



We've had a big list of lucky winners in the 200 Club. In each case they received £36 first prize, with £20 for the second place and £15 for the third. They were:

Month	1st	2nd	3rd
Mar	51 Martin Wood (Manor Court)	106 Jayne Payne	41 Leila Aldous
Apr	22 Colin Pressick	66 Colin Boocock	51 Martin Wood (Manor Court)
May	19 Ron Anderson	31 Owen Richardson	8 Margaret Anderson
Jun	107 Steve Payne	112 Pete Dowey	9 Luke Richardson
Jul	80 Jo Pearse	30 Lauren Wood	57 George Forsyth
Aug	111 Liz Dowey	102 Sue Medcalfe	123 Paula Dowey
Sep	53 Tessie Harrison	126 Bryn Clode	73 Sarah Liddell
Oct	132 Ian Lancaster	130 Ron Dyer (Castleton)	82 Ralph Pearse
Nov	122 Lucy Bowman	35 Peter Shaw	73 Sarah Liddell

Congratulations to all these winners. The December draw will be the last of this year's ten, and in the New Year we hope you'll support us again by subscribing to the 200 Club in 2012.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thanks to everyone who supported in any way the Coffee Morning on October 8th. The amount raised was £314.20 — the second-highest that Jean Bainbridge, Anthea Aldous and their helpers have raised for Macmillan. Anthea is planning another Coffee Morning on Easter Saturday (April 7th) to raise money towards Church Hall window repairs.

The main funding for the Renewal Project was provided through the following organisations:



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Year End News

It's been quite a few months since the last Newsletter — unfortunately our regular printer of Hall material, including the Show Schedules, ceased trading a few months ago. Maybe part of the problem was that he'd been giving the Hall such generous rates over the years, because we have since found it impossible to match his prices elsewhere. Faced with a doubling of the costs, we decided to cut back on the number of Newsletters, and only distribute them when there's plenty to report.

You'll see that the Big Thermometer has gone from the front page. That doesn't mean that we're not still raising money to improve the Hall, because there are still things we want to do to make it really comfortable and attractive and a first-class venue for Moorsholm and the surrounding area. We will still be organising fund-raising events, and looking for grant aid where it continues to be available, but the main thrust of the Renewal Appeal is now over, so we can say farewell to the thermometer. Very many thanks to everyone who made it rise so spectacularly in the last few years.

Now that the inside of the Hall is looking inviting, we need to do something with the exterior, and are seeking to raise the funds to tidy up (and resurface?) the car park area. There's always something to do!



The Evening Gazette's Wish Campaign is under way again this year — we are again collecting Wish Tokens, and by the time you read this we may have featured in a special report in the paper. Tokens, please, to Carol Richardson, Apple Tree Cottage, 32 High Street, or post them in the box in the Hall Kitchen.

Last year we collected a total of 11,958 tokens, and when the Gazette shared out their total Wish money, we received £103.73 for the Refurbishment Fund, which went on decorating. This year we hope we may be able to put the money towards some stage lighting.

Moorsholm Memorial Hall on the Web

The Hall now has its own web address. www.moorsholmmemorialhall.org.uk is where you'll find the early stages of a website designed to reflect the Hall, its facilities and history, to the wider world.

Amongst the items there's a report of Moorsholm Show, including all the results, and pictures of the Scarecrows. You'll find an archive of the previous Newsletters (which makes an interesting step-by-step review of the Renewal Project as it progressed). And (perhaps most important) there's remembrance details of the ten men of Moorsholm who fell in the two World Wars, and to whom the Hall is dedicated.

At present we've nothing in the Picture Gallery — contributions will be gratefully received by email to newsletter@moorsholmmemorialhall.org.uk.

Jewellery-Making and Art Groups

The weekly Jewellery-Making Class has proved to be very popular and enjoyable with those who have been along this term — everyone made two rings and has set a stone into a piece of jewellery! Classes are planning to start again on January 9th for a 10 week course, which will be £55, payable in advance. There's room for newcomers if anyone is interested. Contact Judith Watson on 660745.

Sheena Smith is also wondering if anyone would like to join an Arts & Crafts group to meet regularly in the Supper Room. Not classes as such, but a chance for like-minded people to come together and draw, paint, sculpt, knit, crochet or whatever. Contact Sheena on 660839.

Moorsholm in Bloom

The Memorial Hall Committee congratulate the Moorsholm In Bloom team for their spectacular success in this year's Awards. As most people will know by now, they took Gold (and the Wansbeck Trophy) in the Best (Medium) Village category, and a Gold in the Durham Villages Trophy category — this is for the Best Conservation Project, and was for the work done to preserve the local trods and troughs. A superb effort.

The magnificent manger baskets on the Hall front wall were provided by Northumbrian Water Environmental Fund (following a successful application to the Tees Valley Community Foundation), and were made by Alan Slater.

Moorsholm Broadband Campaign



Although the Memorial Hall Committee itself is not directly involved with the campaign (co-ordinated by Trevor Watson) to bring better broadband to Moorsholm, both the Chairman (Ian Solomon) and Vice Chairman (Graeme Aldous) have (for their own reasons) been helping to research alternatives to the current poor landline service resulting from the sub-standard copper cables serving here.

The Hall was delighted to provide the venue for a 'Can't Get Online' event on November 4th, which welcomed John Popham, a specialist in social media and new technology who was visiting many communities in the country with broadband problems. Although it was a weekday morning, more than 50 people attended — about 15% of the adult population of the village! Tom Blenkinsop MP also came along to support us, and we even noticed one or two people there who'd never been in the Hall before.

You can visit John's blog, read his report on Moorsholm, and view the interviews that he conducted with many of our residents, at <http://johnpopham.wordpress.com>.

The Campaign Team are currently talking to NextGenus UK, a Community Interest Company from the East Riding who specialise in providing very fast internet connections to villages by wireless, with at least 65% of the profit going back into the community. The Campaign Team are now actively marketing recruitment to the scheme, and we will watch with interest.

One aspect which could possibly benefit the Hall in the future is that the building is probably the best location for the transmission equipment, which could ultimately mean that we could offer very fast broadband access as one of our facilities. An Internet Café, anyone?

You can keep up-to-date with developments at www.moorsholmbroadband.com. The Campaign is also keeping us informed via Coastal View & Moor News, and house-to-house fliers.