

BRANCH ROUND UP

As ever it's been a busy summer. Once again we hosted separate visits from the Cheshire and Otley/Yorkshire Dales Branches who continued their work at Plas Derwen in Corwen. The Cheshire Branch started a new project to restore a single skin cattle milking pen on our former training site of Blaen y Nant in Nant Ffrancon. Anyone who missed that and would like to have a go at this relatively arcane art we will be continuing the repairs to the single wall alongside Pen y pass Youth Hostel on 27th October – further details on the website or via Sean. Training continued as ever, numbers have been down but we did have an epic weekend at Pensychnant for the Snowdonia Society where 16 trainees were introduced to the craft through the good offices of Colin and Iolo. A more detailed appraisal of the summer can be found in August's Branch news – in the news section of www.dswales.org.uk or if you want a hard copy contact Sean (sae required).

A quick reminder that it's AGM time again. As usual it will be held at Foelas Arms, Pentrefoelas. The meeting will start at 7.30pm sharp so if you want a chat and meal please turn up at 7pm. Time permitting the AGM will be followed by a DVD looking at walling in Mallorca. This video centres on Lluc Mur who appeared on the front of Stonechat 24 and features contributions from (local landowners) Michael Douglas and Andrew Lloyd-Webber as well as cameo performances from 1 or 2 contributors to these pages. Despite the title "L'Obra d'un Gegant"- the work of a giant - it is in English! Agenda Items should be submitted by 25th October. As usual we will have a general discussion of the way forward and what the membership wants, followed by election of officers (this way those standing know what they are letting themselves in for). This year there will be no slide presentation of the year in review because it's getting a bit samey; no-one's sent any photos; and it would be nice to have time to watch the DVD.

Copies of the DSWA 2013 calendar will be on sale at the AGM - £5., or £6.50 copy inc p&p. Contact Sean for the ideal Christmas present – 12 lovely images, space for calendar notes and funds for the branch...

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Diary

September 24th	Presentation and Branch meeting, "From the Pyramids to the Wailing wall: the stone structures of the North Wales Slate industry". Pensychnant, Conwy. 7pm for 7.30
September 29&30	Training Course Pen y Pass, Snowdon
October 27	Single wall seminar, Pen y Pass, Snowdon
November 3-4	All Wales get together, Aberystwyth
November 7	Film "L'Obra D'un Gegant" – The work of a Giant, walling on Mallorca & AGM. Foelas Arms Pentrefoelas. 7 pm for 7.30
November 26	Presentation "Inscriptions on the Landscape" Preston Natural History Society