

18th March 2022

WRESTLERS CELEBRATE 50th ANNIVERSARY IN STYLE by Linda Scott

Covid-19 put a stop to competitive wrestling soon after Carlisle Club's Open Night on 8th February 2020. Two grass seasons were completely void of action and the Club's 50th Anniversary had passed by without being acknowledged. Nevertheless, Saturday night at Low Hesket Village Hall saw the welcome return of Cumberland and Westmorland wrestling - and what a night it was.

Old faces appeared - and a good few new ones, friends caught up with each other, over a hundred pie and pea suppers were demolished and sixteen classes of wrestling gave great entertainment. The quality of wrestling was a joy to behold.

The 6st class was won by John-Lukas Stainton from Dent, beating Izzy Story in a well contested final. Charlie Armstrong won both the 8.5st and 10st classes with flair and determination and was awarded an engraved tankard for the U18 Best Performance.

Lively new recruit Sam Pollock from Wreay proudly sported his U8yrs gold medal, which almost reached his knees. Bobby Stewart dominated the U10yrs and U12yrs classes, only 9 years of age but a force to be reckoned with.

Myles Stainton, elder brother of John-Lukas was skilled enough to win both of the U15yrs classes against strong opposition but there were notable individual performances from Harvey Murray, Thomas Moffat, Daniel Coates and George Peacock.

John Gibson shone in the U18yrs and U21yrs classes, winning both with gusto. Stalwarts Andrew Carlile and John Harrington proved that a break from the sport had done them no harm and provided an exciting 12st final. Andrew took first prize but it was John's turn in the 14st class.

Rosie Hodgson, who must have grown a foot in height, did exceptionally well to beat Shannon Dagleish in the U18yrs, then Abi Marston in the Ladies class.

Thomas Gibson who has trimmed his weight considerably showed his skill and strength in the 16st and All weights classes, claiming wins in both.

U18yrs Best performances went to the spirited Izzy Story; flinging boys right, left and centre and Charlie Armstrong; wrestling like a man. Ladies Best Performance was an easy judge for Tom Harrington, Rosie Hodgson having dominated both U18yrs and Ladies classes. Mens Best Performance went to Matty Hodgson, beating his coach Andrew Carlile and gaining 4 placings.



CWVA President Chris Bland presents medals to the U8yrs:
1, Sam Pollock; 2, Kitty Harrington; 3, Hudson Pattinson



Carlisle Wrestling Club President Paul Gibson presents All Weights:
1, Tom Gibson; 2, Jack Ewart; 3, Ryan Armstrong



All Weights semi final:
Ryan Armstrong (left) and Jack Ewart
Photo Peter Minihan

Best Fall of the night was not an easy decision for Alan Jones. John Harrington had played a brilliant hank, Andrew Carlile had a fantastic swing on Charlie Carlile but it was Ryan Armstrong's swinging inside click that won the day.

Shows and Sports are confirming their dates slowly but surely, championship applications are trickling in and wrestlers and supporters are chomping at the bit for grass season action.

6st: 1, J-L Stainton; 2, I Story; 3, O Gibson
8½st: 1, C Armstrong; 2, A Whiteford; 3, M Story
10st: 1, C Armstrong; 2, O Marrs; 3, M Story
U8yrs: 1, S Pollock; 2, K Harrington; 3, H Pattinson
U10yrs: 1, B Stewart; 2, M Dalglish; 3, J Wall
U12yrs: 1, B Stewart; 2, A Whiteford; 3, I Story
U15yrs: 1, M Stainton; 2, H Murray; 3, D Coates
U15yrs/13st: 1, M Stainton; 2, T Moffat; 3, G Peacock
U18yrs: 1, J Gibson; 2, M Hodgson; 3, M Stainton
Girls U18yrs: 1, R Hodgson; 2, S Dalglish; 3, A Whiteford
U21yrs: 1, J Gibson; 2, R Armstrong; 3, M Hodgson
12st: 1, A Carlile; 2, J Harrington
14st: 1, J Harrington; 2, M Hodgson; 3, A Carlile
16st: 1, T Gibson; 2, J Harrington; 3, M Hodgson
Ladies: 1, Rosie Hodgson; 2, A Marston; 3, Shannon Dalglish
AW: 1, T Gibson; 2, J Ewart; 3, R Armstrong

Best Fall: Ryan Armstrong
Best Performance (U18yrs): Charlie Armstrong
Best Performance (Men): Matty Hodgson
Best Performance (Girls U18yrs): Izzy Story
Best Performance (Ladies): Rosie Hodgson



14st final - Referee Robin Murray starts the bout. John Harrington and Matty Hodgson (facing camera). Photo - Paul Martin



12st final - Andrew Carlile hipes John Harrington. Photo - Paul Martin

29th April 2022

WRESTLERS TO COMPETE FOR WORLD TITLES by Linda Scott

Preparation for the Cumberland & Westmorland wrestling season is underway. The CWWA Governing Board met earlier this month to allocate its World Championships and it was encouraging to have more than enough applications for these fifteen events.

Lakeland Sports, Agricultural Shows, Country Fairs and Vintage Rallies will be a welcome return this summer after two barren seasons due to the Covid pandemic.

The mens All Weights Championship will be staged at Langholm Common Riding and Gudmundur Gunnarsson of Iceland plans to defend his title. The three County Shows were all allocated Championships; 12 stones at Cumberland Show, Under 18 years/10 stones at Northumberland Show and 14 stones at Westmorland Show.

Both Grasmere and Ambleside, the most traditional of our sports meetings will host championships. Grasmere has the debut Under 10 years Championship and Ambleside takes the Ladies All weights.

Another new championship is the Under 12 years and this will be held at Allendale Show as a mark of respect for the great wrestler Peter Hunter who gave much encouragement to newcomers.

Egremont Crab Fair will host the Under 15 years/8 stones Championship. The Under 15 years, with no weight restriction, will be a highlight at Cartmel's 150th Anniversary Show.

The 10½ and 11 stones titles, both held by Andrew Carlile will be hosted by Keswick and Cockermouth shows respectively.

Dalston Show will stage the 13 stones and Stanhope, on its 180th Anniversary will proudly present the 15 stones. The holder of both these Championship titles as well as the 12 stones, is farrier Jack Brown from Haydon Bridge. Jack plans to compete as much as possible this season.

The Ladies 10 stones Championship at Penrith Show will not be defended by title holder Cyndi Salaün of Brittany as our Breton friends unfortunately are not able to join us this summer due to passport complications. We will miss them enormously.

And for the final championship, I urge you to take the wonderful drive to Alwinton Show, through autumn tinted trees at the close of the wrestling season for the Under 18 years event.

Wrestlers, officials and supporters are raring to go . . . so put the dates in your diaries, take your cod liver oil and polish your specs - it's happening!



Current championship holders (2019)

Back L to R: Alfie Spedding, Ryan Armstrong, Jack Brown, Andrew Carlile, Connie Hodgson, Graham Brocklebank.

Front L to R: John Gibson, Max Bates.

Missing: Guðmundur Gunnarsson of Iceland, Cyndi Salaün of Brittany.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

03/06/22	Northumberland Show	U18yrs/10st
11/06/22	Cumberland Show	12st
16/07/22	Penrith Show	Ladies 10st
28/07/22	Ambleside Sports	Ladies AW
29/07/22	Langholm Com. Riding	AW
30/07/22	Cockermouth Show	11st
03/08/22	Cartmel Show	U15yrs
13/08/22	Dalston Show	13st
20/08/22	Allendale Show	U12yrs
28/08/22	Grasmere Sports	U10yrs
29/08/22	Keswick Show	10½st
08/09/22	Westmorland Show	14st
11/09/22	Stanhope Show	15st
17/09/22	Egremont Crab Fair	U15yrs/8st
08/10/22	Alwinton Show	U18yrs

Dates

Sun 1st May

Hethersgill Vintage Soc., Carlisle Airport

Referees & Judges meeting 11am, Wrestling 1pm

U8yrs/U10yrs/U12yrs/U15yrs/U18yrs/U21yrs/

Ladies AW/12½st/14½st/AW

7th May 2022

WRESTLING IS BACK! by Robert Wharton

After a break of two years wrestling returned and the outdoor season got off to a bang at the Hethersgill Vintage rally on Sunday. You have to go back to Alwinton show in October 2019 for the last time we had wrestling on the grass.

It was fantastic to see it return, and the wrestlers did not disappoint the many spectators that witnessed the action. The academies have been back up and running through the winter, operating safe COVID protocols, and it showed with many wrestlers fit and ready to rumble as soon as the referee said, "on guard, wrestle."

Hethersgill Vintage rally has been a great supporter of the summer programme, and hosted many Championships, so it was fitting they were the first event of the season.

Before proceedings got under way there was a referees and judges meeting to brief themselves on the rules, safety and general update and guidance. Never mind the wrestlers the officials had to get themselves ready. Finally, the other important bit was the wrestling ring and thanks to Paul Gibson, his lawnmower and some sawdust it was in fabulous condition.

Turning to the wrestling there was plenty to talk about with newcomers having a go, up and coming stars as well as the seasoned performers.

In the junior sections we seen a competitive under 8's section which seen Elliott Howe come out on top after a tense final with Sam Pollock. The under 10's and 12's classes went the way of Bobby Stewart. Bobby showed no signs of any rust and demonstrated his full array of chips (hipes, outside strokes, and back heels) in defeating two excellent wrestlers in Ellena Peacock and Abbie Whiteford in the finals. Abbie did not go home empty handed though and won the Girls class against a determined Kelsey Thompson.

There was a great turnout from the Carlisle juniors, but it was a Kendal car load that took the honours in the next three classes. Nathan Guy won the under 15's section with measured skill and power. Matthew Story came through the other half of the draw but was no match for Nathan in the final.

Having not seen some of these junior wrestlers for two years they have all shot up two inches! Thomas Wilson was no exception and to go with



The first hold of the 2022 grass season. Sam Pollock (facing) and Connie Cubby 'tek hod' under Tom Harrington's guidance at Hethersgill Vintage Society Rally.

his stature he had all the skill and chips to go with it. Try as they might the Carlisle lads had no answer to Thomas's right leg outside hipe. Thomas picked up deserved wins in the under 18's and 21's.

