



MoorsholmLive Extra!

Since we included the 2010 MoorsholmLive programme in Newsletter 15, another event has been added:

Sunday June 6th

Badapple Theatre Co Ltd presents a new comedy

The Land Girls of Yorkshire

'Some girls just aren't cut out for farming...'

It's 1942, and there are some new arrivals in the village. They're turning heads and breaking hearts, as the fine girls of the Women's Land Army take to the hills.

Buff is a city girl dreaming of being 'just like Vera Lynn'. Biddy is a country girl who is a hopeless romantic. Join them on a journey of blisters, back-ache and banter as they learn all there is to know about working on the land.

This brand new two-hander show celebrates the highs and lows of the wonderful women who helped keep Britain fed during World War II, set against a backdrop of glorious music of the age. Although a fictional tale, it owes much to the reminiscences of a number of Land Army Girls who contributed their own personal stories to this exciting new comedy.

Ticketline 07766 741272 or email tickets@moorsholmlive.co.uk



Make A Wish

Thanks to everyone who collected the tokens in the Evening Gazette — and to Carole Richardson for putting them all together and sending them in. We collected 7784 tokens, and when the Gazette shared the money out, we received a very worthwhile £76.12 towards the Renewal Fund.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM is scheduled for Monday March 15th at 7.15pm — depending on how work progresses, this may be the first opportunity to welcome visitors to the Renewed Hall. The AGM is open to everyone in Moorsholm, and is your opportunity to have your say on how the Hall is used — please come and take part.

Confirmation will be posted on the 'Bungy Board' in the car park.

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Making Progress!

Even before we formally closed the Hall for the Renewal work to start, builder Harvey Walby and his team moved in and began to replace the old, cold single-glazed aluminium windows, with the new double-glazed wood-effect PVC ones.

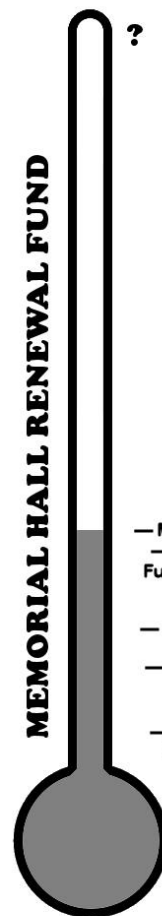
And what a dramatic thing that was — from the outside we could immediately see that work had begun, and many people said how much it improved the look of the Hall.

Then, when Vin Garbutt had closed the 2009 MoorsholmLive season, work began in earnest. The first thing to do was move all the chairs, tables, pots and pans into the middle of the Main Hall. Then the Moorsholm In Bloom task force reported for their regular Tuesday duty, and helped get all the benches down from the loft (along with a couple of trailer-loads of 'useful stored stuff' which were perfect for the tip!)

Harvey and his crew were then left to get on with it. Working right up to Christmas, they stripped out the kitchen, moved the walls of the toilets to make a third Accessible one, lowered the ceilings, and plastered the walls.

In the meantime, the old LPG heating system was stripped out, and Pete Thompson (Plumb-Lec) could make a start on installing the new oil system.

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- Make a Wish £76
- Johnnie Boyes Funeral Collection £320
- Ray Richardson £50
- Young Farmers' Quiz Night £130
- Total Raised at December 2009 (incl LEADER) £56,278.01

This will be very sophisticated, and will allow us to programme three different zones — Main Hall, Supper Room and Kitchen/Entrance/Toilets. It will be possible to keep a background warmth in the whole building, which can then be quickly brought up to a comfortable temperature on a time switch where and when needed. This should be considerably cheaper than the old gas system.

The kitchen has been redesigned, and new units fitted. There's a new built-in fridge to the latest energy standards, but the cooker has been retained as it's in good condition. It now has an extractor hood over it. The original double sink has also been kept (but moved to a new position) — it was in good fettle, and to buy something of similar quality now would have been very expensive.



The LEADER Funding admin staff at Northallerton County Hall have been extremely helpful — completing the necessary paperwork to claim the grant money is not easy, and they've bent over backwards to assist us. We've already submitted one stage claim, and had the money paid quickly into our bank, and a second claim went in very early in the New Year, which should also (by the time you read this) have been paid.

