

MOORSHOLM 2010 200 Club

Last
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. Half the stake money will be donated directly to the Fund – the rest will be distributed as prizes (the size of which will depend on how much is invested). Please hurry and complete the form below and send it with your £10 stake to **Appletree Cottage, 32 High Street, Moorsholm, SALTBURN TS12 3JH**. Offer closes March 13th, and the first draw will be at the MMH AGM on March 15th.

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 2010.

Name(s)

Address

Phone

No of Members @ £10 ea Total*

Signed Date.....

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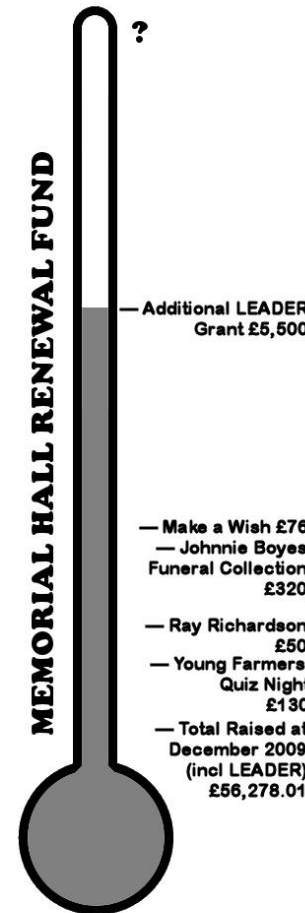
Come and View your Refurbished Hall!

It's only been 15 weeks since the Memorial Hall closed down for refurbishment, and now we're ready to open again for you to see the results... and we think that you'll be very pleased. Everyone who's sneaked a peak inside the doors while Harvey Walby's building team, and Peter Thompson (Plumb-Lec) have been at work, has said how good it looks.

And on **Saturday March 13th** we'll be opening the doors to everyone, as we act as hosts to a Moorsholm In Bloom Coffee Morning – more details inside.

There's also good news on the financial front, as the administrators of the LEADER Funding have awarded us an additional £5,500 grant to meet the inevitable extra costs that the project incurred as it went along. Again, more details inside.

But a big (front page) **Thank You** to everyone in our Moorsholm community (and from outside as well) who has supported this refurbishment, and in particular those who have worked to spruce up the Hall as the builders have moved on – whether with paintbrush, cleaning cloth or sewing machine, your work has been very much appreciated.



Coffee Morning

You'll have noticed the hard work that's been going on round the village recently as a result of the formation of a new 'Moorsholm In Bloom' group. There's been tidy-up teams, and planting teams... and even a lifting-and-carrying team as they helped us to clear out the Memorial Hall loft!

As the Spring weather approaches (hopefully), they want to enlist your support, so we're delighted to welcome them as our first users of the refurbished Memorial Hall. They're promoting a fund-raising **Coffee Morning on Saturday March 13th** between 1000 and 1200 — not only is this a wonderful chance to give them encouragement and support, but it's also a first-class opportunity to come and see the refurbished Hall (even if one or two bits will still need painting!)

Everyone's welcome — there'll be refreshments, a raffle and cake stall, and a display of pictures taken as the refurbishment work progressed.

Extra Funding

Anyone who watches 'Grand Designs' will know that NO building job comes in on budget — and the Memorial Hall refurbishment was no exception. The speed at which the grant application had to be submitted meant that our contractors weren't able to calculate the costs as closely as they might have liked. Inevitably there were extra jobs that had to be carried out, and ultimately paid for.

For example, two of the window lintels were found to be crumbling, and matching stone beams had to be sourced. Removing the old LPG heater flues was a bigger job than expected, and again new stone was needed to make good the walls. The boiler had to be brought into the kitchen, necessitating an expensive flue. Although we had a contingency fund, it was in danger of being swamped.

But a jokey remark about 'spare money lost at the back of a drawer', made by Vice-Chairman Graeme Aldous when talking to the LEADER office at Northallerton County Hall, resulted in an increased grant offer to meet the shortfall — an offer that was very gratefully accepted. It should go on record here that the LEADER team have been most helpful in this project, making it a quick and easy matter to claim, and so helping our contractors' cashflow. It's just the kind of support that volunteer organisations and small businesses need.

So we are delighted that the North York Moors, Coast and Hills LEADER Programme have chosen the Memorial Hall as a venue for a meeting of all the organisations who have received funding. The date's not yet been fixed, but it will be in a few weeks time, and will allow us to show off what's been achieved here in Moorsholm.

STOP PRESS: Congratulations to Moorsholm In Bloom for their recent successful presentation at Gisborough Hall, which earned them the highest public vote out of 19 contestants for funding that was on offer from Redcar & Cleveland BC. As a result they were granted their request for £2965.15 to be spent on tools and equipment for the village project. What with the refurbished Hall, and MIB working hard, the village will soon be an even *more* attractive place to live!

Coming Events

The last event before the Hall was closed for refurbishment was a MoorsholmLIVE concert featuring Vin Garbutt. So it's appropriate that the first big event to be held in the upgraded Hall should be the opener to their new season on Friday March 19th — the very popular **New Rope String Band**. If you've not got tickets, then it's too late — it's a sell-out! But on **April 23rd**, **Prelude** ('After The Gold Rush') will be appearing — the MoorsholmLIVE ticket line is 07766 741272, or email tickets@moorsholmlive.co.uk.

If you've missed the New Rope String Band, don't fret — the following night (**Saturday March 20th**) there will be another concert, when the **Dalesmen Singers** will be performing in aid of the Renewal Fund — yes, there's still more money needed for other projects to make the Hall attractive, warm and cosy, and we'll be fund-raising for some time yet!

The evening starts at 7.30pm, and tickets cost £5 — for this you get not only a night of marvellous local male voice singing, but also a supper! Tickets are available from Manor Farm (660574).

Annual General Meeting

The Memorial Hall AGM is scheduled for **Monday March 15th** at 7.15pm, and is open to everyone in Moorsholm. This is your opportunity to have your say on how the Hall is used and managed — please come and take part.

Now that the Hall has been refurbished and made more attractive, it's our aim to widen the scope of Hall users. So if you have an idea for an event, weekly group meeting, or whatever, then come along to the AGM and tell us your idea. We'll do all we can to help you to make it happen.

The LEADER Funding team gave us financial support to make the Hall more attractive to a wider range of users — we now have to prove to them that their investment in the Moorsholm community was worthwhile. Please come and support your community hall at the AGM.