In both classes honourable mention goes to Vinnie Davidson who showed he still has a bit of class after the two-year break and he fared the best in trying to serve it up to Thomas. The other junior to stand out was Charlie Armstrong. Charlie is in that category where he has missed his under 12's years and now has jumped up into under 15's. He more than holds his own though beating bigger "fellas" with his guile and skill.

The men's section seen Andrew Carlile (coach to many of the wrestlers mentioned above) and Thomas Gibson enter the ring. Andrew controlled Jonathan Wharton's attacks in the 12.5 stone final and in the 14.5 stones section came out on top of Vinnie and Thomas. Andrew reverting to his deadly outside stroke to down his men.

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In the final event of the afternoon the All Weights final seen Thomas Gibson defeat his coach, Andrew. It wasn't plain sailing for Thomas though. Despite conceding a few stone, Andrew took the first fall with a right side buttock. Thomas composed himself and with a swinging inside hipes came back to take the second and deciding falls.

A great afternoon's entertainment and bring on the rest of the season.

RESULTS

U8

- 1 Elliot Howe
- 2 Sam Pollock
- 3 Connie Cubby

U10

- 1 Bobby Stewart
- 2 Ellena Peacock
- 3 Sophie Armstrong

U12

- 1 Bobby Stewart
- 2 Abbie Whiteford
- 3 Tom Armstrong

U15

- 1 Nathan Guy
- 2 Matthew Story
- 3 Thomas Moffat

U18

- 1 Thomas Wilson
- 2 Vinnie Davidson
- 3 Jack Gibson

U21

- 1 Thomas Wilson
- 2 Vinnie Davidson
- 3 Jack Gibson

12½ st

- 1 Andrew Carlile
- 2 Jonathan Wharton

14½ st

- 1 Andrew Carlile
- 2 Vinnie Davidson
- 3 Thomas Wilson

AW

- 1 Thomas Gibson
- 2 Andrew Carlile
- 3 Vinnie Davidson

Ladies

- 1 Abbie Whiteford
- 2 Kelsey Thompson
- 3 Izzy Story



Andrew Carlile and Thomas Wilson



Thomas Gibson hipes Andrew Carlile



Thomas Gibson hipes Cumberland News reporter Ollie Rawlinson

3rd June 2022

WRESTLERS HAVE A FIELD DAY by Robert Wharton

After a two year break the young farmers clubs held their annual field this last weekend, at Moss Thorns Farm by kind permission of the Fisher family.

Wrestling is part of the inter club competitions where prize money isn't on offer for the participants but valuable points for their club. We see regular skilled, wrestlers compete against their novice counterparts but many of these new wrestlers have plenty of speed, skill and brute strength going for them. Anything can happen!

In order to qualify to represent their clubs each wrestler must have been down to their local academy for coaching and instructions on how to "tek hod" and carry out the many chips that can be played.

Whilst it was evident to see that many had taken in the wise words and help of the coaches it was the seasoned wrestlers that took the first places.

The Ladies 10 stone class seen a good entry with Shannon Dalgleish taking full points for Walton YFC with a measured display, demonstrated her full repertoire of chips in the process. Phillipa Hall was gutsy in coming through the bottom half of the draw but was no match for Shannon in the final. Shannon deservedly won the Tom Harrington trophy for best female.

The Ladies over 10 stones seen an absorbing final with Kate Armstrong just coming out on top of a tense final with Ebony Telford. Kate's right-side buttock and twist proving to be the decisive move. Whilst Kate maybe cannot be described as a seasoned wrestler, she has had plenty of experience and will have been getting plenty of help and practice from the Under 18 years boys champion, Ryan Armstrong.

in the 10 stone boys Connor Wharton, who after a week of fasting, came on top using his know-how and size to advantage. He came through his side of the draw despatching the useful Jack Gibson and Charlie Armstrong. He met Jack Whiteford in the final where Connor's back heels and twist over the knee won the day. Jack had wrestled that well in getting to the final, beating the larger Jacob Steadman, that he was awarded the best boy's performance.

Onto the 13.5 stone category and it was the older Philip Potts who showed that he still had it when he was able to fell young Jonathan Wharton in the final with neat outside hipes.

The larger lads now entered the fray and in front of a packed crowd each shouting for their respective club we were treated to an enthralling All Weights. Lewis Elliot and Vinnie Davidson gave it their all and progressed to the latter stages, but the winner was always going to come from the winner of the semi-final between Thomas Gibson and Jamie Lightfoot. They have sparred during the winter when the YFC have been down to the academy and opinions were divided on who would come out on top. Jamie took first blood throwing his man forward when Thomas went for a full buttock. This caused Paul Gibson to offer some advice from the side-lines "you are never going to buttock him, be like buttocking a tree". Thomas took heed of the advice and for the next two falls stayed in front of Jamie and eventually getting enough hold to pull off two neat back heels and take the valuable points for Raughton Head YFC.

Let's hope the day encouraged some of the new wrestlers to turn up at the next events on the circuit.

RESULTS

Ladies 10 st

1. Shannon Dalgleish, Walton
2. Phillipa Hall, Wigton
3. Millie McVittie, Kirklington,
4. Erin Lewis, Longtown

Ladies Over 10 st

1. Kate Armstrong, Greysouthern
2. Ebony Telford, Walton
3. Polly Bowman, Raughton Head
4. Hazel Kettles, Penrith

Mens 10 st

1. Connor Wharton, Raughton Head
2. Jacob Whiteford, Walton
3. Jacob Steadman, Caldbeck
4. Charlie Armstrong, Longtown

Mens 13.5 st

1. Philip Potts, Raughton Head
2. Jonathan Wharton, Longtown
3. Robbie Prudham, Brampton
4. Thomas Moffat, Penrith

Mens over 13.5st

1. Thomas Gibson, Raughton Head
2. Lewis Elliot, Skelton
3. Jamie Lightfoot, Caldbeck
4. Vinnie Davidson, Kirklington

T Harrington trophy best female - Shannon Dalgleish

Wharton trophy best male - Jack Whiteford

Potts trophy club most points - Raughton Head

10th June 2022

KILLINGTON, NORTHUMBERLAND & LOW HESKET by Paul Gibson



Connor Wharton wins the U18yrs/10st Championship at Northumberland County Show 3rd June 2022

The Jubilee weekend started at Killington Sports on Thursday evening with a great night of wrestling, traditional sports and lighting of the Jubilee beacon.

On Friday we headed to a sunny Northumberland County Show where the highlight of the afternoon was the U18yrs & 10st Championship. Sixteen year old Connor Wharton from Thursby had been shedding the pounds in order to compete at Young Farmers Field Day a week earlier so the championship fitted in nicely to his diet plan.

Connor has been a regular wrestler since he was six years old, training at Carlisle Wrestling Club and following in the footsteps of the Wharton family. He is also a keen cricketer.

With a low entry of seven wrestlers in the championship, Connor's biggest battle was most probably the weighing scales. Eliminating newcomer Toby Vine in the first round he went on to meet Carlisle Club wrestlers, Charlie Armstrong and Jack Gibson in the semi final and final. Connor took the first fall of the final with an inside click. Claiming the second fall, he became the new U18yrs & 10st Champion.

The Championship cup will revisit the home of the Whartons as in 2017 the title was held by his brother, Mark. Going back even further, it was won by Robert, his Dad in 1989.

Late Sunday afternoon saw some entertaining wrestling at Low Hesket Jubilee Day. Carlisle Club wrestlers gave a great performance, showcasing trips and counters learnt over the winter.

RESULTS

Killington Sports

U9yrs 1, S Armstrong; 2, S Chambers; 3 W Elwood
U12yrs 1, B Stewart; 2, T Armstrong; 3, L Date
U15yrs 1, N Guy; 2, B Stewart; 3, J L Stainton
G U15yrs 1, E Wilson; 2 E A Stainton; 3, J Fielding
U18yrs 1, M Hodgson; 2, T Wilson; 3, M Stainton
G U18yrs 1, R Hodgson; 2, E Wilson; 3, A Date
U21yrs 1, R Armstrong; 2, T Wilson; 3, M Hodgson
13st 1, B Brocklebank; 2, M Hodgson; 3, A Carlile
Ladies AW 1, C Hodgson; 2, H Hodgson; 3, RHodgson
AW 1, T Brocklebank; 2, G Wilson; 3, G Brocklebank

Northumberland County Show

U10yrs 1, E Peacock; 2, J Forwood; 3, M Dalglish
U12yrs 1, B Stewart; 2, E Younger; 3, I Story
U15yrs 1, A Younger; 2, D Coates; 3, N Guy
U18/10st Ch'ship 1, C Wharton; 2, J Gibson; 3, C Armstrong
U18yrs 1, T Wilson; 2, M Hodgson; 3, A Younger
Ladies 10st 1, S Dalglish; 2, R McCamish; 3, F Scott-Harden
Ladies AW 1, K Armstrong; 2, S Dalglish; 3, A Bates
12st 1, J Brown; 2, T Evans; 3, J Harrington
13½st 1, J Brown; 2, P Tucker; 3, J Harrington
AW 1, T Gibson; 2, R Armstrong; 3, J Brown

Low Hesket

U8yrs* 1, I Stainton; 2, B Fleming; 3, H Winrow
U10yrs 1, O Stainton; 2, M Dalglish; 3, H Timperon
U12yrs 1, B Stewart; 2, O Stainton; 3, K Thompson
U12yrs & 8st 1, A Whiteford; 2, T Armstrong; 3, K Thompson
U15yrs 1, D Coates; 2, C Armstrong; 3, G Peacock
U18yrs 1, M Hodgson; 2, T Rawle; 3, T Moffat
Girls U18yrs 1, S Dalglish; 2, A Whiteford; 3, K Thompson
AW 1, M Hodgson; 2, J Ewart; 3, R Armstrong

DATES

Sat June 11th - 11am (prompt) - Roman Wall Show
U10/U12/U15/U18/Novice/Ladies/11.5st/13.5st/AW

Sat June 11th - 1.30pm - Cumberland Show
U10/U12/U15/Girls U15/U18/Ladies/12st Ch'ship/14st/AW

Sat June 11th - 7pm - Lowgill
U12/U15/U18/Ladies U17/Ladies AW/11st/13st/AW

Sun June 12th - 12 noon - South Tyne Traction Engine Show, Corbridge
U10/U12/U15/U18/Girls U17/Ladies AW/12st/14st/AW

17th June 2022

CUMBERLAND SHOW by Alf Harrington



Jack Brown wins the 12st Championship at Cumberland Show 11th June 2022

Jack Brown continued his recent domination of the 12 stones Championship with another win last Saturday at the Cumberland Show. He has now won four of the last five championships held at that particular weight. Although the entry for the Championship was disappointing, among an otherwise packed afternoon's wrestling programme, it was by no means an easy ride for Jack. After getting over the first hurdle of weighing-in, he was drawn against the other favourite, Andrew Carlile, in the first round. After a bruising first hold, which ended in a dog fall and Jack nursing a sore head after an awkward landing, he brought his deadly hips, inside and outside, into play to carve his way to the final. Against Matthew Lamont of Rothbury he continued with the same strategy to retain the title and receive the gleaming trophy from the Show Presidents, Mr & Mrs Wilson.

