

A LETTER (OR TWO) FROM NORTH WALES

Last time we ended in a buoyant mood, and despite my clairvoyance regarding the weather I shall endeavour to maintain the new year resolution.

My clairvoyance (or ability to open email attachments) tells me that the South Wales report will cover the joint gathering I mentioned last time, so I'll skip that.



AS Spring fair

The third weekend in May was a red letter day for the Branch – the long awaited launch of a bilingual booklet on Clawdd construction – dealt with elsewhere here-in, I hope. The NWB of the DSWA of GB joined the SWB at the RWAS spring festival and thanks to funding from NWTRA (since re-christened the N&MWTRA) the diminutive tome (oxymoronic?) was unleashed on an unsuspecting public. It has been well

received by NFU Wales, FWAG (they still exist in Wales), FUW and CLA. A lot of letters, if not all red. Heartfelt thanks to SWB who organised the stand.

Elsewhere we had a marvellous weekend with OYD at Corwen, repeating last year's event and BBQ, The wall is getting longer and higher, a couple more visits, if they can put up with me and it will be done. By the time you've read this a Cheshire Branch visit with another BBQ, will have happened elsewhere - a new project repairing a cattle milking pen on a NT site in Nant Ffrancon, where we once held BTCV training courses.

Expanding on the acronyms training has been hit and miss, a couple of cancelled taster days, a couple poorly attended and a seam bursting weekend course for the SS, for some reason the Snowdonia Society (formerly the SNPS – which has other Celtic overtones) don't refer to themselves as that. Anyway 15 individuals for a weekend and the need to wheel out an additional trainer. Marvellous despite the cats and dogs.

We slow down over the summer avoiding Olympics and my jaunt to represent the Branch in NC, USA for a spot of the 3Ts (teaching, testing, talking) rather than the 3Rs or even R&R.

There was also a rarity - a branch meeting. I remember writing many issues ago about meetings and 3 men and a dog, only the dog was stuffed. Well this time it was one man (me) and his dog, only I don't have a dog. 2 non-members did turn up, and we watched a couple of DVDs from DSC, KY - USA. IMHO our 17 or so other members missed an interesting evening.

Phew that's about it

ROFL as ever (*as if*). TTFN. SWALK.

SA

PS. E of all things and JXZ have gone AWOL.... Bingo.