

Trawden and District Agricultural Society

in association with Mid-Lancs Branch of the
Dry Stone Walling Association of Great Britain

2016 Dry Stone Walling Competition

Sunday, 14 August 2016

At the Recreational Ground, Trawden, Colne, Lancashire
as part of the annual Trawden Agricultural Show

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Programme

8.30 am	Assemble - please report to secretary on arrival
8.45 am	Draw for stints:Beginner
8.50 am	Amateur
8.55 am	Professional
9.00 am	Start of competition
12.30 pm	Lunch break - 30 minutes
4.00 pm	Wall to be completed by this time
4.30 pm	Presentation of awards

Classes

This competition will be in three sections in accordance with the rules as published on the entry form.

- Professional singles 2 metres
- Amateur singles 2 metres
- Beginners singles 1.5 metres

Entry fee for each class is £5.

Entries should be made in advance. Closing date is Sunday, 7th August 2016.

Please make sure that you enter the **correct class**

Prizes

Prize money will be awarded as follows:

	1st	2nd	3rd
Professional singles	£100	£80	£70
Amateur singles	£80	£70	£60
Beginners singles	£40	£35	£30

A returnable trophy will be awarded to the winner of each section and there will also be a trophy for Best Lady Waller.

Prizes will be awarded - dependent upon the numbers of competitors at the discretion of the organisers.

Prize money donated by the Trawden and District Agricultural Society

Judge

The judge will be DSWA-GB Master Craftsmen and Certified Instructors.

General Rules

1. The wall is to be 4'6" high, including 9" high copes. 26" wide at the base above the foundation stones, and 13" wide under the coping stones.
2. The walling must be the competitors own work. Stone used must be from the competitors stint only, some extra stone may be provided at the stewards discretion.
3. All competitors must have some knowledge of walling.
4. Competitors are expected to provide their own frames, mattock or pick, spade, walling hammer and safety equipment.
5. All stints not finished by 4.00 pm are to be completed with the help of all competitors.
6. The decision of the judges, stewards and organisers will be final.

Rules

All competitors

- Will build their own walls in the local style and to the dimensions as stated on the day, with tie-in to the left.
- Must observe legislation within the Health and Safety at Work Act, and work safely and with due consideration of other competitors, stewards, judges and spectators at all times.
- Strong boots must be worn by all competitors.
- Safety glasses must be worn when breaking or dressing stones. All dressing of stone must be done so that other competitors, etc are not in danger from flying chippings.
- Gloves are recommended. Lancashire's gritstone has a high amount of quartz crystal inclusion.
- All competitors will render assistance to each other to lift and move more heavy or bulky Stones. Lancashire's gritstone is very dense and sometimes has a very big bed.
- Competitors must use the stone from their own stint. Extra stone may be provided at the discretion of the steward.
- All competitors must complete their allotted stint within the time allowed and tidy all waste material to qualify for a prize.
- Excessive use of the hammer, breaking through of stones or copes, trace walling and unsafe working will be penalised.
- The organisers reserve the right to consolidate classes, vary the prize money, award extra or special prizes, etc and to make any change or amendment seen to be required if the need arises.
- The decisions of the competition committee and judges are final.
- All trophies remain the property of the Branch. It is the responsibility of the recipient to whom it has been loaned to return the trophy in good condition before the date of the next competition.

Beginners Class

- Beginners must have some experience of the basic principles of walling. Attendance on a recognised training course held by DSWA-GB, AITB, C&GLI, government training scheme, BTCV or other environmental agency is considered acceptable.
- Beginners can ask for and receive guidance at any point from a steward or judge.
- Entrants are expected to provide their own equipment - hammer, frames, string lines and pins, bucket and spade, sun hat, sun cream/block, picnic lunch. There is a small pool of equipment which can be loaned to competitors by prior arrangement with the Branch secretary.
- Any person who has won two or more first places in a dry stone walling competition must compete in the amateur class.

Amateur Class

- Amateur class entrants must provide their own equipment - frames, string lines, bucket, shovel, mattock, rule, etc.
- Entrants must work unaided by fellow competitors, stewards, judges, family or spectators. Assistance to move/lift heavy stones must be given by fellow competitors or stewards.
- Amateurs must not wall full-time and must not earn more than 2/7ths of their income through walling. If you wall on a contract of more than 3 days a week, you are deemed to be a professional and must enter the professional class.

Professional Class

- Professionals must provide their own equipment - frames, string lines, bucket, shovel, rule, etc.
- Entrants must work unaided by fellow competitors, stewards, judges, family or spectators. Assistance to move/lift heavy stones must be given by fellow competitors or stewards.
- Holders of the DSWA-GB Advanced Craftsman Certification are deemed to be capable of walling to the standards and work rate of the professional class. Holders are deemed to be professional wallers and must enter the professional class.

Entry Form

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Class	Professional	Amateur	Beginner
Please tick which class you wish to enter			

Name:

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Address:

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Telephone: Branch:.....

I agree to abide by the rules as stated in this leaflet and the decisions taken by the judges.

Signed: Date:.....

All entries must be made in advance. No entries will be accepted after the closing date or on the show day. Entry fee £5.

Please send cheque payable to Mid-Lancs Branch DSWA-GB with entry form to Mr N.Kerr, 14 Georges Lane , Horwich, Bolton BL6 6RT

PLEASE NOTE: Entry to the show will be by wristband. Anyone found without a wristband will be asked to either pay the entry fee (then receive a wristband) or they will be asked to leave the show. *This rule will be strictly enforced by the show organisers.*

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Directions to Trawden and District Agricultural Show – Sunday 14th August 2016

The showground is well-signposted along the major routes, its post code is BB8 8RR. Please follow the directions. Car parking is free.

- Trawden is just over 1 mile from Colne, off the A6068 Keighley Road between Colne and Laneshawbridge.
- Turn into Cotton Tree Lane (on the right when leaving Colne towards Keighley, on the left when approaching Colne from Keighley).
- About a mile after turning into Cotton Tree Lane turn sharp left into Keighley Road (just after Black Carr Mill and just before the Trawden Arms).
- The Trawden Show is held on the recreation ground, high above the village.