Matty Hodgson will remember last weekend with some pride reaching no fewer than eight finals, winning six of them. Three wins in the various Under 18 classes were supplemented by wins in the 14 stones at the Cumberland Show and the next day in the 14 stones and the All Weights at Corbridge. For his double win at the Cumberland Show, including defeating the new champion, he was the worthy winner of the Guinness Trophy for the most meritorious performance.

At the Cumberland Show the junior wrestlers from the clubs at Carlisle, Kendal and Rothbury, had kept the large crowd well entertained. Bobby Stewart and Aaron Younger were both notable in continuing their fine early season form.

The senior classes had numbers swelled by entries of a number of novices from the ringside. While they acquitted themselves well experience inevitably came to the fore in the end.

The Chris Walton Memorial Trophy, normally wrestled for at the Haltwhistle Carnival, was brought to the Cumberland Show this year and now stands proudly in the possession of Tom Evans of Wreay.

After a hectic weekend there is now a pause in the wrestling season until it resumes at Skelton Show in early July when we look forward to more of the same entertaining fare.

RESULTS

Roman Wall Show

U10yrs 1. M Dalglish 2. O Stainton 3. E Peacock
U12 1. B Stewart 2. J-L Stainton 3. E Younger
U15 1. A Younger 2. N Guy 3. B Stewart
U18 1. M Hodgson 2. A Younger 3. N Guy
Ladies 1. C Hodgson 2. E-A Stainton 3. S Dalglish
11.5 st. 1. C Armstrong 2. J-L Stainton
13.5 st. 1. C Ridley 2. M Hodgson 3. M Lamont
AW 1. T Gibson 2. M Hodgson 3. M Lamont

Cumberland Show

U10yrs 1. E Peacock 2. O Cheesebrough 3. H Timperon
U12yrs 1. B Stewart 2. A Whiteford 3. C Muldoon
U15yrs 1. A Younger 2. H Murray 3. B Stewart
U15yrs 1. G Hodgson 2. A Whiteford 3. S Kent-Carlile
U18yrs 1. M Hodgson 2. V Davidson 3. C Wharton
Ladies 1. R Hodgson 2. G Hodgson 3. E-A Stainton
Novice 1. T Evans 2. T Davidson
12st Championship 1. J Brown 2. M Lamont 3. A Carlile
14st 1. M Hodgson 2. J Brown 3. R Fox
AW 1. G Brocklebank 2. M Wharton 3 T Gibson

Lowgill

U12yrs 1. B Stewart 2. J-L Stainton 3. T Hewitt
U15yrs 1. N Guy 2. A Paeba 3. B Stewart
U18yrs 1. M Stainton 2. N Guy 3. H Huddleston
Girls U17yrs 1. R Hodgson 2. G Hodgson 3. E-A Stainton
Ladies 1. R Hodgson 2. C Strickland 3. G Hodgson
11st 1. M Stainton 2. H Huddleston 3. J-L Stainton
13st 1. G Brocklebank 2. A Taylor 3. T Hodgson

South Tyne Vintage Rally

U10yrs 1. E Peacock 2. I Kelly 3. K Harrington
U12yrs 1. B Stewart 2. R Elliot 3. T Harrington
U15yrs 1. N Guy 2. B Stewart 3. G Peacock
U18yrs 1. M Hodgson 2. G Peacock 3. N Guy
Girls U17yrs 1. E Peacock 2. R Elliot 3. F Ward
12st 1. G Peacock 2. B Stewart 3. T Harrington
14st 1. M Hodgson 2. N Guy 3. G Peacock
AW 1. M Hodgson 2. C Peacock 3. D Stewart

DATES

Skelton Show Sat 2nd July 1.30pm U10/U12/U15/U15 & 10st/U18/U21/Ladies 10st/Ladies AW/11.5/13/16/AW

West Cumbria Vintage Rally Distington Sun 3rd July 1pm U10/U12/U15/U18/12.5/AW

8th July 2022

DISTINGTON VINTAGE RALLY by Linda Scott

Skelton Show Committee announced the cancellation of all equestrian events following torrential rain on Friday afternoon. At that time it was still hoped that the show would go ahead the next day. To steer clear of standing water, the wrestling ring was reduced in size, the wrestling tent was repositioned and the grass was cut ready for action. However, the weather proved it was boss when heavy overnight rain forced the whole show to be cancelled early Saturday morning. It was such a disappointment after all the hard work to resume the Show following a two year hiatus. We hope 2023 sees the return of Skelton Show, a favourite event of many.

On Sunday, out west at Distington Vintage Rally, wrestling did go ahead. As the start time came around there was a good crowd of spectators gathering up. Wrestlers were rather thin on the ground but those present provided some great entertainment. In the Under 10 years class, Ellena Peacock; winner at both Northumberland and Cumberland County Shows was beaten in the final by Esmae Woodend. Though Esmae is a new face on the scene this grass season, she has been learning skills at Waberthwaite Wrestling Academy. The Under 12 years class saw the two girls meet again in the semi final but Ellena had got the measure of Esmae and the tables were turned. Through to the final, Ellena met the skilled Bobby Stewart who is unbeaten in his class this season. At only half Bobby's size, Ellena was not perturbed and at one point large gasps were heard from the crowd as Ellena came close to taking a fall. Regular competitor Nathan Guy of Kendal Academy did well to despatch Bobby Stewart, George Peacock and Thomas Moffat to win the Under 15 years class. The winner of the Under 18 years class was Alfie Spedding of Egremont. Alfie is only 16 yet seems to have been 'man size' for years! Matty Hodgson of Low Hesket had to be happy to be runner up to Alfie but in the following classes of 12.5st and All weights the glory was all his own. Matty beat the lively Harry Wilson in the 12½st class, followed by stablemate Thomas Moffat in the final. In the All weights class Matty met Distington Rally regular - gentle giant Tom Wren. Crafty footwork was the order of the day as Matty cleverly felled the giant to reach the final. John Paul Hasley - Jiu-Jitsu brown belt was Matty's next hurdle. A clean inside hipe gained Matty the first fall. Then, after a few seconds into the next hold John Paul broke hold. Matty had done the double!

RESULTS

Distington Vintage Rally

U10yrs 1, E Woodend; 2, E Peacock; 3, H Fielding
U12yrs 1, B Stewart; 2, E Peacock; 3, E Woodend
U15yrs 1, N Guy; 2, T Moffat; 3, J Hufton
U18yrs 1, A Spedding; 2, M Hodgson; 3, N Guy
12½st 1, M Hodgson; 2, T Moffat; 3, H Wilson
AW 1, Matty Hodgson; 2 J P Hasley; 3, T Wren

DIARY

Sat 16th July - **Penrith Show** - 1.15pm

U10yrs/U12yrs/U15yrs/Girls U15yrs/U18yrs/U21yrs/Ladies
10st Championship/11½st/13st/16st/Ladies AW/AW

Sat 23rd July - **Beetham Sports** - 2pm

U10yrs/U12yrs/U14yrs/U16yrs/U18yrs/Girls U17yrs/Ladies
Open/13st/AW



Matty Hodgson inside hipes John Paul Hasley



Robin Murray presents Matty Hodgson, AW winner

22nd July 2022

PENRITH SHOW by Paul Gibson



What a day for the return of wrestling, three years down the line at Penrith Show. A great crowd, glorious weather and a score of young ones keen to get going.

The Under 10 years saw game little wrestlers giving it everything. In particular, Ellena Peacock. She was like a little terrier, making it to the semi final where she met the slightly bigger Mikey Dalglish. With a back heel and a twist it was Mikey however, who went on to the final to meet the lively Ollie Stainton. Two straight falls from Ollie made him the proud winner.

Abbie Whiteford beat newcomer Jack Holmes from Kendal Academy in a competitive final. Abbie's speed and skill outdoing brute force. Bobby Stewart continued his unbeaten record in Under 12 years beating Abbie in the final. Harvey Murray's power was just too much for Jack Gibson in the final of the Under 15 years. Grace Hodgson won a great final with Abbie Whiteford in Girls Under 15 years.

In the Under 18 years Alfie Spedding felled Matty Hodgson in a very close final. The Ladies 10st Championship was won by the ever smiling Connie Hodgson from Dent. Trimming down to make the weight she met Shannon Dalglish from Roadhead in the final. Connie's niece, Grace Hodgson took third place.

Matty Hodgson was victorious in the Under 21 years, beating Mark Wharton in an all action final. The 11.5st and 13st classes were won by class act - John Harrington. He claimed two of the best falls of the day, the last one being a tremendous cross buttock, felling Matty in the 13st final.



Mikey Dalglish & Ellena Peacock

With experience and power to the end, Connie Hodgson beat Shannon Dalglish in the Ladies open class. Thomas Gibson was in good form but had to work hard to fell Graham Brocklebank with a swinging hipe in the 16st final. Graham got his revenge in the All weights final, felling an exhausted Thomas Gibson who'd just emerged from a three fall thriller with local powerhouse Jimmy Hall.

Thank you Penrith Show for hosting a great day's wrestling.



