



**PUT IT ON THE SLATE:** Pictured (from left) are ex-pupils Margaret Wiles and Jean Young, Bubwith Primary School headteacher Elaine MacCallum and The Jug and Bottle owner Louise Smith. (s4046b622) **Picture: Andrew Bellis**

# Fund-raising the roof

**By Charlotte Hedley**

PUTTING a roof over their heads will also see one enterprising young couple provide a cash splash for two worthy causes.

Louise and Doug Smith have owned specialist delicatessen and real-ale off-licence The Jug and Bottle at Bubwith since October 2002.

Business is booming and they now plan to move into bigger premises this autumn at the old Victorian school in Main Street.

Part of the conversion project involves a new roof being installed, which generated a fundraising idea.

Visitors to the existing shop, also in Main Street, can make a minimum donation of £1 to sign their name on a slate, each one being

used on the new roof. Proceeds from the sale will then be split between the new Bubwith Primary School and the Motor Neurone Disease charity.

Mrs Smith, 32, said: "My husband's parents owned the old school and now live next to it. We needed bigger premises to accommodate our stock and saw this as an ideal opportunity, which would also make us more central to the village for public access.

"A customer was visiting Thailand recently and came across a building project where tourists and local people could sign roof slates and make a donation to the tem-

ple. It seemed such a simple and novel ideal that when we were making our own plans to relocate the shop, we felt we could do something similar to help out the local school and the Motor Neurone Disease charity. A chap who used to live in North Duffield battled with Motor Neurone's but died last year - his parents live in the village and it brought back memories for myself and Doug when my brother-in-law's mum died of the same disease four years ago."

Building work has just started on the roof. Louise and 35-year-old Doug aim to raise at least £500 to split between the two causes. School headteacher Elaine MacCallum was also on hand to back Friday's appeal launch.