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WHAT HAPPENED AT THE SHOW--

WEATHER FAILS TO DAMPEN RUSLAND SPIRIT

From the President of the Rusland Valley Horticultural Society, Margaret Postlethwaite *"When I was asked if I would be the President of RVHS, I had a vision of a beautiful sunny day in August. How wrong could I have been? I feel honoured to have been asked to be President. Rusland Show always seems to take over my life for the summer and has done for many years. Show day proved what a hardy lot we are; we can cope with a drop of rain and it didn't stop people taking part and enjoying themselves. Many thanks must go to those who erect the marquees and put the showground up. Thanks also to the Sports Committee for organising the sporting side of the show and everyone else who helps put the show together; it takes a lot of dedication by a few. Thanks for the opportunity of being President and I hope everyone will keep supporting us. Hopefully we will have a lovely summer day in 2014."*

THE BRITISH SPIRIT – KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON!

The Rusland Show is rarely cancelled and the 130th running of this traditional horticultural show and sports day was no exception despite the horrendous weather, which passed through the region last weekend.

Whitestock Meadow, deep in the Rusland valley, is surprisingly quick to drain which allowed the show to go ahead despite the correctly predicted gale-force winds and prolonged, driving rain.

Inevitably attendance was down on previous years but those who came enjoyed a varied programme of exhibits, displays, sports, hound trails and demonstrations. Despite a mixed season of weather, entries in the horticultural sections held up well. The handicraft sections attracted a high standard of entry and children's entries held up well with the number of first-time entrants especially pleasing.

The Sports events were surprisingly well supported with 42 contestants starting, and finishing, the 5-mile race. Other fell races were nearly as testing, especially for some of the juniors who found the whole experience almost too much with one or two slips and stumbles on the steep and tricky descent. The programme of track races had to be curtailed slightly but even the youngest competitors were keen to have a go. The unofficial award for grittiest performance would go to Tom Gibbs who runs for Ambleside. He cycled to the show, came second in the 5-mile race, 2nd in the short senior Fell Race, won the 1600m and ran in the 800m. He also cycled home again!

Mr Giles Wingate-Saul and Mr Barry Harrison abandoned their usual entertaining auction of produce but held a

a successful first come, first served sale instead.

The traditional final event of the day, the tug-of-war took place in sodden conditions and was won by a surprisingly firm-footed team of Lowick Young Farmers overcoming last year's winners Cartmel YFC. They donated their winnings, generously donated by the Farmers Arms at Lowick, to setting up a local First Responders team.

Full results are available at www.rusland.org.uk

THINGS TO DO IN THE AUTUMN!

SATTERTHWAITE RECREATION GROUND

ANNUAL BARBECUE

SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 3PM ONWARDS

Fun and Games. Good things to eat and drink or bring your own food to throw on the Barbie!

AT RUSLAND READING ROOMS: -

Introduction to Keeping Poultry commences 11th Sept.

Introduction to Keeping Sheep commences 2nd Oct.

Introduction to Keeping Alpacas commences 6th Nov.

For details and enrolment, contact: -

Cartmel Community Education Centre, 015395 36323 between 9am and 2pm, Mon to Fri.

CRAGG ATAK RETURN TO THE EAGLE'S HEAD, playing their usual mix of rock and bubblegum pop.

Saturday 5th October,

Music and dancing starts at 9pm.

Come and join in the fun!

THE REEL THING?

Dust off your sporrans and press your kilts! Scottish dancing will begin again on Monday 23rd September from 7.00 pm until 9.00 pm in Satterthwaite Parish Rooms. There will be ten weekly sessions ending on November 25th. All welcome. £2.00 per evening. Proficiency is not a requirement!

LEVEN VALLEY SUPPORT GROUP, ST MARYS HOSPICE A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

By popular demand we are proud to announce we have managed to book the very entertaining Roz Dodds of Dodds' Flower Shop, Ulverston to give a Flower demonstration at the Café Ambio on 18th October. Ticket details will be in the October issue.