

# LAIRG MAGAZINE

## Crofters Show Edition

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Welcome to Issue 22 of the Lairg Magazine! We are looking for stories, recipes, film/book reviews and craft/activity ideas to put in to our magazine. Please email: [projectofficer@lairginitiative.co.uk](mailto:projectofficer@lairginitiative.co.uk) or call Chair of LDCI Kaye: 07500453301 or Vice Chair Norman: 07742025719.



This week it should have been the Crofters Show. So we have dedicated the magazine to past shows. We hope you enjoy it. Please note we are now going fortnightly so our next issue will be the first week of September.

## Raspberry Jam

**Recipe of  
the Week!**

**INGREDIENTS:**

1 kg Silver Spoon Jam Sugar

800g Raspberries

**Method:**

**Sterilise your jam jars.**

**Put the sugar into an oven proof dish and place in the oven at the lowest setting for about 15 minutes until warm, but do not allow to become hot.**

**Place the raspberries in a non-metallic bowl and crush with a potato masher. Add the jam sugar and stir until the sugar dissolves.**

**Put the mixture into a saucepan and place on a high heat, bringing the mixture to a full rolling boil, that bubbles vigorously, rises in the pan and cannot be stirred down. Once it gets to this point, start timing and boil for 4 minutes only.**

**Remove from the heat, working quickly and pot into warm jam jars and cover.**



*This dramatic shot of horses and riders going full tilt dates back to 1934, when such races were a regular feature of the Lairg Crofters Show.*

1. The Lairg Crofters Show's competitions are open to residents of which 4 local areas?
2. What part of a bagpipe sounds a continuous low note?
3. What particular feature makes marmalade different from jam?
4. What is the name of the unit used to measure the height of a horse?
5. Who was paraded as Queen of the show in 2019?
6. What vegetable has varieties called Kelvedon Wonder, Eddy and Hurst Greenshaff?
7. Ovine relates to what domesticated animal?
8. In the beer tent, what would the letters IPA stand for?
9. U GROW FAT is an anagram of which of the show's main arena events?
10. From the traditional song "Soldier, soldier", what is a fife?
11. What colour is associated with John Deere tractors?
12. Definitely not found at the dog show, what is the fear of dogs?
13. What is the scientific Latin name for cattle?
14. What is the name of the craft that uses paper cut-outs to decorate a surface?
15. What animal at the show can also be a cricket batsman's score of nil?
16. What is the common name for the flower *Digitalis Purpurea*?
17. The Royal Scottish National Orchestra conducted an on-line poll in 2006 to find Scotland's National Anthem. Which song won with 41% of the votes?
18. What name is given to the covered area where the fruit, vegetable, flowers and craft competitions at the show are held?
19. How many points are on the tiles in scrabble for the letters 'CROFTER'?
20. From the Guinness book of records, what is the record number of the most people throwing wellington boots simultaneously? Is it 480, 651 or 792?

## LAIRG CROFTERS' SHOW

By Catrina Cameron & Maureen Munro Ross

Lairg Crofters' Show first began in 1911, held in a field to the west of Lochside for Lairg Crofters to show off their livestock, and the ladies to show off their baking, knitting and sewing skills. In later years Rogart, Rosehall and Altnaharra were included in the show area. It is the last remaining show on the Mainland and is always held in August.

The show is a fun day out for all the family. Events run throughout the day with Sheep, Best Collie, Cattle and Poultry judging; a Horse Show, Open Dog Show, Baby Show, Industrial Tent, Piping, Highland Dancing, Guess the weight of the sheep, Tug of War, Terrier Racing, Sports, Pipe Band, and Parade of Queen and her Attendants followed by a great display of Vintage Machinery. There are also craft stalls, a fun fair, burger van, ice cream van, tea tent and not forgetting the Kinvonvie Beer Tent so called after James Mackay a committee member for many years. James was also show day MC who kept everyone entertained with his quick wit and banter throughout the day. To walk in front of James whilst he was on the mic made you fair game for teasing. The afternoon ends with the prize giving and raffle, followed with a dance in the local Community Centre.

In days gone by there was big competition in the heavy events eg, hammer throwing, putting the shot, tossing the caber, weight over the bar and weight for distance. Owing to high insurance and health and safety we can no longer have these events. Other events held annually were the Ord Hill Race, but due to such a small committee there were not enough people to marshal it, and therefore it was discontinued, as was the sheep dog trials in 1996 due to a lack of entries and it also clashed with the County Sheep Dog Trials at Dunrobin.