Connie Hodgson fells Shannorr Dalglish in the Ladies 10st Championship

RESULTS

Penrith Show

U10yrs 1, O Stainton; 2, M Dalglish; 3, E Peacock
 U12yrs/7st 1, A Whiteford; 2, J Holmes; 3, J Kemp
 U12yrs 1, B Stewart; 2, A Whiteford; 3, J Holmes
 U15yrs 1, H Murray; 2, J Gibson; 3, D Coates
 Girls U15yrs 1, G Hodgson; 2, A Whiteford; 3, C Whiteford
 U18yrs 1, A Spedding; 2, M Hodgson; 3, L Elliott
 U21yrs 1, M Hodgson; 2, M Wharton; 3, A Spedding

DIARY

Sat 23 July 2pm Beetham Sports

U10/U12/U14/U16/U18/Girls U17/Ladies AW/13st/AW

Sun 24 July 2.30pm Coniston Country Fair

U10/U12/U15/U18/Ladies/11.5st/13st/AW

Thu 28 July 12pm Ambleside Sports

Jnr Costume/Snr Costume/U12/
 Boys 8st/U15/U18/Girls U15/
 Ladies 10.5st/LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP/
 Mens 11.5st/12.5st/14st/AW

Fri 29 July 2.30pm Langholm Common Riding

U12/U16/Ladies/6st/11.5st/13st/AW CHAMPIONSHIP

Sat 30 July 30th 1pm Cockermouth Show

U10/U12/U15/U18/GirlsU17/Ladies/
 11st CHAMPIONSHIP/13st/AW

LADIES 10ST CHAMPIONSHIP

1, C Hodgson; 2, S Dalglish; 3, G Hodgson
 11.5st 1, J Harrington; 2, T Moffat; 3, M Stainton
 13st 1, J Harrington; 2, M Hodgson;
 16st 1, T Gibson; 2, G Brocklebank; 3, W Ayliffe
 Ladies Open 1, C Hodgson; 2, S Dalglish; 3, K Cordukes
 All weights 1, G Brocklebank; 2, T Gibson; 3, J Hall



John Harrington cross buttocks Matty Hodgson to win the 13st class

29th July 2022

BEETHAM SPORTS by Linda Scott

Beetham Sports on Saturday was a blast from the past when nineties champion Richard Threlfall walked into the ring but this time to officiate! Another wrestler not seen in the ring for a while was Stuart Fleming. He had won a half bottle of whisky on the Tombola which he kindly donated to the All weights winner.

The Under 10s saw the usual battle between Ellena Peacock and Ollie Stainton, this time with Ollie taking the win. Bobby Stewart bossed the Under 12s but John Lukas Stainton grinned from lug to lug when he stole the first fall.

George Peacock had his first win in his age group this season and Rosie Hodgson not only won Girls Under 17s but got the better of elder sister Connie and went on to win the Ladies AW. With the Championship on the horizon, that's sure to have given Rosie some confidence.

Kendal Club lads Myles Stainton and Thomas Wilson took the Under 16s and Under 18s respectively and Ben Brocklebank was top in 13 stones. Man mountain Thomas Brocklebank was winner of the All weights with brother Graham runner up.

At Coniston on Sunday starting on time was paramount as the Staintons needed to be back at Church for their confirmation. Bobby Stewart claimed Under 15s as well as his usual Under 12s. Matty Hodgson scythed through the opposition beating newcomer Aiden Campbell, Thomas Wilson and Myles Stainton in the Under 18s.

Rosie Hodgson was all smiles again as she buried Connie with gusto. In the 11½ st event it was good to see Jack Threlfall back in the ring. Meeting Michael Kirkham in the first round he showed speed and sharpness all the way through to the final where he beat Myles Stainton.

Ben Brocklebank repeated his 13 stone win, this time beating Matty Hodgson but had to make do with runner up to big brother Thomas in the All weights.

Results

Beetham Sports

U10yrs 1, O Stainton; 2, E Peacock; 3, H Timperon
U12yrs 1, B Stewart; 2, JL Stainton; 3, J Butterfield
U14yrs 1, G Peacock; 2, B Stewart; 3, JL Stainton
U16yrs 1, M Stainton; 2, N Guy; 3, H Huddleston
U18yrs 1, T Wilson; 2, H Huddleston; 3, M Stainton
Girls U17yrs 1, Rosie Hodgson; 2, G Hogdson;
3, E Peacock
Ladies 1, R Hodgson, 2, G Hodgson; 3, C Hodgson
13st 1, B Brocklebank; 2 M Stainton; 3, M Kirkham
AW 1, T Brocklebank; 2, G Brocklebank; 3, B Brocklebank



Rosie Hodgson falls big sister Connie at Beetham Sports

Coniston Fair

U10yrs 1, O Stainton; 2, E Peacock; 3, J Hodgson
U12yrs 1, B Stewart; 2, JL Stainton; 3, S Pitts
U15yrs 1, B Stewart; G Peacock; 3, A Lamont
U18yrs 1, M Hodgson; 2, M Stainton; 3, T Wilson
Ladies 1, R Hodgson, 2, C Hodgson; 3, E Wilson
11.5st 1, J Threlfall; 2, M Stainton; 3, G Peacock
13st 1, B Brocklebank; 2, M Hodgson; 3, M Kirkham
AW 1, T Brocklebank; 2, B Brocklebank; 3, Wilson

Diary

Sat July 30th 1pm - Cockermonth Show

U10/U12/U15/U18/Girls U17/Ladies/
11st Ch'ship/13st/AW

Wed Aug 3rd 1.30pm - Cartmel Show

U10/U12/U15 Ch'ship/U18/Girls U17/
Ladies /11st/13st/AW

Sat August 6th - Powburn Show - 2.30pm

U10/U13/U16/11½st/Local novice/AW

Sunday 7th Aug - 12.30pm - Gilsland Show

U10/U12/U15/U18/Girls U17/Ladies/11½st/13½/AW

5th August 2022

A Trio Of Championships by John Wharton



Heidrún Fjóra Pálsisdóttir wins the Ladies AW Championship



Thomas Gibson wins the Mens AW Championship

The wrestling season is now into the height of the Grass season. We were treated to three events over three days with Championships to compete for at each one, Ambleside Sports, Langholm Common Riding & Cockermouth Show. Commentators were tasked with Icelandic pronunciation as we saw a wonderful number of Iceland competitors travelling 2500-miles to compete and ply their trade against our home grown talent. There were 165 wrestlers over the three days.

Day one began at the Ambleside Sports of which the Ladies All weight Championship was on offer. This was closely contested for with a great turnout of Hodgsons and the best of Icelandic ladies. There were many good bouts, with Connie Hodgson - the defending champion in the Final against Heidrún Fjóra Pálsisdóttir. This was closely contested with Connie taking the first fall. Heidrún, slightly stronger, composed herself and took the next two falls, rushing Connie forward when being turned in to take the Championship.

Wrestling throughout this day was very well composed with some outstanding lightweight bouts, in which Matty Hodgson at 17 years of age plying his talent against senior men. Matty collected the Guinness Trophy with his clean skill and clinical hyping.



John Harrington the new 11st Champion

Day two was Langholm Common Riding which has a great tradition of drawing the best wrestlers out due to its history and huge crowds. This was the day the big boys came out to play with the much anticipated Mens All weight Championship. A full schedule of ages and weights once again wrestled pre the championship. A young man who seems unstoppable and needs a mention is the talented Bobby Stewart who won his respectful age category again following on from Ambleside with a twist over the knee and an impressive outside hype.

Soon the championship draw was on the table with 18 of the worlds best all in Langholm. The current holder Gudmundur Stefán Gunnarsson, some three years older had travelled from Iceland hoping to retain the trophy. This was not the case as he was defeated in an early round. This year it was obvious that strength, agility and speed was going to prevail. Both David Barnes and Thomas Gibson with hanks and hypes despatched opponents along the way to the final. This was a great match with similar physique. A closely contested final with David taking the first fall with his trade mark hank. The second went quite similar but Thomas managed to hold firm with his strength with both wrestlers touching down together and a dog

fall given. Thomas Gibson gathering all his guile and composure took the next two falls to become a very young and worthy All weight Champion.

Cockermouth Agricultural show held the third event of the weekend with the mens 11st Championship. Once again an outstanding turnout of 72 Wrestlers attended the show. With the junior wrestling very entertaining. The 11st Championship swiftly got under way with the final being two stalwarts of the sport. Andrew Carlile and John Harrington. This pair have met so often its is like Federer and Nadal of the tennis world! They know each others moves. Closely contested, John took the first fall with a well-executed right leg hank. Andrew came back to level things up with a swinging hipe. The final fall was like playing guess with John taking his man with a vintage inside click. The champion, John Harrington, gets his name engraved on the trophy for the third time. With three championships to report on, many other bouts could be mentioned, rest assured the standard was excellent and the application shown by the Icelandic wrestlers was outstanding. Small mention should be acknowledged to Alfie Spedding whom injured himself at Ambleside Sports. We hope a speedy recovery is met, because he is a great talent the ring needs.

