

Burton in Lonsdale Village Hall
Registered Charity 505943

Annual General Meeting 14th February 2012
Chairman's Report

Renovations: The Big Lottery Fund accepted our detailed End of Grant Monitoring Report on our expenditure of the £10,000 grant and complimented us on our informative website. The grant acknowledgement plaque was fitted. During the last twelve months we have ourselves painted the Hall, and the ceiling was painted by Tommy and Ian Sedgwick. We bought 30 new chairs and sold a similar number of old tubular chairs. With £500 from NYCC Community Fund we installed a new audio system, adding additional microphones as well as two controllable coloured LED stage lights, and 8 linkable 2-sided display boards, each 1 x 0.6m. The World War I Memorial was moved to under the old clock, freeing the east wall to carry the mural painted by children at Richard Thornton School under the supervision of Linda Clegg.

Finance: The 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 2011. Our income over the year was £3494 and expenditure was £2871, yielding a surplus of £623. The hire rate has remained the same: £6 per hour for village organizations and £7 per hour for individuals and others.

Website: The Village Hall Committee is grateful to Julie Gabriel-Clarke for permission to move our webpage to the same server as the village webpage: <http://www.burton-in-lonsdale.net/VillageHall/> Online there are links to posters, photos, documents and archive information from our major events, and the *Calendar of current bookings* for the coming months.

Events: As well as the usual range of Coffee Mornings, musical evenings, Craft Fair, Plant Sale and lectures, we held an Exhibition of Local Art and Craft Work over the weekend 9/10 April with exhibits including a steam engine, an MG, video slideshows, paintings, sculpture, collages and needlework. We were delighted that both recent special productions by outside Companies from Yorkshire, *The Land Girls* and *Jack and the Beanstalk* were played to near capacity audiences.

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.

Kit Dodson, February 2012