

2007

**STWICK**

**THE NIGHT**

'Lavender', starring Dench and Maggie, is being shown in the village shop on Friday at 7pm. The film starts at 7pm. Tickets, costing £4, are available in the village shop or on

**CHURCH**

There will be a coffee morning at the church on Saturday (Saturday) at 10am and noon. There is £1.50. There will be a stall and any baking would be welcome. The next Austwick coffee morning is on Monday at 7.30pm. This meeting will agree the next AGM being held in church on Wednesday at 7.30pm. The year's groups will meet on Thursdays at 7.30pm. For more information, contact the church office.

**CLUB**

Tennis Club's meeting will be held on Thursday at 7.30pm in the village shop, followed by wine and refreshments. All members are invited to attend.

**EFFECTIVE**

Lesley



The 'hippy' PTA band trying to make music in Austwick Community Players 'Big Top': with Christine Hooley, Pat Broadhead, George Gooch, Elizabeth Booth and Heather Chapman.

**Village players let their hair down**

"ROLL up, roll up - for the greatest show on earth" was the request made to Austwick residents last week. And roll up they did, all thoroughly enjoying this year's entertainment, The Big Top, presented by Austwick Community Players.

The players are a group of volunteers who, for the past 30 years, have organised the annual event in the village known as the Over 65s' Supper and Entertainment Evening. It was warmly received and then performed with equal success to public audiences for the next two nights.

The story tells of the consequences of Austwick Parish Hall Committee's decision to have a circus instead of the usual street market. When the big top burns down and the circus disbands, the committee decides each village organisation can take on a circus role - the PTA

a band, flower and produce committee, performing horses and Mothers' Union tightrope walking - all with hilarious results.

The pretty young girl who should vault on and off the horse is grossly overweight, the tightrope walker gets vertigo, the best instruments the band can rustle up are a triangle, kazoo, symbols and two saucepan lids and the clowns' "car" gets a puncture at just the wrong time! All this led to a funny, colourful and music-filled evening.

Local residents creating the slapstick were: Viv Shaw, Pam Smith, Elizabeth Booth, Sue Sharples, Catherine Nicholls, George Gooch, Jackie Renwick, Pat Broadhead, Christine Hooley, Heather Chapman, Sue Goold and Ian Shaw. There was a surprise guest each night too: Brian Newhouse, Richard Verhagen and the Rev Ian Greenhalgh.