RESULTS

Ambleside Sports

U12yrs 1, B Stewart; 2, L Nelson; 3 JL Stainton
Girls U15yrs 1, G Hodgson; 2, EA Stainton; 3 L Nelson
8st 1, H Huddleston; 2, W Hardisty; 3, JL Stainton
U15yrs 1, H Gudmundsson; 2, G Younger;
3 T Ashworth
U18yrs 1, M Hodgson; 2, T Wilson; 3, A Spedding
Ladies 10.5st 1, C Hodgson; 2, A Marston;
3, G Hodgson
Ladies AW Championship 1, H Pálsdóttir;
2, C Hodgson; 3 M Rúnarsdóttir
11.5st 1, J Harrington; 2, M Stainton; 3, H Huddleston
12.5st 1, J Brown; 2, M Hodgson; 3, M Stainton
14st 1, B Brocklebank; 2, J Brown; 3, T Wilson
AW 1, T Brocklebank; 2, G Brocklebank; 3, J Brown
Guinness Trophy M Hodgson

Langholm Common Riding

U12yrs 1, B Stewart; 2, JL Stainton; 3, E Peacock
*Girls U15yrs 1, G Hodgson; 2, E Peacock; 3, F Vevers
U16yrs 1, M Stainton; 2, R Wood; 3, G Younger
6st 1, JL Stainton, 2, J Hodgson; 3 N Graves
Ladies AW 1, C Hodgson, 2 H Pálsdóttir;
3, K Gudjónsdóttir
11.5st 1, J Harrington; 2, M Stainton; 3, Aide Hodgson
13st 1, B Brocklebank; 2, J Brown; 3 P Friel
All Weights Ch'ship 1, T Gibson; 2, D Barnes;
3, T Brocklebank

Cockermouth Show

U10yrs 1, E Peacock; 2, O Stainton; 3, Z Robertson
U12yrs 1, B Stewart; 2, O Gibson; 3, O Stainton
U15yrs 1, D Coates; 2, T Moffat; 3, G Peacock
U18yrs 1, T Wilson; 2, D Coates; 3, Hakón Gunnarsson
Girls U17yrs 1, E Wilson; 2, E Gudjónsdóttir;
3, EA Stainton
Ladies AW 1, H Pálsdóttir; 2, K Gudjónsdóttir;
3, E Gudjónsdóttir
11st Championship 1, J Harrington; 2, A Carlile;
3, M Kirkham; 4, J Threlfall
13st 1, A Carlile; 2, J Harrington; 3, G Elíasson
AW 1, T Gibson; 2, E Eypórsson; 3, J Ewart

DIARY

Sat August 6th - Powburn Show - 2.30pm

U10yrs / U13yrs / U16yrs / 11½st / Local novice / AW
Regular wrestlers are asked to turn out in traditional wrestling strip

Sunday 7th Aug - 12.30pm - Gilsland Show

U10yrs / U12yrs / U15yrs / U18yrs / Girls U17yrs /
Ladies / 11½st / 13½st / AW

Thu Aug 11th 11.15am - Appleby Show

U10yrs / U12yrs / U15yrs / U18yrs / Girls U17yrs /
Ladies / 11½st / 13st / AW

19th August 2022

DALSTON SHOW by Linda Scott

L to R: Referee Robert Wharton, 4th Richard Fox, 3rd Joshua Threlfall, 2nd Matty Hodgson, 1st Jack Brown. Nick Utting, Show Secretary.



Dalston Show was a real scorcher - a total contrast to the floods of 2019. Umbrellas were out in force but this year to shield from sun, not rain. Wrestlers must have had a job keeping hold in such extreme heat.

The opening Under 10 years class saw Ollie Stainton and Ellena Peacock once again giving great entertainment. Both are strong contenders for the Under 10 years Championship debut at the prestigious Grasmere Sports on 28th August this year.

Bobby Stewart claimed another victory in Under 12 years and was awarded 'Junior Best Performance'. He also had the ride of his life in the Under 15 years final, when Harvey Murray full buttocked him. Bobby travelled through the air in slow motion and as Harvey's head touched the grass before Bobby emerged from the clouds it was Bobby's fall. However Harvey, who just recently claimed the title of Under 15 years world champion at Cartmel Show, went on to win the class.

Matty Hodgson bossed the Under 18 years class and Izzy Story who needed a little persuasion to wrestle in the sapping heat was well rewarded with a win in the Girls Under 17 years.

John Harrington looking as lean and fit as ever showed his pedigree, taking the 11.5st class and was presented with the Bragg trophy. Then it was time for the highlight of the wrestling programme; the 13 stone world championship. In the first round, defending champion Jack Brown beat former 13 stone champion John Harrington.

Richard Fox who has held the championship seven times was put out by Matty Hodgson. 'Odd man' in the first round, Joshua Threlfall of Penwortham was then defeated by Matty Hodgson in the semi final. This resulted in a final between Jack Brown and Matty Hodgson. Matty attempted a left leg inside click followed by a right leg back heel but was twisted off it for the first fall. The second fall saw Jack rush Matty forward to win the championship for the third time.

The All weights class was a different story - as so often it is following a championship. The title holder was beaten in the final, this time by Richard Fox.

RESULTS

Appleby Show

U10yrs 1, O Stainton; 2, D Robinson; 3, H Timperon
U12yrs 1, B Stewart; 2, JL Stainton; 3, J Kemp
U15yrs 1, T Moffat; 2, G Peacock; 3, B Stewart
U18yrs 1, T Wilson; 2, T Moffat; 3, M Stainton
Girls U17yrs 1, R Hodgson; 2, L Nelson; 3, A Nelson
Ladies AW 1, R Hodgson; 2 EA Stainton; 3, E Wilson
11.5st 1, M Stainton; 2 C Armstrong; 3, T Moffat
13st 1, M Hodgson; 2, M Stainton; 3, G Peacock
AW 1, M Hodgson; 2, T Wilson; 3, M Stainton

Dalston Show

U10yrs 1, O Stainton; 2, E Peacock; 3 H Timperon
U12yrs 1, B Stewart; 2, J Kemp; 3, T Armstrong
U15yrs 1, H Murray; 2, B Stewart; 3, C Armstrong
U18yrs 1, M Hodgson; 2, H Murray; 3, D Coates
Girls U17yrs 1, I Story; 2, E Peacock; 3, H Timperon
11.5st 1, J Harrington; 2, T Moffat; 3, C Wharton
13st Ch'ship 1, J Brown; 2, M Hodgson;
3, J Threlfall, 4, R Fox
AW 1, R Fox; 2, J Brown; 3, M Wharton

Slaley Show

U10yrs 1, E Peacock; 2, F Foster; 3 R Lumley
U12yrs 1, B Stewart; 2, E Peacock; 3, E Younger
U14yrs 1, G Younger; 2, A Wilson; 3, G Peacock
Girls U15yrs 1, F Scott-Harden; 2, C McCaldin; 3, E
Peacock
U18yrs 1, M Hodgson; 2, G Peacock; 3, G Younger
Ladies AW 1, F Scott-Harden; 2, C McCaldin
12st 1, G Younger; 2, G Peacock; 3, B Stewart
14st , 1, M Hodgson; 2, G Peacock AW 1, T Gibson; 2, C
Douglas; 3, M Hodgson

Forestburngate

U11yrs 1, B Stewart; 2, J Dawson
U13yrs 1, B Stewart; 2, E Younger; 3, W Wilkins
U16yrs 1, A Younger; 2, G Younger; 3, E Younger
U22yrs 1, M Lamont; 2, A Younger; 3, W Ayliffe
*13st 1, M Lamont; 2, J Brown; 3, C Carlyle 1
5st 1, J Hale; 2, J Brown; 3, M Lamont
AW 1, J Hale; 2, A Younger; 3, M Lamont

DIARY

Sat 20th Aug - 1.30pm - Allendale

U12 Championship, U15, U18, Ladies, 11.5st, 13st, AW.

Sat 20th Aug - 2pm - Gosforth Show

Mixed U9, U11. Female U15, Ladies AW. Male U15, U18,
7st, 10.5st, 13st, AW. CHANGES MAY BE MADE ON THE
DAY DEPENDING ON TURNOUT

Sun 21st Aug - 2pm - Torver

Costume, U10, U12, U15, U18, Girls U17, Ladies, 11.5st,
13st, AW.

Thur 25th Aug - 3.30 pm - Grayrigg Show

U9, U12, U15, U18, Girls U17, Ladies, 11.5st, 13st, AW.
John Wilson memorial trophy & £60 for best boy/girl
wrestler in classes U9, U12, U15.

26th August 2022

ALLENDALE, GOSFORTH & TORVER by Linda Scott

Wrestling at the weekend featured the inaugural Under 12 years Junior Championship which Allendale Show had chosen in memory of the great wrestler Peter Hunter who died last summer. The bookies favourite for the title had to be Bobby Stewart who remains unbeaten in 'Under 12 years' this season. At only 10 years of age Bobby has a lot of wrestling experience. His father transports him to every grass event he can. Throughout the winter he is coached by champion wrestlers at Carlisle Club and he often travels to Kendal Club.

In the final he met another very skilled wrestler, friend and rival John-Lukas Stainton. Although much lighter in weight he is a sharp wrestler and one to watch. From the outset Bobby went straight for the attack with an outside stroke and a twist off the chest, taking the first fall. The second fall saw John-Lukas turn in. Bobby twisted him back over the knee to become the first Under 12 years Junior Champion.

Myles Stainton had a great day banging in inside clicks to win three events and it was great to see Katie Brown back in the ring, let's hope it was a warm up for Grasmere Sports.

All weights champion Thomas Gibson had his hands full with his strong young brother John but managed to pull rank.

On the same day at Gosforth Show Michael Kirkham won two classes and the Hodgsons collected prize money before heading off camping prior to Torver's wrestling the next day.

An appreciative crowd encircled the wrestling at Torver and several novices enjoyed taking part. George Peacock wrestled well to win Under 15 years and Thomas Moffat excelled himself bagging a first, two seconds and a third. Following an injury at Gosforth, Connie could only sit back and watch Rosie take two first prizes. Elizabeth Wilson gave a great account of herself in both finals. Ben and Graham Brocklebank took first place in 13st and AW respectively.

