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SPRING (SO THEY SAY!)

THE RUSLAND SPRING SHOW

Despite the arctic wind that was blowing hard and there being snow on the ground, the Rusland Valley Spring Show went ahead. The freezing temperatures had prevented some bulbs from blooming but entrants managed to provide a display of narcissi and hyacinths, hellebores and pot plants. The flower arrangements were stunning and the home-baking classes looked scrumptious. Decorated hats and eggs, made by the children, brightened up the Reading Rooms and Madaline Clark should have a special mention for winning the Thelma Kellgren Trophy for the most outstanding exhibit. Her decorated egg was a stunning robin – quite apt for the wintry conditions.

Thanks must go to the children of Leven Valley and Penny Bridge Schools, also to the judges and stewards who endured the cold in the marquee. Once again, the stalwarts of the community put on a grand little show and a big thank you goes to each and everyone who played their part in such unfavourable conditions. We raised approximately £500 for the roof fund. Have I mentioned how cold it was?

Jean Wilkinson

AROUND THE WORLD (in Eighty Minutes!)

Leven Valley Support Group for St Marys Hospice are pleased to announce "Around the World" is the theme of this year's fashion show, staged by *Two by Two* of Ulverston and held in The Café Ambio, at the Lakeland Motor Museum, Backbarrow, on Friday 12th April. Tickets are priced at £7.50 to include refreshments and entry into the Motor Museum, between 6 pm and 7pm, for those who are interested, and then into Café Ambio for a 7.30pm start of the Fashion Show. Come along and support your local hospice whilst enjoying a fun evening!

Tickets available from *Two by Two*
Dot Crabtree 015395 30132
Sylvia Chadwick 015395 31685
Marion Wilson 015395 31779

DISCOVERING YOUR VOICE

This course is for people who have never sung before and for those who want to keep singing. You do not need to be able to read music. Enjoy using your natural voice to make music in a group session.

Taster Sessions on April 15th and April 22nd
At Satterthwaite Parish Room, 7.30pm – 8.45pm
£2.00 per session

TIPTOE THROUGH THE TULIPS

Bouth WI is holding its ever popular Spring Walk and Cream Tea on Saturday 13th April commencing 1pm sharp. The start is at Bouth Village Hall. Everyone is welcome and there are walks to suit all ages and abilities. Enjoy a lovely stroll through our beautiful countryside (map provided). A delicious cream tea is served between 3 – 5pm. Cost: £5 - adults, £1 - children under school age. We do ask that children are kept under control and dogs kept on leads. We look forward to meeting you.

THERE'S A WARM WELCOME WAITING FOR YOU AT THE ULVERSTON WALK FEST THIS SPRING! SATURDAY, 27TH APRIL, 2013-MONDAY, 6TH MAY, 2013

Walk Fest has taken place each year since 1999 and has become a firm favourite with both local walkers and those from much further away.

The programme has been carefully chosen so that there are walks to appeal to all ages and abilities. Many walks take in local and industrial history and give walkers an insight to the rich heritage of the area. Other walks take advantage of the surrounding hills and Lakeland Fells and take walkers to the Duddon and Rusland Valleys or have an activity focus such as sketching and wildlife observation.

Each walk will be led by a volunteer, local walk leader and wherever possible the starting point has been fixed so that it can be reached using public transport. The Walk Fest also has a number of supporting events open to the public. These include a talk by national broadcaster Eric Robson on 'Wainwright Redefined' and another by local author, Paddy Dillon on the Cumbria Way.

A Backpackers' Club AGM taking place over the first weekend opens up the opportunity to visit their outdoor Trade Fair in Ford Park. Workshops on lightweight packing, pitching tents, cooking food etc. are also available.

The full programme of walks, events and charges is available at www.ulverstonwalkfest.co.uk

ANYONE FOR TENNIS?

A key is no longer needed for the Court at Satterthwaite. Just turn up for a few sets and enjoy the wonderful location!