

Monkey business



Heather Thom gets carried away by the gorilla — alias PC Philip Whitehead

HEADTEACHER Heather Thom left her village school in style yesterday — carried out in the arms of a gorilla.

The amazing ape was none other than Middleton Tyas village bobby Philip Whitehead.

The stunt was organised by the Friends of Middleton Tyas School as a farewell to Miss Thom, head at the 52-pupil school for six years and a term.

School secretary Linda Banner

into the school. She will be sadly missed, but we wanted her to go away laughing."

Miss Thom, who is leaving to become head of 160 pupils at Broomfield Primary, Northallerton, said: "It was a tremendous end to the day and took me completely unaware."

"This apparition appeared in the doorway, presented me with flowers and gifts and carried me outside where the school and my car was