Results

Allendale Show

U10yrs 1, O Stainton; 2, E Peacock;
U12yrs Championship 1, B Stewart;
2, JL Stainton; 3, E Younger; 4, E Peacock
U15yrs 1, D Coates; 2, G Younger; 3, R Lambe
U18yrs 1, M Stainton; 2, D Coates; 3 G Younger
Ladies 1, K Brown; 2, EA Stainton; 3, E Peacock
11½st 1, M Stainton; 2, J Redden; 3, T Moffat
13st 1, M Stainton; 2, J Redden; 3, T Moffat
AW 1, T Gibson; 2, J Gibson; 3, A Bouch

Gosforth Show

U9yrs 1, S Hodgson; 2, B Temple; 3, C Robertson
U11yrs 1, J Rigg; 2, D Putnam; 3, J Hodgson
Girls U15yrs 1, G Hodgson; 2, N Cowper
Ladies 1, R Hodgson; 2, L Wilson; 3, C Hodgson
U15yrs 1, R Dreghorn; 2, S Pitts; 3, J Lowery
U18yrs 1, J Pritt; 2, L Allonby; 3, R Dreghorn
7st 1, D Putnam; 2, J Hodgson; 3, B Temple
10½st 1, M Kirkham; 2, J Pritt; 3, A Atkinson
13st 1, M Kirkham; 2, A Atkinson; 3, J Pritt
AW 1, S Huck; 2, T Johnson; 3, C Biggins

Torver

U10yrs 1, E Peacock; 2, T Spark; 3, J Hodgson
U12yrs 1, B Stewart; 2, O Stainton; 3, JL Stainton
U15yrs 1, G Peacock; 2, T Moffat; 3, JL Stainton
U18yrs 1, T Wilson; 2, T Moffat; 3, M Hodgson
Girls U17yrs 1, R Hodgson; 2, E Wilson; 3, EA Stainton
Ladies 1, R Hodgson; 2, E Wilson; 3, G Hodgson
11½st 1, T Moffat; 2, JL Stainton; 3, T Hodgson
13st 1, B Brocklebank; 2, T Hodgson; 3, T Moffat
AW 1, G Brocklebank; 2, T Wilson; 3, T Gibson



Bobby Stewart - the first ever U12yrs Junior Champion

2nd September 2022

Grayrigg, Holm Show, Bellingham, Millom & Broughton, Grasmere, Keswick by Linda Scott



Ellena Peacock, runner up with Ollie Stainton the first ever Under 10 years Junior Champion, Grasmere Sports 2022



Andrew Carlile wins the 10.5st World Championship for the thirteenth time. Keswick Show 2022

The Bank Holiday weekend showcased Cumberland and Westmorland Wrestling at its best. It was a pleasure to see so many wrestlers proud to turn out in traditional costume, some for the first time. The inaugural Under 10 years Championship at Grasmere Sports saw Ollie Stainton and Ellena Peacock working their way through to the final. So many times these friends have met in finals, this time it was Ollie who won the day. Jack Brown made history in taking the treble at Grasmere - 12st, 13st and 14st - a remarkable achievement for which he was awarded the Guinness trophy.

At Keswick Show a lithe Andrew Carlile snapped up the 10.5st Championship for the thirteenth time. In the final with Michael Kirkham, Andrew back heeled for the first fall and twisted Michael off an attempted buttock. Newcomer Joe Wall took third place and Charlie Armstrong fourth. So impressed with Charlie's chips and counters in the afternoon's wrestling programme, John Wharton awarded him the Keswick Guinness trophy.

RESULTS

Grayrigg Show

U9yrs 1 Z Robertson; 2 I Holmes; 3 Alfie Huck
U12yrs 1 B Stewart; 2 JL Stainton; 3 L Nelson
U15yrs 1 N Guy; 2 B Stewart; 3 JL Stainton
Girls U17yrs 1 E Wilson; 2 A Nelson; 3 S Mason
U18yrs 1 M Hodgson; 2 T Wilson; 3 N Guy
Ladies AW 1 E Wilson; 2 S Mason 3 C Guy
11.5st 1 JL Stainton; 2 H Geldard; 3 J Holmes
13st 1 B Brocklebank; 2 J Threlfall; 3 M Hodgson
AW 1 G Brocklebank; 2 B Brocklebank; 3 T Gibson
John Wilson memorial trophy - Bobby Stewart

DIARY

Sat 3rd Sept 2pm **Harbottle**
U12/U15/U18/Girls U15/Ladies/Novice/12.5st/AW
Saturday 3rd Sept 3pm **Lowick**
U12/U15/U18/Ladies/11.5st/13.5st/AW
Saturday 3rd Sept 4pm **Hesket Newmarket**
U10/U12/U15/U18/Ladies/12.5st/AW
Sun 4th Sept 2pm **Loweswater**
U10/U12/U15/U18/Ladies/12.5st/AW
Sun 4th Sept 12.30pm **Wolsingham**
U12/U15/U18/Ladies/11.5st/14st/AW

Millom & Broughton Show

U10 yrs 1 J Rigg; 2 E Woodend; 3 S Lehrle
U12 yrs 1 D Southward; 3 E Peacock; 3 E Woodend
U15 yrs local; 1 T Dennison; 2 Mk Fawcett; 3 Mw Fawcett
U16 yrs 1 L Allonby; 2 R Dreghorn; 3 T Dennison
U18 yrs 1 L Allonby; 2 T Dennison; 3 R Dreghorn
Girls U17 yrs 1 D Southward; 2 G Ruston; 3 D Southward
Ladies AW 1 Dy Southward; 2 Dn Southward, 3 E Peacock
12st 1 M Kirkham; 2 T Dennison; 3 J Jardine
AW 1 W Hayhurst; 2 T Johnson; 3 M Kirkham

Holm Show, Newcastleton

U10yrs 1 M Dagleish; 2 C Borthwick; 3 I Watson
U13yrs 1 B Stewart; 2 M Dagleish 3 H Nichol
U15yrs 1 B Stewart; 2 H Nichol 3 I Watson
Ladies AW 1 S Dagleish 2 A McGuinness
12.5st 1 B Stewart; 2 I Watson; 3 M Dagleish
AW 1 T Gibson; 2 D Stewart

Bellingham Show

U12yrs 1 B Stewart; 2 E Younger; 3 O Meikle
U15yrs 1 G Younger; 2 B Stewart; 3 E Younger
U18yrs 1 G Younger; 2 L Murray; 3 L Burn
Novice 1 J Redden; 2 B Wade
Ladies 10st 1 K Charlton; 2 F Rouke; 3 M Charlton
Ladies AW 1 K Brown; 2 S Rouke; 3 M Charlton
7st 1 L Burn; 2 O Trigg
12st 1 J Redden; 2 L Murray
14st 1 B Wade; 2 J Redden; 3 L Murray
AW 1 T Gibson; 2 J Redden; 3 L Murray

Grasmere

U10yrs Ch'ship 1 O Stainton; 2 E Peacock; 3 M Robson; 4 S Armstrong
U12yrs 1 B Stewart; 2, Tom Armstrong; 3 JL Stainton; 4 L Campbell
U15yrs & 8st 1 C Armstrong; 2 M Story; 3 J Pitts; 4 T Armstrong
U15yrs 1 N Guy, 2 D Coates; 3 G Peacock; 4 C Armstrong
U18yrs & 11st 1 C Campbell; 2 O Marrs; 3 C Armstrong; 4 S Pitts
U18yrs 1 M Hodgson; 2 M Stainton; 3 C Campbell; 4 T Wilson
Girls U15yrs 1 A Whiteford; 2 Q Mackie; 3 G Hodgson; 4 L Hetherington
Girls U18yrs 1 R Hodgson; 2 S Dagleish; 3 A Nelson; 4 S Mason
Ladies 10st 1 G Hodgson; 2 EA Stainton; 3 N Watson; 4 S Dagleish
U21yrs 1 M Hodgson; 2 M Lamont; 3 T Wilson; 4 T Hodgson
11st 1 A Carlile; 2 J Threlfall; 3 M Kirkham; 4 J Harrington
12st 1 J Brown; 2 P Craig; 3 J Lockwood; 4 A Carlile
13st 1 J Brown; 2 R Fox; 3 B Brocklebank; 4 J Harrington
14st 1 J Brown; 2 R Fox; 3 B Brocklebank; 4 M Hodgson
Ladies AW 1 R Hodgson; 2 A Nelson; 3 S Mason; 4 E Wilson
AW 1 T Gibson; 2 M Lamont; 3 P Craig; 4 B Brocklebank

Keswick Show

U10yrs 1 E Peacock; 2 J Hodgson; 3 H Fielding
U12yrs 1 B Stewart; 2 J Hodgson; 3 E Peacock
*Girls U12yrs S Kent-Carlile; 2 E Peacock; 3 K Coulthard
U15yrs 1 D Coates; 2 N Guy; 3 T Coulthard
U18yrs 1 N Guy; 2 D Coates; 3 G Peacock
Ladies AW 1 E Wilson; 2 S Mason;
8st 1 C Armstrong; 2 A Coulthard; 3 Henry Fielding
10.5st Ch'ship 1 A Carlile; 2 M Kirkham; 3 J Wall; 4 C Armstrong
11.5st 1 J Harrington; 2 M Kirkham; 3 A Carlile
13.5st 1 A Carlile; 2 J Harrington; 3 J Wall
16st 1 T Gibson; 2 T Kirk; 3 J Harrington
AW 1 T Gibson; 2 J Harrington; 3 B Moore

9th September 2022

Ennerdale, Heskett Newmarket, Harbottle, Lowick, Loweswater, Wolsingham by Linda Scott



L to R: Robin Murray with Ennerdale All weights prize winners, 3rd Michael Kirkham, 2nd John Harrington, 1st Matty Hodgson



Henry Bowman - winner of Mamie Potts Best Performance Trophy at Heskett Newmarket Show

Only eight grass season events to go and wrestlers are chasing points in the hope of a Ludorum trophy at the CWWA presentation dinner. Matty Hodgson gained points in three separate classes at Ennerdale winning Under 18 years, 12.5st and All weights classes. Bobby Stewart has maximum points in Under 12 years and is looking capable of completing the grass season unbeaten.

Heskett Newmarket Show saw Henry Bowman turn out and wow judges with sufficient skill to win the Mamie Potts Best Performance trophy. Adele Pattinson proved to her son Harvey that she too is a dab hand at the sport. Freestyle wrestler Harvey Dines on holiday from Bath put up a good fight against experienced John Harrington. Harvey turned up for more at Loweswater on Sunday and was rewarded with two placings.

