

Village's special sports field is declared open

AUSTWICK'S new Reading Room Sports Field was officially opened on Saturday by Mrs Coulthurst of Gargrave.

Mrs Coulthurst said the partial eclipse of British athletes in international events was due to the lack of training facilities, and it was encouraging that a small community like Austwick could provide its own. James were healthy; stimulating to mind and body, and they trained people to understand discipline and self control.

The site, she said, was impressive and charming, and was safely situated away from the road but with easy access. Luckily, the site was already flat and well drained and could be developed to provide field events of all kinds.

Turning to the young ones in the audience, Mrs Coulthurst told them that thanks to the field one of them could be the proud winner of an Olympic gold medal sometime in the future!

She cut the tape across the running track which was the signal for Brian Coultherd, Joanne Sinclair, Suzanne Wallbank, Rachael Harrison, Simon and Jayne Spensley.

and Clare and Nicola Hird to run down the field and return to hold up cards which spelled out "Thank you". Louise Hird presented Mrs Coulthurst with a bowl of flowers.

Jubilee

The acquisition of the field came about following the Jubilee celebrations in the village when a small amount of money was left over. To provide some permanent reminder of the Jubilee and because of the interest shown in the sports which had been organised in conjunction with the celebrations it was felt some playing area could be purchased.

The Austwick Reading Room Trustees had sold their premises in the village and were willing to offer their money towards the cost of buying a field. A new committee was formed: the Austwick Jubilee Recreation Reading Room committee to administer this venture.

This new committee approached Yates and Jackson of Lancaster to see if they would be willing to sell a field which they owned on the outskirts of the village. This they agreed to do for £3,250 which, luckily, the committee had to hand.

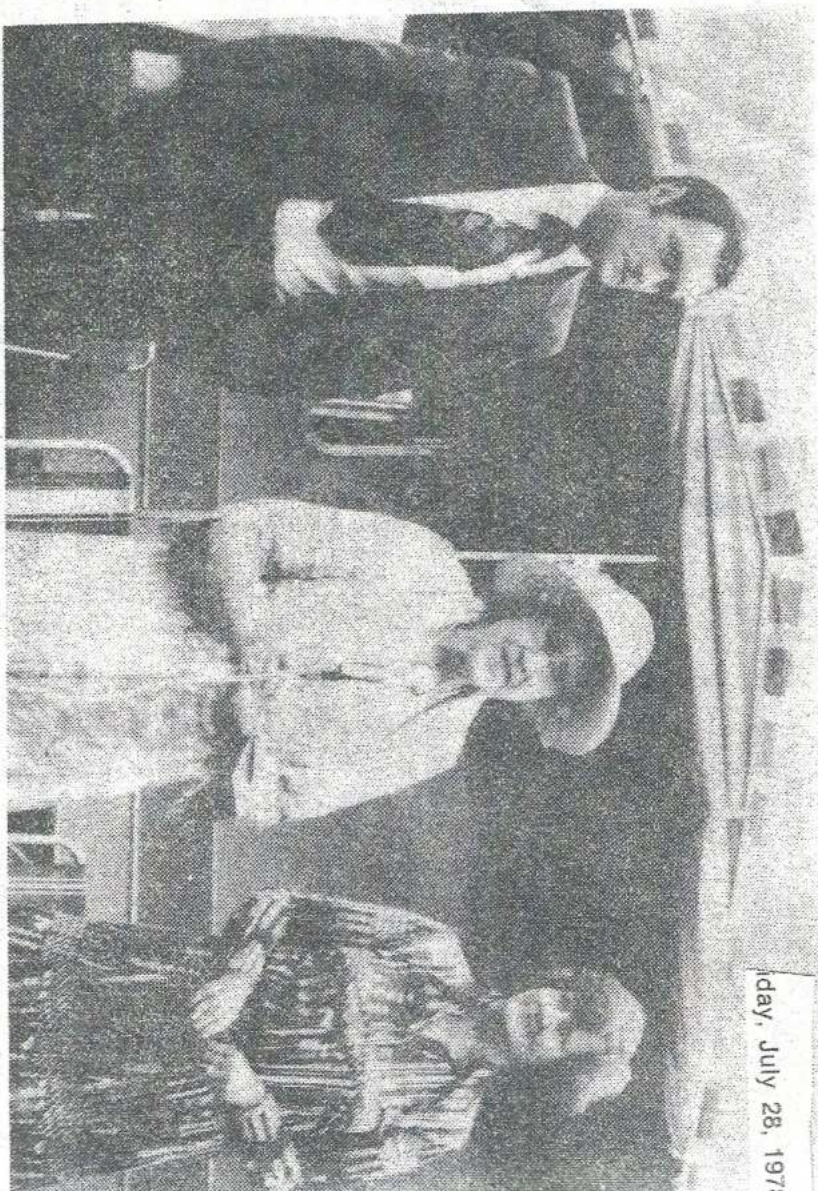
Because there wasn't much money left, the Coulthurst Trust was approached. The result was Saturday's opening ceremony and the presentation by Mrs Coulthurst to the committee of a cheque for £3,000.