So when will it all be completed, and the Hall available for use again? Well, the toilet fittings are now going in, as are the radiators and pipework, and perhaps (barring unforeseen delays) the building work might be over early in February. But that's not the end of the job... there isn't a wall in the building (apart from the one between the two halls) that's not had some form of plastering work done, and all that will have to be repainted. Also, the floors have (understandably) taken some stick from dirty boots. We will be looking for volunteers to join a number of working parties to get the place cleaned up, and spruced up.

Anthea Aldous is making up the 26 new curtains — not a quick job! — and they'll have to be hung on replacement rails... and everything from the kitchen has to be washed and found a home in the new cupboards. So there's plenty to be done.

But if everything continues to go to plan, it's to be hoped that by early March we

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The funding for the Renewal Project is provided through the following organisations:

should be able to open our doors again. The AGM will be on March 15th (see P4), and MoorsholmLive have the wonderful New Rope String Band performing on the 19th — they would make a very appropriate 'Hall-warming' act.

But when we know for certain what we're doing, we'll put a notice in the 'Bungy Board' in the car park — keep an eye on it... and thank you all for your patience!

Johnnie Boyes

In December the village lost a dearly-loved character, and our oldest long-term resident, Johnnie Boyes. In recognition of his decades spent farming in the area, his coffin was carried from North Lane Farm to St.Mary's Church on a trailer pulled by Peter Shaw's Fordson Dexta tractor (driven by Luke Shaw), and preceded by a decorated Shire horse.

The Church was packed for the service, and the collection divided between the Church and the Memorial Hall. With an added donation from Ellen in recognition of the catering help from ladies of the village, this contributed £320 to the Renewal Fund. Thanks, and condolences, to Ellen, George and the family.



The final draw of the year in November saw some familiar households amongst the winners again. The £35 first prize went to 117 Isabel Pearse, with 51 Norma Anker receiving £20. The £12 third prize was won by 93 Bryn Clode.

This was the last draw for the 2009 Club — sincere thanks to all Club members, because your subscriptions raised £670 for the Renewal Fund... and of course, 30 lucky winners shared a £670 pay-out.

And you could be one of 30 new winners this year, as the 2010 Club gets under way. For a modest £10 subscription — there's an application form enclosed with this Newsletter — you could be one of them... and help the Renewal Fund.

Loftus Young Farmers

One of the downsides of renovating the Hall is that we've not been able to give the usual accommodation to regular users. So the Young Farmers had to move to the Jolly Sailors for their Quiz Night... but they didn't forget the Memorial Hall. At the end of a fun night (with some very difficult questions!) they handed over a donation of £130 towards the Renewal Fund.

Sincere thanks to them, and to the Jollies for providing bowls of delicious chips!

Ray Richardson has donated a £50 Marquee Hire fee to the Fund — thanks, Ray.



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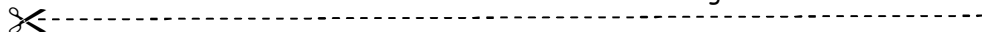
YOUR CHANCE TO WIN UP TO £50!

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 March 2010. Half the stake money will be donated directly to the Fund — the rest will be distributed as prizes.

The target is 200 members. This will immediately raise £1000 for the Hall, while the other £1000 will 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 **32 High Street, Moorsholm, SALT BURN TS12 3JH** (Appletree Cottage). Offer closes March 1st, and the first draw will be at the March MMH Committee Meeting.



Please enrol me/us in the Moorsholm 200 Club 2010. I enclose a subscription of £10 per person, which will entitle me/us to take part in 10 monthly draws between March and December 2009.

Name(s)

Address

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Phone

No of Members @ £10 ea Total*

Signed Date

(*Cheques payable to Moorsholm Memorial Hall)

'Work In Progress' Pictures



The Kitchen emptied



The Toilets knocked through



Lowered kitchen ceiling



Kitchen units waiting to go in



Making good the gas heater flue holes