RESULTS

Ennerdale

U10 1 E Peacock; 2 H Lossop; 3 J Rigg
U12 1 B Stewart; 2 J Craghill; 3 Z Robertson
U15 1 G Peacock; 2 B Stewart; 3 J Hills
Ladies 1 Al Roberts; 2 An Roberts; 3 R Walker
U18 1 M Hodgson; 2 G Peacock; 3 J Whitfield
12.5st 1 M Hodgson; 2 J Harrington; 3 M Kirkham
AW 1 M Hodgson; 2 J Harrington; 3 M Kirkham

Heskett Newmarket

U10 1 O Stainton; 2 A Brown; 3 A Borse
U12 1 B Stewart; 2 O Stainton; 3 H Timperon
U15 1 H Murray; 2 T Moffat; 3 H Bowman
U18 1 H Bowman; 2 T Moffat; 3 H Murray
Ladies 1 A Pattinson; 2 O Williamson
12.5st 1 J Harrington; 2 H Dines; 3 T Moffat
AW 1 T Gibson; 2 H Murray; 3 J Harrington

Harbottle

U12 1 E Younger; 2 N Jarvis; 3 O Storey
U15 1 W Wood; 2 R Atkinson; 3 C Harvey
Girls U15 1 G Hodgson; 2 D Byatt; 3 K Singer
U18 1 W Wood; 2 R Atkinson; 3 C Harvey
Ladies 1 R Hodgson; 2 G Hodgson; 3 K Singer
12.5st 1 G Younger; 2 R Atkinson; 3 W Wood

DIARY

Sun 11th Sept 12pm **Stanhope** U10/U12/U15/U18/U21/Girls U17/Ladies/12st/14st/15st Ch'shp/AW
Sat 17th Sept 2.30pm **Egremont** U10/U12/U15&8st Ch'shp/U15/U18/Ladies/11.5st/13st/AW
Sat 17th Sept 2pm **Thropton** U10/U13/U15/U16/U18/Girls U15/Ladies/13st/AW

Lowick

U10 1 JL Stainton; 2 I Winder; 3 Oliver Clark
U15 1 T Dennison; 2 C Harrison; 3 JL Stainton
U18 1 M Stainton; 2 A Fosker; 3 J Pitts
11.5st 1 M Kirkham; 2 T Dennison; 3 M Stainton
13.5st 1 M Kirkham; 2 M Stainton; 3 A Fosker
Ladies 1 EA Stainton; 2 E Hewson; 3 Issie
AW 1 W Hayhurst; 2 M Kirkham; 3 Ben

Loweswater

U10 1 H Fielding; 2 S Armstrong; 3 I Fielding
U12 1 B Stewart; 2 T Armstrong; 3 K Thompson
U15 1 B Stewart; 2 A Scammell; 3 C Armstrong
U18 1 M Hodgson; 2 C Armstrong; 3 B Stewart
*8st 1 C Armstrong; 2 J Thompson; 3 T Armstrong
Ladies 1 E Cresswell; 2 C Crichton; 3 R Walker
12.5st 1 J Harrington; 2 H Dines; 3 M Hodgson
AW 1 T Gibson; 2 J Harrington; 3 H Dines

Wolsingham

U12 1 E Younger; 2 JL Stainton; 3 O Warren
U15 1 G Younger; 2 S Bailey; 3 E Younger
U18 1 M Stainton; 2 L Murray; 3 G Younger
Ladies 1 R Hodgson; 2 G Hodgson; 3 EA Stainton
11.5st 1 M Kirkham; 2 M Stainton; 3 JL Stainton
14st 1 J Threlfall; 2 M Stainton; 3 M Kirkham
AW 1 J Threlfall; 2 M Kirkham; 3 G Younger

16th September 2022

New Champions crowned at county's latest shows - Westmorland & Stanhope By Robert Wharton



Jack Brown wins 14st Championship at Westmorland Show



Graham Brocklebank 15st Championship winner at Stanhope Show with son Harry

The wrestling season of 2022 keeps giving and this theme continued at Westmorland and Stanhope where the crowds were served up some fantastic bouts

At Westmorland after the wrestling had finished we all received the sad news that Queen Elizabeth II had passed away. The wrestling community send our thoughts to the Royal family. It was only in 2018 when King Charles visited the show and stopped by to watch the wrestling and spoke to Mark Wharton and Sam Wilson about the sport and were kitted out for Charles in the traditional costume. We wish King Charles all the best for his reign.

Turning to the wrestling at Westmorland the wrestlers faced a different challenge with the rain softened ground and muddy, slippery conditions. Normally the sawdust is used for the ring boundary but "Jakey" had other ideas for soaking up the water! Everyone's vests, long john's would need an extra wash on Thursday night.

The championship seen a good entry, including a slimmed down Thomas Gibson added to the line up. Thomas was thwarted by Graham Brocklebank in the first round only for Jack Brown to knock Graham out in the second round. In the other half of the draw Matty Hodgson despatched Ben Brocklebank, as he had done in the 13 stones, with deadly counter attacks to Ben's hypes.

The final therefore seen the experienced Jack Brown against the up and coming youngster in Matty. Matty had a "good go" but Jack with hypes and twists won the day. The 14 stone win is now added to Jack's 12 stone and 13 stone championships this season. Could he go on and do the double at Stanhope?

To complete the Westmorland story we seen great bouts in the junior sections with regular winners Bobby Stewart,

Ollie Stainton and Nathan Guy proving difficult to beat again. However the best performance by a junior was won by John-Lukas Stainton for his win in the 11stone/ Under 21 class. With a back-heel you often here coaches shout "keep it on". Well John-Lukas took that advice to the extreme and kept it on for the whole bout, clinging to Harry Huddleston and eventually wearing him down.

In the Ladies allweights we seen a return to the ring for Hannah Hodgson and it looked like, after taking the first fall, that her experience would see her to a win over Rosie. However Rosie with cross buttocks and twist over the knee came roaring back for a great win.

Stanhope on the Sunday seen some good entries and the same names popping up on the winning results. We can add to the names already mentioned those of Charlie Armstrong, Elizabeth Wilson and George Peacock. All three have bene wrestling well all season and deserved further wins at Stanhope.

Onto the 15 stone championship and we had the same names entered as we had at Westmorland show. The draw, as happens, means different wrestlers meet each other and the path to the final isn't straightforward. Inevitably Jack Brown made it to the final but this time he faced past champion, Graham Brocklebank. Graham was on form and the first fall seen a cross buttock and the second fall Graham stopped Jack's buttock to take the title.

Joe Hale and Thomas Gibson wrestled well at Westmorland and at Stanhope they ended proceeding with an absorbing AW final. After three close falls Thomas got his deserved win and after a week or soup some money to go and buy a burger and chips!!



The then Prince of Wales stopped to watch the wrestling at Westmorland Show in 2017

RESULTS

Westmorland Show

U10yrs 1 O Stainton; 2 J Hodgson; 3 E Peacock
 U12yrs 1 B Stewart; 2 I Batty; 3 JL Stainton
 Girls U17yrs 1 R Hodgson; 2 G Hodgson; 3 E Wilson
 U15yrs 1 N Guy; 2 G Peacock; 3 B Stewart
 U18yrs 1 M Hodgson; 2 T Charnely; 3 M Stainton
 Ladies 1 R Hodgson; 2 H Hodgson; 3 K Cordukes
 U21yrs & 11st 1 JL Stainton; 2 H Huddleston; 3 T Cash
 12st 1 J Brown; 2 A Carlile; 3 M Kirkham
 13st 1 M Hodgson; 2 B Brocklebank; 3 J Brown
 14st Ch'ship 1 J Brown; 2 M Hodgson; 3 M Kirkham
 AW 1 T Brocklebank; 2 T Gibson; 3 J Hale

Stanhope Show

U10yrs 1 O Stainton; 2 E Peacock; 3 J Hodgson
 U12yrs 1 B Stewart; 2 O Stainton; 3 E Peacock
 U15yrs 1 G Peacock; 2 B Stewart; 3 C Armstrong
 U18yrs 1 M Hodgson; 2 G Peacock; 3 C Armstrong
 U21yrs 1 M Hodgson; 2 G Peacock; 3 C Armstrong
 Girls U17yrs 1 E Wilson; 2 E Peacock; 3 G Hodgson
 Ladies 1 E Wilson; 2 G Hodgson; 3 EA Stainton
 8st 1 C Armstrong; 2 J Thompson; 3 O Stainton
 12st 1 J Brown; 2 G Peacock; 3 C Armstrong
 14st 1 M Hodgson; 2 J Brown; 3 J Threlfall
 15st Ch'ship 1 G Brocklebank; 2 J Brown; 3 T Gibson
 AW 1 T Gibson; 2 J Hale; 3 J Brown

DIARY

Sat 17th Sept 3pm Thropton Show
 U10/U13/U15/U16/U18/Girls U15/Ladies/13st/AW

7th October 2022

Charlie, 13, a new world Champion - Langholm and Eskdale by Rachael Marston



1st Charlie Armstrong, 2nd Lohm-Lukas Stainton, 3rd Harry Huddleston, 4th Matthew Story

Following the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Egremont Crab Fair took the hard decision to cancel their event and as a result a new venue was required for the Under 15 years & 8 stone Championship. Langholm Show were approached and had no hesitation in agreeing to host the Championship, for which the CWWA were extremely grateful. Eleven competitors entered the Championship class ranging from regular wrestlers to local lads having a go.

Charlie & Tom Armstrong, Matthew Story, Harry Huddleston and Jack Hughes all made it through the first round. John-Lukas Stainton, one of the lighter weights was the lucky man with the bye. With grit and determination he secured his place in the semi-final knocking out Tom Armstrong. Harry Huddleston and Charlie Armstrong also wrestled through to the semi-final. The final saw the determined John-Lukas (aged 11) meet Charlie Armstrong (aged 13) - both extremely skilful wrestlers despite their years. The first fall went to John Lukas when he worked his way round the back of Charlie, hooking his right leg around Charlie's left leg and taking him off balance. Charlie fought back with a buttock for the next two falls, to become the 2022 Under 15 years & 8 stone World Champion. Charlie follows in the footsteps of his cousins Thomas & John Gibson who's names are already on the trophy.

Ollie Stainton won the under 10 years and Bobby Stewart continued his unbeaten run in the under 12 years. Ellena Peacock wrestled her way to the final with Bobby, knocking out some tough competition on the way. George Peacock won the under 15 years and Rosie Hodgson secured another win the Ladies open. Myles Stainton bagged an Under 18 years and a 12½ stone win and it was nice to see Richard Fox competing on local turf and claiming the All Weights.

Later in the day at Eskdale Show an impromptu under 8 years class introduced some novices to the sport. Bobby Stewart wowed the huge crowd with a spectacular full buttock and Rosie Hodgson was boss of the Ladies class.



Charlie Armstrong of Longtown, winner of the Under 15 years & 8 stone World Championship with runner up, John-Lukas Stainton of Dent

Michael Kirkham comfortably won the 10½st but was caught out by Myles Stainton in the 12st semi final. Myles went on to beat Adam Atkinson in the final. The huge frame of Scott Atkinson scythed through the all weights class, meeting Jack Ewart in the final. Jack put up a good fight but Scott overpowered him to take the win.

