

# BRANCH NEWS ROUNDUP

Another brief roundup, apart from it being our 'slow' time, December's "Ar y wal" (available on the news page of [www.dswales.org.uk](http://www.dswales.org.uk), or from Ed.) covers things in more details.

The AGM saw the election of a 'new' committee, much the same as the old, minus a vice chairman as no-one present was interested in the job. Since then we have managed to draw up a programme for the forthcoming year.

One major new venture is to host part of the annual "Walk the walls Tour" when a group of Candians come to the UK and you've guessed it, walk around looking at walls. The actual itinerary will be decided nearer the time but will centre around the stonework of the slate quarries, as well as socialising/meal and probably a talk or two. All DSWA members and friends are welcome. Why not come and visit if you're not resident. It promises to be an interesting and diverting week. Contact Sean if you'd like to be kept informed of developments.

The branch has also decided to supply sweatshirts (£15), polo shirts (£12.50) and fleeces (£20) with the DSWA logo and wording "Cangen Gogledd Cymru" below. These prices do not include very much of a margin and postage would be extra if you are unable to collect from an event, we also need to place one or two orders rather than driblets and drabs. Again contact Sean if you feel a need for a touch of sartorial elegance.

The much postponed single wall seminar is now set in stone, (even if precariously piled), June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Its next door to the Pen y pass Youth Hostel should you wish to attend from afar. There is parking on site for this event removing the usual problems we have with Pen y Pass courses. Preserving rare boundaries and skills like this is what we should be all about, so get off your ar....mchair and join us. Contact the usual suspect for details.

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## Diary

January 29	Bee Boles, an illustrated talk by Glynis Shaw. 7pm, Capel Curig Community Hall Snowdonia Society suggested minimum donation £3 for Society members and £5 for non-members.
February 20*	Presentation, "Dry Stone Walling in North Wales". Cozmic Pizza, Eugene, Oregon.
February 23/24	DSWA Members weekend/dinner and AGM, Crooklands, Cumbria
March 13	Branch meeting (9pm) preceded by Presentation "Inscriptions on the Landscape" A look at the best of dry stone walls and structures around Britain and Ireland. Pensychnant Conservation Centre, Conwy. 7.30pm
March 23/24	Welsh Branch Get Together/ Forum Aberystwyth
March 23	Taster day, Glandyfi, Machynlleth.
March 23	Presentation "Another Idiosyncratic Survey : What Brenda Did Next". Aberystwyth venue tbc
March 27	Presentation "Inscriptions on the Landscape", St.Davids Church, Colwyn Bay 7.45pm
April 27	Taster day, Moel Famau, Mold
May 12	Stand at Greenfield Valley Open Day, Holywell
May 18/19	Stand at Royal Welsh Agricultural Society, Spring Festival, Builth Wells. Helping South

Wales Branch.

May 25	Taster day, Pen y Pass, Snowdon
June 3-5	Canadians Walk the Walls Tour. We host a group from Canada with quarry centred walks (Dinorwic, Gorseddau, Dorothea, Rhosydd etc.) most days, walling at Pen y pass, Caernarfon castle visit. Evening socials, talks Actual itinerary to be determined nearer time and weather dependant. Contact Sean if interested/for further details
June 22	Single wall seminar, Pen y Pass, Snowdon
June 29	Taster day, Moel Famau, Mold
July 22-5	Royal Welsh Show demonstration (Helping South Wales Branch)
July 27	Taster day, Pen y Pass, Snowdon
July 28	Stand at Eryrys Vintage gathering (Tractor Show)
August 13/14*	Stand at Anglesey Show
August 15	Stand at Denbigh and Flint Show.
September 4	Branch meeting (9pm) preceded by Presentation title tbc 7.30pm. Pensychnant Conservation Centre, Conwy.
September 7&8	Training Course, Moel Famau, Mold
September 28&29	Training Course Pensychnant, Conwy
November 6	AGM Foelas Arms Pentrefoelas

\* Exact date to be confirmed.

\* Subject to confirmation.

**Dates to be confirmed**

Otley and Yorkshire Dales Branch @ Corwen with Friday evening pub meal/get-together, Saturday BBQ

Cheshire Branch on Tour, Blaen y Nant, Nant Ffrancon. Continuing the single skin milking pen restoration. Friday evening pub meal/get-together, Saturday BBQ

Clawdd Course, November if sufficient interest