The Crofters' Show Queen and her Attendants used to parade around the village twice on show day, attended by members of the Ardgay/Bonar Pipe Band in a decorated trailer pulled by a tractor. On hearing the pipes local residents would come to their doors to wave to the Queen as she passed. They had lunch in the Sutherland Arms Hotel then back to the show field for the afternoon, later after second village parade they had dinner in the Restaurant (Nip Inn). The Pipe Band would then march down the village to the Sutherland Arms grounds and play a number of sets, then it would be onto the evening dance which for some Crofters would be their only big night out and a chance to let their hair down.

A focal point of the show is the Industrial tent, it has been commented that the exhibits are of a very high standard and every bit as good as the Black Isle Show, e.g. last year's floral art judge was overwhelmed by the standard of displays on show. Every year there are a great display of exhibits from the children which is good to see as they are the future of the show.

Plenty stories of show day could be told, but one that springs to mind is, when Rena Macdonald was putting her exhibits over to the tent one year, when she dropped her treacle toffee at her back door, she picked it up and removed the wee stones that had stuck to it, decided still to enter it and went on to win first prize!

It is thanks to the continued hard work of the committee members, volunteer helpers, judges past and present that the show continues. Due to the Covid 19 it was with heavy heart that the committee made the decision to cancel this year show, but we will be back in 2021 for our 110<sup>th</sup> Lairg Crofters' Show. We'll look forward to seeing you there.



**1957  
SHEILA  
MACKENZIE**

Rosanne MacKenzie  
Corrine Ross

### SHOW QUEEN ANAGRAMS

EXAMPLE:-

ACEEEIKLNNNR = LEANNE RENNICK

01. AACDEEKMNORY (6,6)
02. ACEEKMNORRRY (5,7)
03. AEHILORSSS (6,4)
04. ABBIILLNOSY (5,7)
05. AABCCEINOORRTT (8,7)
06. AAEEKLNRRW (5,6)
07. AAAABCDELLMMNP (6,8)
08. ACDEEILLMOOSU (6,7)
09. AACDDEEILMNO (5,7)
10. AACCEHLMNOOPRRS (5,10)
11. EEIIMNNOORRRS (5,8)
12. AACCDLLMONUY (4,9)
13. AHIILMOPPRS (5,7)
14. AABDEEHLNORRRSTU (7,7)
15. AACFINNOOW (5,5)
16. AAAACCEEHLMNR (7,6)
17. AAAFIMNORSY (5,6)
18. AACDEIILLMNNSY (7,7)
19. ABEGHILNOSZ (5,6)
20. AADEELLNNORSST (6,8)





### LDCI Quiz Answers

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|--|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Lairg, Altnaharra, Rogart, Rosehall | 8. India Pale Ale                  | 15. Duck                |
| 2. Drone                               | 9. Tug of war                      | 16. Foxglove            |
| 3. Using citrus fruit                  | 10. Flute like woodwind instrument | 17. Flower of Scotland  |
| 4. A Hand                              | 11. Green                          | 18. The Industrial Tent |
| 5. Karin Ross                          | 12. Cynophobia                     | 19. 12                  |
| 6. Pea                                 | 13. Bos Taurus                     | 20. 792                 |
| 7. Sheep                               | 14. Découpage                      |                         |

### How did you do?

1-5/20  
Poor

5-10/20  
Okay

10-15/20  
Good

15-20/20  
Excellent



**SHOW QUEEN  
ANAGRAM ANSWERS:**

01. DOREEN MACKAY
02. KERRY CAMERON
03. SHEILA ROSS
04. LIBBY ALLISON
05. CATRIONA CORBETT
06. KAREN WALKER
07. AMANDA CAMPBELL
08. LOUISE MACLEOD
09. DIANE MACLEOD
10. CAROL MACPHERSON
11. IRENE MORRISON
12. LUCY MACDONALD
13. MOIRA PHILIPS
14. ROBERTA SUTHERLAND
15. FIONA COWAN
16. RACHAEL MACLEAN
17. FIONA RAMSAY
18. LINDSAY MACNEIL
19. HAZEL GIBSON
20. STELLA ANDERSON



## LAIRG CROFTERS' SHOW PICTURE TO COLOUR



### LAIRG CROFTERS' SHOW - KIDS FARM ANIMAL QUIZ

For the chance of winning a prize send your answers to:  
[lairg.show@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lairg.show@hotmail.co.uk)

- 01 – What is a young goat called?
- 02 – What animal do you get wool from?
- 03 – What sound does a horse make?
- 04 – What animal has a baby called a calf?
- 05 – What do hens lay?
- 06 – What is the young of a pig called?
- 07 – What type of animal is a border collie?
- 08 – What is the young of a horse called?
- 09 – What is a male goat called?
- 10 – What is the young of a sheep called?

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