RESULTS

Langholm Show

U10yrs 1 O Stainton; 2 F Vevers; 3 M Dalglish
U12yrs 1 B Stewart; 2 E Peacock; 3 T Armstrong
U15yrs 1 G Peacock; 2 B Stewart 3 N Graves
U18yrs 1 M Stainton; 2 R Lane; 3 C Armstrong
U15yrs & 8st Ch'shp 1 C Armstrong; 2 JL Stainton; 3 H Huddleston; 4 M Story
Ladies 1 R Hodgson; 2 G Hodgson; EA Stainton
12½st 1 M Stainton; 2 A Huddleston; 3 C Armstrong
AW 1 R Fox; 2 M Stainton; 3 H Hodgson

Eskdale Show

*U8yrs 1 M Hawley; 2 G Bruniges; 3 E Kirkbride
U12yrs 1 B Stewart; 2 JL Stainton; 3 D Putnam
U15yr 1 E Preston; 2 B Stewart; 3 H Capstick
U18yrs 1 J Pritt; 2 C Biggins; 3 M Stainton
Ladies 1 R Hodgson; 2 M Richards; 3 G Hodgson
10½st 1 M Kirkham; 2 E Preston; 3 R Dreghorn
12st 1 M Stainton; 2 A Atkinson; 3 M Kirkham
AW 1 S Atkinson; 2 J Ewart; 3 T Johnson

DIARY

Sat 8th Oct 12.30pm **Alwinton Show**
U10/U13/U16/Girls U16/U18 Ch'shp/U21/11½st/15st/Ladies/AW
Sat 8th Oct 3.30pm **Wasdale Show**
U10/U12/U15/U18/Ladies/10½st/12st/AW
Fri 4th Nov **CWWA Presentation Dinner**
Phone 07825084358 for tickets

14th October 2022

Hodgson breaks duck to win first world title - Alwinton & Wasdale Head by Linda Scott



Matty Hodgson - U18 yrs Champion 2022 at Alwinton Show



L to R U18yrs Championship 1st Matty Hodgson, 2nd Harry Boag, 3rd Thomas Wilson, 4th Myles Stainton

The Shows of Alwinton and Wasdale Head marked the conclusion of the wrestling grass season on Saturday.

At Alwinton Ollie Stainton notched up another Under 10 years win and Bobby Stewart completed the season with maximum points after winning every Under 12 years class he entered. Aaron Younger showed his power and skill by winning the Under 16 years and Rosie Hodgson dominated the Girls Under 16 years.

The highlight of the day followed next, the Under 18 years World Championship. Of the ten contenders, three were from Carlisle Club, three from Kendal and four from Rothbury. In the semi final, Matty Hodgson from Low Hesket met Thomas Wilson from Kendal. These two wrestlers have met a lot over the grass season, providing great entertainment and the wins have been shared. Matty took the first fall with a neat outside stroke and then the second with a buttock. It was Harry Boag, a local lad who Matty met in the final. A lovely inside hipe put Matty one up and then a left leg outside stroke was the winning chip of Matty's first world championship win. Matty has been in six championship finals so far in his 10 year wrestling career so he must feel that at long last he has 'broken his duck'.

2018: Under 15 years & 8 stones, Under 18 years & 10 stones.

2019: Under 18 years & 10 stones, 11 stones

2022: 13 stones, 14 stones

At Wasdale Head Show it was great to see Alfie Spedding back in the ring after an ankle injury earlier in the season. He won both the Under 18 years and the All weights classes. Michael Kirkham bossed the 10.5 stones and 12stones and took third in the All weights class.

As the grass season ends we go straight in to winter training with Waberthwaite, Kendal and Carlisle Clubs all up and running. Rothbury are also to start soon.

RESULTS

Alwinton Show

U10yrs 1 O Stainton; 2 J Hodgson; 3 O Storey
U13yrs 1 B Stewart; 2 JL Stainton; 3 W Thompson
U16yrs 1 A Younger; 2 M Stainton; 3 E Younger
Girls U16yrs 1 R Hodgson; 2 E Wilson; 2 E Peacock
U18yrs Ch'ship 1 M Hodgson; 2 H Boag; 3 T Wilson
U21yrs 1 M Hodgson; 2 M Lamont; 3 M Stainton
11.5st 1 J Harrington; 2 M Stainton; 3 T Moffat
15st 1 C Whitfield; 2 J Hale; 3 M Hodgson
Ladies 1 R Hodgson; 2 E Wilson; 3 H Dennis
All Weights 1 Jack Hale, 2 Joe Hale; 3 R Leiper

Wasdale Head Show

U10yrs 1 D Putnam; 2 J Walker; 3 R Brash-Cottham
U12 yrs 1 D Putnam; 2 J Walker; 3 C Brash-Cottham
U15yrs 1 R Dreghorn; 2 D Putnam; 3 R Brash-Cottham
U18yrs 1 A Spedding; 2 J Pritt; 3 R Dreghorn
Ladies 1 L Wilson; 2 C Brash-Cottam
10.5st 1 M Kirkham; 2 D Putnam; 3 R Dreghorn
12st 1 M Kirkham; 2 J Pritt; 3 R Dreghorn
AW 1 A Spedding; 2 J Pritt; 3 M Kirkham

DIARY

Fri 4th Nov CWWA Presentation Dinner, Low Hesket Village Hall. Phone 07825084358 for tickets.

4th November 2022

Rob Richardson, 94, was a Wrestling World Champion by Linda Scott



L to R: Three World Champions in 1954; J T Richardson 11st, Laurie Burns 9.5st, R H Richardson 12st

Cumberland and Westmorland Wrestling is actively strong in the clubs of Carlisle, Kendal and Waberthwaite now the winter indoor season has started but Rothbury is slow to get going.

The Annual Presentation Dinner will take place Friday 4th November where Ludorum trophies will be presented to winners and our 2022 world champions will be re-presented.

Last week the wrestling world received the sad news of the passing of Robin Richardson (Rob) aged 94, formerly of Laverock Bridge, Kendal.

Rob was a former member of Kendal Wrestling Academy. He held the 12st World Championship title in 1954 and became All weights World Champion in 1961 at Pooley Bridge Sports. Rob beat Joe Barnes of Renwick to claim the All weights World Championship. Coincidentally, both wrestlers met in the final of the All weights championship the following year at Dalston, Joe Barnes being the victor in 1962.

Rob's funeral will be held at St John the Baptist Church, Skelsmergh Church at 12 noon on Saturday 5th November 2022.

DIARY

Friday 4th November, **Annual Presentation Dinner** at Low Hesketh Village Hall 7.30pm

Friday 25th November, **Academy Shield Competition**, Low Hesketh Village Hall. Weigh-in 6.30pm



R H Richardson, All weights World Champion 1961

17th December 2022

Eden's Ollie and Ellena scoop Wrestling Awards by Linda Scott



Wrestler's Wrestler 2022 Ollie Stainton presented by Chris & Olive Bland



Number one crowd pleaser 2022 - Ellena Peacock presented by Tom Harrington MBE

The annual Cumberland & Westmorland Wrestling Association Presentation Dinner is an event all wrestlers look forward to. Points awarded throughout the grass season for first, second and third places are totted up and Victrix/Victor Ludorum results are announced.

Master of ceremonies, Gavin Fox introduced CWWA President, Chris Bland, to say a few words. Chris congratulated everyone on their efforts to revive Cumberland & Westmorland Wrestling following the two year covid hiatus and appealed for more volunteers to come forward to help support the sport.

Vice President Howard Tindall then announced the Victrix/Victor Ludorum winners in reverse order and Chris & Olive Bland presented certificates and beautiful Galloway glass trophies. The winner of the Under 10 years was 9 year old Ellena Peacock of Low Hesket. Ellena has followed the ring well this season and although Ollie Stainton wasn't far behind on points she managed to take the prize. The Under 12 and U15 years Victor Ludorum trophy went to Bobby Stewart. At the young age of 10 years his performance has been outstanding, winning every Under 12 years class he entered, romping home with a total of 102 points. In the Under 15 years he won by a strong 19 points. Matty Hodgson bossed the Under 18 years and made his mark amongst the men in both the middle and heavyweights - taking second place in each category. It was all Hodgsons for the Girls Under 17 years and the Ladies classes with Grace and Rosie claiming the trophies respectively. Myles Stainton at 15 years of age showed how he has progressed, edging ahead of John Harrington and Michael Kirkham in the lightweights. Jack Brown, this year's triple world

champion took the middleweights title and Thomas Gibson, our all weights world champion comfortably won the heavyweights.

'Wrestler's Wrestler' came next. The winner can be very proud to receive this award as it is voted for by all wrestlers present on the evening. 9 year old Ollie Stainton of Ainstable was the proud winner. He was presented with an engraved tumbler by Chris and Olive Bland. At Grasmere Sports this year Ollie won the inaugural Under 10 years championship and travelled far and wide throughout the season to compete. His wrestling skills got better and better and his conduct and sportsmanship was exemplary.

Gavin next called on Tom Harrington MBE to speak about the CWWA World Champions of 2022. Tom briefly outlined each championship final - having been present at them all. His memory of the chips and counters in all fifteen finals was amazing. Tom then awarded one of his own wrestling cups to Ellena Peacock of Low Hesket - the 'Number 1 Crowd Pleaser'. Ellena has turned out consistently, becoming a real crowd favourite - spectators would claim their seats early, in order to see the 'gutsy young girl with the blonde hair'.

A letter addressed to wrestlers Ollie Stainton and Ellena Peacock which arrived at Low Hesket Village Hall was read out. The letter was from Dr Neil Hudson MP, congratulating both wrestlers on their achievements at Grasmere Sports.



Victor/Victrix Ludorum winners Back L to R Matty Hodgson, Rosie Hodgson, Jack Brown, Thomas Gibson, Front L to R: Myles Stainton, Grace Hodgson, Ellena Peacock, Bobby Stewart



CWWA World Champions 2022 Back L to R: Matty Hodgson, Connor Wharton, Harvey Murray, Thomas Gibson, Andrew Carlile, Jack Brown, Front L to R: Bobby Stewart, Ollie Stainton, Charlie Armstrong, John Harrington (Graham Brocklebank missing from photo)