

*Burton in Lonsdale Village Hall*  
*Registered Charity 505943*

**Annual General Meeting 22 February 2010**  
**Chairman's Report**

**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 and on the thinner walls of the eastern end. Also, in the kitchen, a new range cooker, extractor fan and a radiator were installed. All of this work was completed on time and to budget. There are some remaining items to do including a space-saver stair to the mezzanine and some redecoration when plaster work is thoroughly dried.

**Finance:** Throughout the year our Treasurer has kept our finances in good order while monitoring expenditure and he presents at this AGM the audited accounts for our financial year ended 30 September 2009. The Big Lottery renovation grant arrived in the last week of that year before we could spend any; since then we have used most of it while maintaining our reserves at the normal level for guarding against contingencies.

**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 information, documents and email link to the Committee. For presentations, we have wired and wireless microphones, projector stands, and on the western wall is a 2.5m x 1.6m white screen for use with computer or slide projection.

**Events:** The usual range of events have 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 IT Sessions for basic computer skills. The Village Shop and Village Hall Committees jointly ran the successful Burton BBQ on 12 July 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.

**Thanks:** As usual, all the achievements are due to the generosity of the Committee in freely giving their time and effort, working together to ensure that events can proceed smoothly in a clean friendly environment and keeping us all on track to provide 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, February 2010*