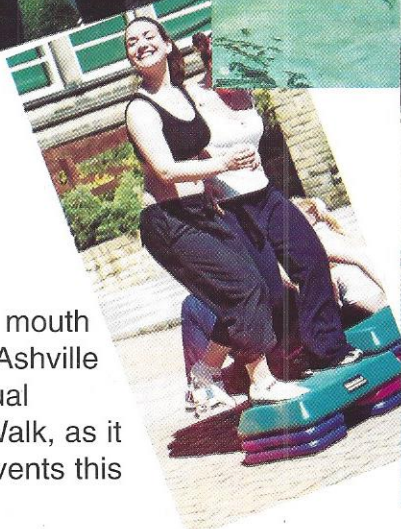
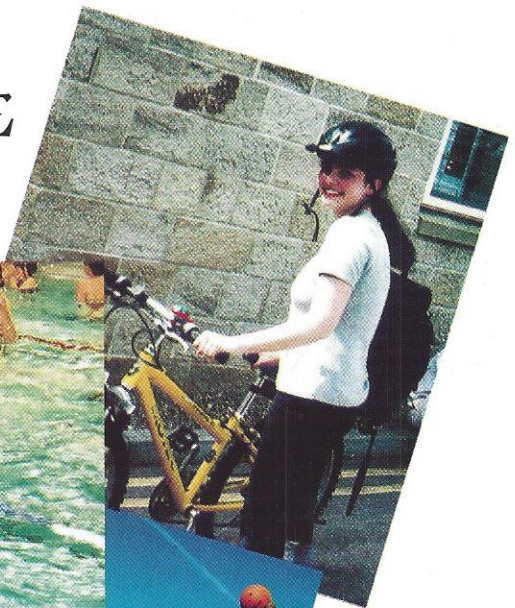
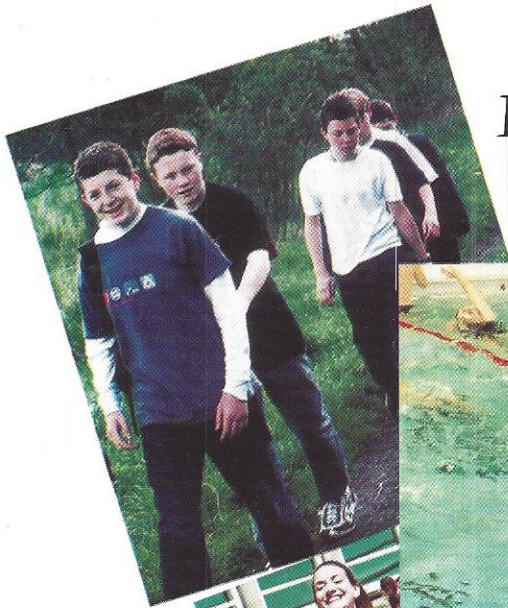


# One day at a time



The newsletter of the Open Arms Trust

SPONSORED  
EVENTS RAISE  
£20 000!!!



The foot and mouth crisis hit the Ashville College Annual Sponsored Walk, as it has many events this year.

However, the staff and pupils rose to the occasion and arranged a completely different kind of day, with a variety of events to raise sponsorship, ranging from abseiling and aerobics to cycling, swimming and football.

Perhaps the highlight of the day was the children in Pre-prep undertaking two hours of line-dancing in their cowboy costumes. As we reported in the last newsletter, the Headmaster of the college, Mr Michael Crosby, had agreed to give us the majority of

the money raised by the pupils.

After about £5000 has been spent on much-needed drugs

and equipment for hospitals in Blantyre, the rest of the money has been forwarded to us. About a third of this has already been spent on toys, high chairs and clothes for the babies at Open Arms, as well as medicines and medical equipment.

The recent expedition, led by Mr. Greg Warren, also took much needed clothing for the nurses and foster parents of the children.



Open Arms Infant Home is a private Christian charity transit home for orphaned babies from birth to two years.

Open Arms Infant Home provides orphaned babies with what the family cannot: good, nutritious food, medical care and security. The babies receive an abundance of loving care. There is no charge to the families who are encouraged to visit as often as possible to maintain a family bond.

The daily 24 hour routine of bathing, feeding etc. of the 37 babies is covered by three groups of 6 nannies working in shifts, plus a cook and two housekeepers. All administration is covered by expatriate volunteers, so no such costs are incurred.

The Brasserie in Harrogate was the venue for our second fund-raising event, held on a snowy evening at the beginning of March.

80 guests enjoyed fine cuisine accompanied by an excellent jazz pianist.



Raffle prizes donated by supporters and local businesses helped to raise over £1000. The money has been sent to Malawi to help provide decent living accommodation for the people who work in the orphanage.

## Jam Sandwich Factory

St. Peter's Primary School in Leeds have raised £650 for Open Arms over the last year.



In that time the children have held a *Paint a Teacher for Malawi*, a *Space Hopper* event and a Sponsored Walk.

However, their favourite was the *Jam Sandwich Factory*. Deputy Head Jan Spencer and a band of trusty helpers set to each morning jamming over a dozen loaves of bread to sell 10p sandwiches to the children at break.

## Brothers in Arms

The Tree Theatre Youth Group brought this drama set against the background of the Vietnam war to Ashville Junior School Hall at the end of May. Donations raised £120.

## Cocktail Party

Trustees and their guests gathered in Briggs House before the Friends of Ashville Summer Ball. With drinks kindly donated, the event raised over £200

## Book Stall

Our book stall held in Birstwith raised £132. We hope to repeat this in the Autumn, so keep a look out.

## Christmas Cards

Tony Brummell Smith's painting *Malawi Village*, will feature on our Christmas card.

Cards will be £4.50 for a pack of 10. We will send you a card and order form soon.

## Diary

Our next fund-raiser will be on Saturday 13th October. This will be a Hollywood Night and will be held in Harewood Village Hall. More details to follow soon, but put the date in your diaries now so you don't miss out on the fun!