

MoorsholmLive 2010

Friday March 19th

❖ The New Rope String Band

Back by popular demand – these hilarious people will have you rolling in the aisles!

Friday April 23rd

❖ Prelude

Very popular last time they appeared at MoorsholmLive, we are pleased to have been able to re-book them!

Friday May 21st

❖ To Be Arranged

Saturday June 12th

❖ Brendan Healey

Comedy at its best! His musical abilities aren't bad either



Friday July 9th

❖ The Happy Cats

Those who know The Happy Cats need to know no more... if you haven't seen them before then you are in for a treat!

Friday September 17th

❖ Vin Garbutt

This local folk legend should need no introduction!

Friday October 8th

❖ Ceilidh with Angels of the North

Friday November 19th

❖ Flossie – Beaujolais Nouveau

Again – back by popular demand following our French Evening earlier in 2009

Friday December 17th

❖ The Happy Cats Christmas Party

Get on your party frocks, your dancing shoes and have a good evening!

SPECIAL EARLY BIRD OFFER

Book and pay for any seats at 2010 gigs before 31 December 2009 and pay only £9 per seat (including seat reservation). This is virtually a 20% discount off regular prices!

Please reserve seats now – as long as they are paid for by 31 Dec – if not, advance reservations will be automatically cancelled.

Ticketline 07766 741 272 or e-mail tickets@moorsholmlive.co.uk
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Newsletter

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We 're going to need a considerably bigger thermometer!

Hall wins LEADER Funding

The Memorial Hall has been granted nearly £44-thousand to allow improvements to be made to the Toilets, Kitchen, Windows and Heating. The money has come from EU Funds, designed to boost social development in rural areas – in our case it was to make the Hall more attractive to a wider range of users. We must add £8-thousand from the Renewal Fund.

The funding application was made by a small sub-committee, led by Ian Solomon. They must be congratulated for their dogged unravelling of the necessary paperwork.

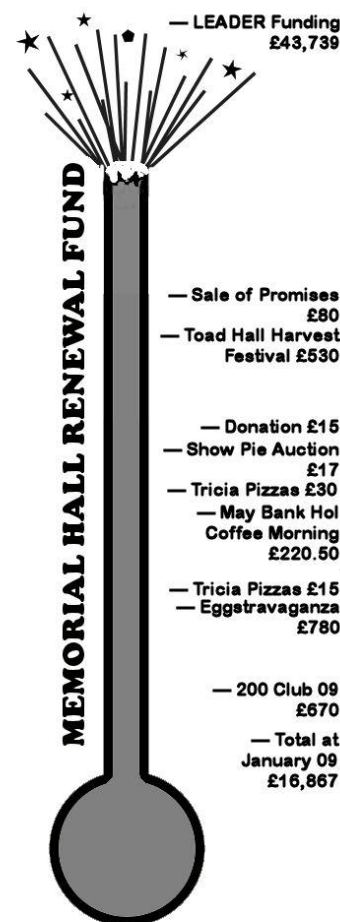
Work will start very shortly, and it will be necessary to close the Hall for a while so the builders can get on site to carry out the work.

More details on P2.

Ken Richardson

As you may know, the Hall Chairman, Ken Richardson, got carried away during a fierce game of carpet bowls... and got literally carried away to James Cook Hospital with a heart scare!

We're delighted to report that he was given superb care at JCH and is now home again... but taking it easy for a while. We all wish him well.



The LEADER has Landed

The granting of the LEADER Funding is wonderful news — but like all such things, it's only now that the work really starts. Now we have to make the proposals come into being.

And in this there are some awkward time constraints, imposed as much as anything on the North Yorkshire CC (who administer the grants) by the EU (who supply the money). Recent moving of goal-posts mean that we need to make a valiant attempt to get the major part of the work done by December 31st. This will clearly be very difficult, but we must at least try.

Our contractors — Harvey Walby for the building work and Plumb-Lec (Peter Thompson) for the heating and plumbing — will be making a start as soon as possible, once we have cleared certain important bookings in the remainder of this month. We will then **close the Hall down** completely, so that the contractors can work safely and unhindered. We can't be sure how long this will take, but it will certainly be a couple of months, as we intend to redecorate the building afterwards to complete the transformation.

Some regular bookings (surgery, WI, Keep Fit) may be able to transfer to the Church Hall, but others (badminton, bowls, dinners and parties) will regrettably have to be suspended. A major casualty of this will be the annual Christmas Dinner, scheduled for December 5th. If you've already bought tickets, Pete Smith will be in touch with you. We anticipate some sort of replacement celebration will take place when the refurbishment is complete.

MoorsholmLIVE's Vin Garbutt evening on November 29th will go ahead — and will be the last major event in the Hall in its current guise. Their first 2010 gig (see P4) will be the wonderful New Rope String Band on March 19th, and it's hard to imagine a more lively group to kick off the new season in a renewed building.

But let's make one thing very plain — although our Page 1 thermometer appears to have burst, it will be back in the New Year at a much lower level. The improvements will be significant, but they will take up almost all the Renewal Fund money. So this will not be the end of the Committee's ambitions to make the Hall an attractive, warm and welcoming place. We will continue to fund-raise for other improvements, such as better thermal efficiency and an improved car park

The funding for this project is provided through the following organisations:



surface. But these have the advantage of being treatable as separate 'target' projects that we can concentrate on individually. Indeed, various events are already in the planning stage for next year, including a Fashion Show, Dalesmen Singers concert, Treasure Hunt Supper and a Coffee Morning.

We must also remember why we have been given this funding. LEADER is an EU-wide project to improve disadvantaged rural areas, and in particular it aims to widen the opportunities for communities to prosper and develop. We haven't been given the grant purely to make the Hall a nicer place — we have been given the grant to encourage new activities to take place which will improve community life... and one way to do that is to make the Hall a nicer place.

The difference is subtle, but important. The grant was made on the basis of the Village Survey carried out some time ago, in which Moorsholm residents said that certain new activities were needed in the village — a Youth Club, Parent & Toddler Group, Pensioners' Drop-in Centre were some of the ideas put forward. Once the Hall is turned into an attractive venue for those activities, we need to make them happen... or Brussels might want its money back!


Once the dust has settled, the Committee will be making a big effort to encourage such activities to start... but they will not be running them themselves. Their brief is only to provide an attractive venue for a range of new activities, and will be looking to volunteers or other outside agencies to organise them.

But as we approach the refurbished Hall, we thank everyone in and around Moorsholm for your enthusiastic fund-raising support.

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).



The October draw was made in Ward 30 of James Cook Hospital... but only because Ken Richardson was recuperating there at the time! It was made in front of independent witnesses, and the £35 first prize went to 55 Sheena Smith, with 16 Helen Beadnell and 110 Joy Willis carrying off £20 and £12 respectively.

The November winners will be reported in our next issue.