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Austwick Church: The final Lent Study Group will be held at the Vicarage at 7.30pm on

Wednesday. The 9.30am service next Sunday, March 22, is a special family communion for Mothering Sunday. The Afternoon Fellowship Group meets on Wednesday March 25 when Sheila Gudgeon will talk about embroidery and quilting. The meeting will be held in the parish hall at 2pm.

Village Show: Austwick Horticultural and Village Produce Show has been renamed Austwick Village Show. The annual general meeting takes place in the parish hall on Monday at 7.30pm. Anyone interested is welcome to attend and raise ideas they may have for the show. Members' subscriptions are also now due.

Field and History Society: The March meeting will take place on Tuesday (instead of the traditional Wednesday), when Alan Mills will present an illustrated talk entitled "lead mining in Swaledale and Arkengarthdale" in the parish hall at 7.30pm.

Bowling Club: The club will hold its annual general meeting in the parish hall tomorrow (Friday) at 7.30pm.

Austwick School: The school has been awarded the Activemark, which rewards exceptional delivery of the national sport strategy. The children and staff celebrated World Book Day by dressing as their favourite characters and sharing books with each other. The school is currently collecting a mile of coppers. The children are also marking Red Nose Day tomorrow in support of Comic Relief.
Parish Hall: The advertised film show for Friday March 20 has had to be cancelled. The next film night will be on Friday April 24 when the latest James Bond epic Quantum of Solace is due to be shown.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT: members of the Austwick Community Players who starred in the latest village show

High-flying village show a sell-out success

The inspiration for Austwick Community Players' 2009 production came from June 1941 when an RAF Whitely Bomber, returning from a bombing mission in Germany, made an emergency landing in a field near Austwick.

The show, written, produced, acted, set and manufactured by a band of volunteers,

gave a wonderful free evening of entertainment to Austwick's elders.

The audience at the opening night was restricted to villagers aged 65 and over and two further performances were then given which were open to the public. Both nights were sell-outs.

The story was set at Austwick's Alfretd

Austwick talent competition off to compete in a song contest in Bratislava and Edmund Hillary and Ranulph Fiennes off to Kathmandu to climb Mount Everest.

However, thanks to the efforts of undercover agent Norber Erotic and the work of Sergeant Dixon, the protesters were brought to book.

Wainwright International Airport where a band of hippy protesters had caused the cancellation of all flights as they believed - wrongly as it turned out - that a green lane was to be surfaced so larger planes could land. This caused the delay of flights for a group of Morris Men on their way to Dubrovnik, a trio of winners of the