

## **Fun in the Sun at Rusland Show**

The wind blew, the sun shone and most importantly, it looked like everyone had a great time. Following a flurry of activity and preparations in the preceding weeks the 136<sup>th</sup> Rusland Show was definitely one to remember.

In the Horticultural tent there was a delightful array of entries across all classes and all ages and particularly good support for the Show District classes. There were notable successes for Margaret Postlethwaite in the Home Produce section, Maureen Boyren in the cut flowers section and Colin Barr and Gordon Wilkinson in the vegetable classes. Anne Robinson proved to be a great all-rounder as the most successful WI and Floral Art exhibitor.

The Floral Art made a wonderful, colourful display as always and there were many other talents in evidence from handicrafts to hand prints; photography to pot plants and knitting to krispie cakes. At the younger end of the competition, the Fitter-Fletcher family submitted over 50 entries between them and Dad Rob was particularly pleased to win the hotly contested Jelly class!

In the local interest tent, there were displays from local organisations such as Rusland Horizons and Oxen Park Cinema Club and the craft tent offered a diverse range of traditional handicrafts. Those in search of refreshment could visit the beer tent where the Young Farmers did a great job running the bar or opt for a more substantial lunch in the refreshment tent.

There was a good turnout for the fell races for those with lots of energy and stamina with the coveted Rusland Trophy going to Carl Bell, winner of the five mile fell race and Ruben Copley and Blake Fleming winning Senior and Junior Athlete of the day respectively. Congratulations also go to Noah Kidd as Best Local Junior Fell Runner. There was also a full programme of track races for all ages and plenty of competition for the dog with the waggiest tail! Also towards the end of the afternoon those with any energy left over took part in egg throwing and tug of war.

Thanks go to Eileen and helpers for a very successful raffle and Giles and team did a great job auctioning donated exhibits. Also, thanks to Tom Watson and his 'Heavy Gang' (of volunteers) who swung into action at around 5pm and had all the tents apart from the big one down and put away by 7pm!

...and finally, a big thank you from Maureen to everyone who helped in any way supporting the show, making it a truly enjoyable & successful day.