

Birth of a Club site

Soldiering on...

A BLANKET of snow some 8-12in thick arrived at Teesdale Barnard Castle over the festive period, which, if we hadn't been trying to develop a touring caravan site, would have been rather scenic.

Try as it might, however, the weather couldn't deter the workers from their mission and they battled on even when their own welfare facilities had frozen. Some of the site roads are now in place, providing contractors with access around the site.

As the *Magazine* went to press, the toilet block and reception building were being set out and we were hoping temperatures would improve so that the builders could start on the concrete foundations. Fingers crossed, the timber frame should be on site about the time you are reading this article.

Watch this space for further updates on site progress and hopefully some better news on the weather front!



Cold comforters

THE RECENT snowfall has created some wonderful picture opportunities and following an article on our website (caravanclub.co.uk), we received photographs from members and wardens all over Britain.

Many of the pictures were accompanied by stories from members who said they had embraced the cold weather by building snowmen. Several, like the wardens at Craigie Gardens in Ayr, even held barbecues and served hot mulled wine! As promised, we have put a selection of images on the website.

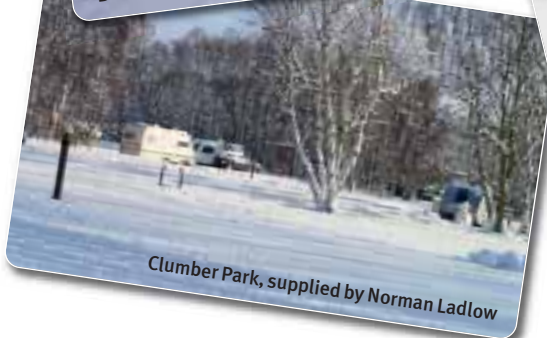


Brown Moor, supplied by Bob Woolley



Broadway, supplied by Mr Harries

DID YOU KNOW?
Ayr was granted 'royal burgh' status in 1205



Clumber Park, supplied by Norman Ladlow



Hillside, supplied by Richard and Janet Hagger

SITE BY SITE

■ **Wirral Country Park:** please note that due to a series of live music concerts from 28-30 May, members staying here should expect some noise as well as disruption to the site access road from 24-31 May inclusive.

■ **Balbirnie Park:** this site in Fife is scheduled to open on 1 August, but members should check the Club website or with the Contact Centre as we will endeavour to open it before this date.

■ **Grummore:** the lease for this Scottish site has been extended and it will open as normal this season on 1 April.

■ **Cherry Hinton:** please note that this Cambridgeshire site is closed from 1 January to 31 July for refurbishment.

A MASSIVE THANKS

DAMAGE BARTON site has run a charity collection for 20 years and 2009 proved to be a record breaker, with £1820 raised.

The money was split between Braunton Rotary, the Exmoor Calvert Trust, Forget Me Not Project, North Devon Hospice and Debra Charity.

In addition to this, the site shop collected £287 for Children's Hospice South West. A massive thank you to all members who give so generously each year and really make a difference to these locally-based charities.