

West of Scotland Dry Stone Walling Association Newsletter

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Hi Folks,

Just a mid-season catch up.

The season so far...

So far we have had a very successful course at the Braes, Kilbarchan; an excellent project at Mugdock and a lovely memorial wall and garden at Gardening Scotland which I am sure you will all agree from the pictures was probably the best display at the show, but because we didn't fall into the pure garden category we got a Silver award. We had an excellent turnout over the three projects, and hopefully we can keep up the momentum for the rest of the season.

First Training Session at Kilsyth

Next on the agenda is the course at Kilsyth this weekend 25/26 June, which will have 22-25 trainees! a new record for the branch; we also have for the regulars a stone-splitting tutorial from Gordon, and Cheekend building with fresh whin and sandstone, exciting stuff!! So it would be great to see as many of you guys and gals there and I am sure we will all get something out of the weekend

Erskine

After this we will have the rebuild at Erskine over two weekends, 9/10 and 16/17th, and watch out for a possible mention and photos from Gardening Scotland in the Herald when they do a Battle of the Somme special Supplement on the 1st July to mark the centenary of the battle.

Further on...

In August we have a Grotto build at a Church in East Kilbride where we will be building a 2 metre high stone cave/grotto with an arched frontage and a corbelled stone roof, so a great project to either hone up or learn new skills. After this we have a practice day at Kilsyth followed by the Test day and then a steep wall rebuild at Muirshiel country park in a lovely upland setting. Mouthwatering stuff!!

Programme

The programme for the season is on the website, but as you are all aware it is always subject to change and amendment. Any near changes will be notified by email to members as usual but keep an eye on the website for any changes to the overall programme.

So something for everyone folks, so please come along to all or at least some of the meetings and I look forward to seeing you all there.

See you all shortly!

John New

Chairman