# **AUSTWICK Fair and Market**

A market charter was granted to Clapham in 1201 by King John, which market would also have served Austwick nearby.

The grant was made to William de Clapham to hold a market at Clapham every Thursday, a fair on Saturday before Quadragesima Sunday and two days following, on the festival of St Philip and St James and three days following, on the festival of St Mary Magdalene and two days following, on the eve of St Matthew and two days following.

Market charters usually had geographical limits to minimize competition. There was an annual cattle fair on the green near the Austwick market cross on the Thursday before Whit Sunday (Kelly's Directory). A Butter Market was held weekly and a Cloth market, selling remnants from the weaving sheds took place monthly. These markets have long since not been held.

The base of the market cross on the Green, thought to be 15th century, is older than the pillar, put up by Charles Ingleby in the 19th century.



In 1981 a first street market was held which has developed and at some stage incorporated a cuckoo theme. The purpose was to raise funds to support the village hall and the local playing fields.

# Austwick Cuckoo Festival & Street Market 31st May 2010



# Entry by Programme £1 donation per person Children free

Local folklore tells that the good folk of Austwick found that fortunes and the weather improved when the cuckoo arrived. Deciding one year to extend the "good times", they found the tree in which the cuckoo perched and laboured all day to build a wall around it. As it grew dark and before the last course was completed the cuckoo flew away! So Austwick became known as "Cuckoo Town". We are still wondering, "If only we had worked quicker?"

Welcome to the 29th Austwick Street Market. There are historical references to a fair in Austwick prior to 1201. There was also an annual Cattle Fair on the green near the market cross, on the Thursday before Whit Sunday. A Butter Market was held weekly and a Cloth Market, selling remnants from the weaving sheds, took place monthly. On 27th May 1933 there was an Olde English Fayre held at the Traddock. It was a two day event that included a baby show and a pageant depicting life through the ages. The purpose was to raise money for the Parish Hall and Reading Room. Fêtes were held bi-annually at Harden House for many years. It is thought the last one was held in 1980. In June 1978, a Bumper Fête took place which raised £850 to repair the Parish Hall roof. In 1981 the first Street Market was held, and it has continued to grow and develop since then, at some stage incorporating the cuckoo theme.

As you can see, the residents of Austwick rise to the occasion when fund raising is required. Several stalwarts of the village have participated in every Street Market. In addition to the money raised for a number of village groups, the bulk of the money you spend today will help to keep the Village Hall and the Playing Fields viable for another year.

We are grateful to all the local businesses and people who have given us generous donations, most especially our main sponsors, Lafarge Aggregates and Booths Supermarket. We thank them, and all of you who are here today, for supporting us. Have an enjoyable day!



## Programme of Events

10.00 a.m. Official Opening by Michael Cardus of Lafarge Aggregates.

Entertainment throughout the day

The Oak Quartet Jazz\*Band

Punch and Judy at 11.05 a.m., 1.05 p.m. and 2.05 p.m.

Skittles, play-off at 3.15 p.m.

Vintage Car Display, Donkey Rides, Coconut Shy. Bouncy Castles, Tombola Art Exhibitions, Grand Draw and Spirit Diary, Prize giving at 3 p.m. Book Stalls, Bric-a-Brac ... and much, much more

## Refreshments all day long

Bacon Butties. Pie and Peas

Hog Roast from 11 a.m., courtesy of The Austwick Traddock

Teas, Cakes and Sandwiches in the Village Hall

Ice Creams, Snacks and Drinks in the School

... and, of course, The Game Cock Inn - Barbecue from 4 p.m.

## For hardy participants

The Fell Race - approximately 8 miles starting at the village centre, climbing through the Norber Erratics, past Ingleborough to Sulber Nick and descending through Crummock Dale to Austwick.

The winner's time will probably be about 45 minutes

10.30 a.m. Registration begins

Junior Fell Race start 1 p.m. Senior Fell Race start 12 noon

2.45 p.m. Fell Race Prize Giving

### Cuckoo Theme

Cuckoo's Nest - Where else could you buy cuckoo T-shirts, badges, mugs and whistles? Crafty Cuckoo - Local crafts. Cuckoo Spotting - How many cuckoos can you find? Prize giving for best cuckoos at 3 p.m

St John's Ambulance Brigade is in attendance beside the main village green

## Jokes from Austwick School

Why did the teacher tell the pupil to eat his homework? Because it was a piece of cake (Holly Rouse)

Why was the broom late? Because it over swept (James Chapman)

Knock Knock, who's there? Arthur, Arthur who? Arthur any biscuits left (Erin

What kind of bugs live in clocks? Ticks. (Honor Jeffrey)

Doctor Doctor I feel like a pair of curtains. Well pull yourself together then! (Lily Chapman)

What is a pie's favourite sport? Pie -Kwan -do (Harry Reid)

Why did the one handed monster cross the road? To get to the second hand shop. (Jamie Lewis)

What goes ooooom? A cow walking backwards (Leanne Booth)

What do you call a man who steals cows? A beef burglar (Anon)

What do you call a penguin in the desert? Lost (Harry Chapman)

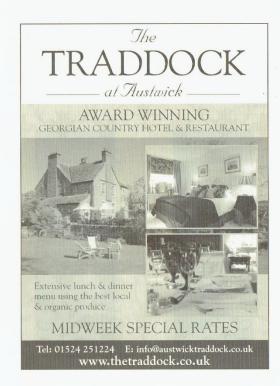
There are 2 flys playing in a saucer, one fly said we better get the practice in, we're playing in a cup next week. (Jodie Lodge)  $\frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty$ 

What do you call a skunk in rubber boots? Smelly willies (Adam Strickland)

What do you call an igloo without a toilet? An ig (Anon)

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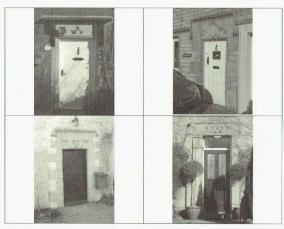
Answers Cross House 1719 – opposite the church , Town End Cottage 1712 on Clapham Road Back Fold 1712 on the High Street , Battle Hill 1673 opposite the school



# FANCY A WALK ROUND THE VILLAGE?

## CAN YOU FIND THESE DATED HOUSES?

Austwick has many good examples of  $17^{th}$  and  $18^{th}$  century buildings, some of which have a date over the front door. Four of these are visible from the road. Can you find them? (Two are in the middle of the village and two on the edge.)



Note Please do not go into the front gardens of these houses. They are private property.

Answers are in this booklet.

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