've received a lot of enthusiastic help from Amy Thomas in the NYMNP office, and by the September 30th deadline we think that a very good argument has been made for assistance with 4 projects — (in no particular order) Toilets, Heating, Window Replacement and Kitchen Refurbishment.

A (thick!) submission was handed in to County Hall, Northallerton in time for the deadline, in case of postal disruption. We are now waiting with fingers crossed to hear if we have been successful, and we are making no assumptions. But your crossed fingers may help!

If we are successful, there will be a special Newsletter to let you know.

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Newsletter

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Follow the LEADER

At last we can report some fund-raising progress... although it still needs fingers to be firmly crossed.

We have put in an application for LEADER Fund assistance with 4 projects:

- Toilets
- Heating
- Window Replacement
- Kitchen Refurbishment

There is a very long way to go yet, and we will have to jump through many more hoops, but it's to be hoped that we may be successful with at least one of the projects, if not all of them. More details on P4.



The August draw was made at Moorsholm Show, and the £35 first prize went to 134 Carol & Ken Richardson, with 92 Joyce Harding and 33 Sheila Webster taking home £20 and £12 respectively.

In the September draw, 73 Bun Welford, 118 Kate Hillyard and 32 Wayne Harrison were the lucky winners.

Toad Hall Harvest Festival

Sincere thanks to Terry, Carol, auctioneer Colin Pressick, and the Toad Hall regulars for raising a magnificent £530 towards the Renewal Fund. The Toad's continuing support for the Hall is very much appreciated.



We Shall Remember Them

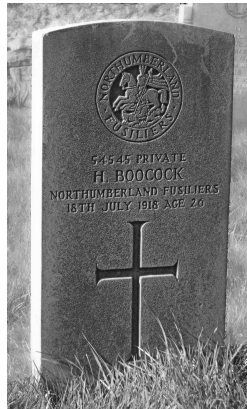
In recent Newsletters, we have been featuring the men in whose memory the Memorial Hall was built. In this final tribute we feature a very sad story – a Northumberland Fusilier who escaped the horrors of the First World War, only to die in a freak accident at home.



54545 Private Harry Boocock (the present Harry Boocock's uncle, after whom he was named) was 26 when he came home on leave. On July 18th 1918, he and his brother Harold (this could get confusing!) were working in the family's fields at Low Farm, Gerrick, when it came on to rain. It was a sudden fierce thunderstorm, and they sheltered in the lee of a stone wall. There was a strand of barbed wire along the top to deter cattle, and it was struck by lightning. The charge passed through the two men, killing Harry outright, and severely injuring Harold, who was burned on the head and back. Harry was buried in St.Mary's Churchyard, and his grave is marked with a military gravestone.

So why isn't he mentioned on the stone in the Memorial Hall? Well, there are subtle distinctions to be made here. He died during the War, but not in the War. He wasn't lost as a result of fighting or enemy action, and so didn't 'die for his country' in the accepted sense. But he was a serving soldier when he died, and so merited a military grave, and this is no way lessens his sacrifice and the sadness of his death.

This serves to remind us that so many sad stories come from wartime, and Harry wasn't the only person to survive battles, only to be lost to some comparatively trivial accident once apparently 'safe'.



[There will always be space in these pages for more information about the 12 men who are mentioned on the Memorial Stone. If you know anything, please contact the Hall Secretary, Sheena Smith, at Hazeltree Farm (660839)]

MoorsholmLIVE

As we go to press, the 2010 MoorsholmLive programme has been announced. Not enough room here to go into details, but all your favourites, including the New Rope String Band, Flossie and The Happy Cats have dates. More details next time, or from www.moorsholmlive.co.uk. Ticketline: 07766 741272.

Make A Wish

Once again we are collecting tokens in the Evening Gazette 'Make A Wish' Campaign. Our 2007/8 collections each raised over £100 for the Renewal Fund, so get 'snipping and sticking' again, and see what we can do in 2009.

Tokens to Carol Richardson at 32 High Street (660653).



Fight the Flab!

Keep those winter blues away with a fun session... that also tones you up. The weekly Keep Fit Class continues every Wednesday evening between 6.00 and 7.00pm (and helps warm the Hall up for the subsequent Badminton session!)

But if that's a bit too strenuous, the 'Keep Moving' sessions organised by Redcar & Cleveland BC on a Thursday morning from 11.15 till noon are considerably less strenuous, and 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? You'll be very welcome, as numbers are not high, and more may be needed to make sure it continues.

The weekly Indoor Bowls session has now started again for the winter – they will welcome you on Tuesday afternoons between 2 and 4.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

This raised a magnificent £358 for Macmillan Cancer Relief, in particular memory of Christine Cruice, who lived in Moorsholm for many years, and died in September. Tribute was also paid to Maureen Murphy, a friend of Jean & Colin Bainbridge, known to many Moorsholm people.



Thanks to everyone who helped with this event, provided baking and raffle prizes and (equally important) came along and supported the morning.



Spot the Sheepdog

Congratulations to Dot Hart, who came the closest to the sheepdog's nose, and won a DIY Coffee Morning of 2 mugs and a pack of coffee. But she was very closely followed by 2-year-old Phoebe Aldous, who marked her own cross no more than an eighth-of-an-inch further away. Well done, Dot and Phoebe.