

Burton in Lonsdale Village Hall
Registered Charity 505943

Report to Annual Parish Meeting 22 April 2010

Renovations: During the last twelve months we have made major progress in renovation work through receiving a Big Lottery grant of £10,000. This has enabled proper insulation to be installed for the whole of the ceiling area, on the thinner walls of the eastern end and the porch door. Also, in the kitchen, a new range cooker, extractor fan and a radiator were installed. A standard staircase has been installed to the mezzanine and the floor space at that level has been extended up to the side of the stairwell. This makes it easier and safer to retrieve extra chairs and to access the boiler.

Website: The Committee has now mostly moved to electronic documents for rapid communication, which reduces the frequency of meetings and speeds decisions. Our website: <http://northcravenhistoricalresearch.co.uk/BVH/BurtonVH.htm> has been operating since May 2009 carrying details of events and news items as well as being a source for reports, information, documents and email link to the Committee. Papers for the AGM on 22 February, including audited accounts and Chairman's Report, are on the website, as are those for the free IT Sessions we ran. For presentations, we have wired and wireless microphones, two projector stands, and on the western wall is a 2.5m x 1.6m white screen for use with computer or slide projection.

Finance: The audited accounts for our financial year ended 30 September 2009 were reported at the AGM. The Big Lottery renovation grant arrived in the last week of 2008/9 before we could spend any; since then we have used all of it while maintaining our reserves at the normal level for guarding against contingencies. The present state of finances is: Current a/c £1,525, Tracker a/c £3964, Savings a/c £950.

Events: The usual range of events has been organized in the Village Hall over the year, including a Disco, Plant Sale, various Coffee Mornings, musical events of different kinds, Photography Competition and some free IT Sessions for basic computer skills. The Village Shop and Village Hall Committees jointly ran the successful Burton BBQ on 12 July and the Duck Race on 14 March, with volunteers and friends from both organizations. Many of you will have heard coming from the Hall the sound of rehearsals by the Burton-based rhythm and blues band The Swarm; we are delighted to say that they will be giving us a benefit performance on 24 April in thanks for making available rehearsal premises. More details are on our website.

Thanks: As usual, all the achievements are due to the generosity of the members of the Committee, which was re-elected at the AGM, in freely giving their time and effort. It works well in ensuring that events can proceed smoothly in a clean friendly environment that provides the financially sound Community Centre facility that our charitable foundation expects. The Village Hall physically and fiscally is in very good shape for the coming year.

Kit Dodson, Chairman April 2010