Following the ceremony there was an afternoon of races organised by members of the committee. Mrs Coulthurst stayed to watch the events and to present the special prizes to the runners in the married ladies' race which turned out to be lollipops. The winners were: 1 Mrs Braithwaite-Esley, 2 Mrs Ann Carr, 3 Mrs Jennifer Oeden. Not to be outdone, Mr B. Braithwaite-Esley came first in the married men's race. Second was Mr J. Swale and third was Mr P. Child.

Another race which was well received was the special race for under five year olds boys' and girls' holding hands. Winners were: 1 Anna Coultherd and Derek Nowell, 2 Fiona Hird and Simon Coultherd, 3 Marie Turpin and John Allen.

Flat races

Other results were: Under 5: 1 Derek Nowell, 2 Simon Coultherd, 3 Andrew



Mrs Coulthurst performs the opening ceremony at Austwick sports field on Saturday. With her as chairman, Mr E. Hird, and secretary, Mrs Barracough.—Photo: J. Shevelean.—D13

Glover: 1 Anna Coultherd, 2 Marie Turpin, 3 Sally Coultherd.	9 and 10: 1 Jason English, 2 Alan Child, 3 Peter Thornton; 1 Suzanne Wallbank, 2 Samantha Brindley, 3 Jennifer Shevelean.	11 and 12: 1 Yan Smae, 2 Roger Wilson, 3 Nicholas Barracough and Alan Glover; 1 Brenda Morphet, 2 Gillian Lord.	13-16: 1 John Glover, 2 David Holme, 3 Robin Sanderson; 1 Linda Taylor, 2 Janet Cross, 3 Helen Burr.
2 Alison Booth, 3 Janet Oden.	11 and 12: 1 John Glover, 2 John Sinclair, 3 David	13-16: 1 John Glover, 2 John Sinclair, 3 David	13-16: 1 John Glover, 2 John Sinclair, 3 David
7 and 8: 1 Paul Newhouse, 2 Michael Hird, 3 Simon Spensley; 1 Rachael Harrison, 2 Sarah Cross, 3 Joanne Airey.	5 and 6: 1 Richard Gudgeon, 3 Christopher Price; 1 Clare Hird, 2 Sally Coultherd, 3 Alison Booth.	5 and 6: 1 Richard Gudgeon, 3 Christopher Price; 1 Clare Hird, 2 Sally Coultherd, 3 Alison Booth.	5 and 6: 1 Richard Gudgeon, 3 Christopher Price; 1 Clare Hird, 2 Sally Coultherd, 3 Alison Booth.
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<p>SACK RACES</p> <p>5 and 6: 1 Janet Oden, 2 Alison Booth, 3 Clare Hird.</p> <p>7 and 8: 1 James Oden, 2 Michael H., 3 David Wallbank; 1 Rachael Harrison, 2</p>			
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<p>OBSTACLE</p> <p>Under 5: 1 Michael Christopher Price, 3 Nowell.</p> <p>7 and 8: 1 James Oden, 2 Paul Newhouse, 3 Spensley; 1 Rachel H, 2 Janet Cross, 3 Janet</p> <p>9-13: 1 David Ho Alan Child, 3 Roger V</p>			

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