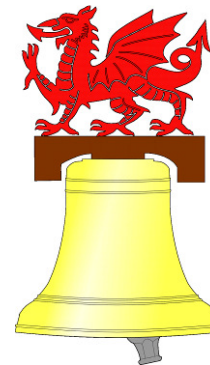


WELSH COLLEGES SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS



2014 Newsletter

A visit to the Opera prevented me from attending Sarah Tadman's Quarter Peal weekend to Manchester at the beginning of January, but I am pleased to note that five quarter peals were scored and an obligatory curry was enjoyed.

The February floods failed to prevent us enjoying our annual dinner in Stevenage, which provided entertainment on handbells in lieu of the traditional guest speaker.

Easter took us to Oxford where we enjoyed a walking tour of the city in addition to the usual drive around nearby villages. It also provided ample opportunity to practice for the Tewkesbury Shield.

The Tewkesbury Shield was a particular highlight, when despite an early start to practice in Swindon, and a very long wait to ring last; we came 6th out of nine teams, crucially beating the University of London society.



The band that represented the society in the Tewkesbury Shield

The Summer Tour took us cycling round Suffolk, and the Autumn Tour was based around Cheltenham.

It was a bumper year for Welsh Colleges engagements, with three couples being congratulated at the Autumn Tour meeting: Adam Vellender & Patricia Jopling, Matt Greenaway & Sarah West, and Paul Parker & Sarah Tadman.

The Autumn Tour also broke the drought of new members with three new students being elected. Our Social Secretary, Vic Evans, was also 'promoted' from associate to full membership having joined Swansea University.

Puff had some essential repair work performed by Helen Foster, and had an extra-curricular holiday to celebrate.



Puff has been on holiday on his Mon and Brec canal with his mates, including Linda who made him.

As well as no society peals being rung, the number of quarter peals rung under the society's name was significantly down on last year's total, although we hope to remedy this at Cathy's quarter peal tour to Durham in the new year.

We look forward to seeing many of you at Society events in 2015.

Stephen Penney,
General Secretary

Peals

No society peals were rung during 2014.

New members

The following were elected as members in the year to November 2014:

Josh Green (Aberystwyth)
Rose Horton (Swansea)
Emilie Poultney (Aberystwyth)

Halisi Drysdale (Associate)

Tours 2015

Master's ¼ peal tour: 2nd – 4th January, Durham
Dinner and AGM: 6th – 8th February, Aberystwyth
Easter Tour: 16th – 19th April, Stourbridge
Summer Tour: 22nd – 26th July, Banbury
Autumn Tour: 23rd – 25th October, Clun

Society Email Group

Members are encouraged to join the email group to receive up to date information regarding the Society's activities. To join, either apply through the website or email the General Secretary.

Society Web Site

Visit www.welshcolleges.org.uk for information about Society activities, tour reports, contact details and much more information

Facebook – [facebook.com/groups/welshcolleges](https://www.facebook.com/groups/welshcolleges)
Twitter - @welshcolleges

Society Officers and Officials 2014/5

Master	Cathy Ockwell
Deputy Masters	Ainsley Gilbert Sarah Meaden
Social Secretary	Vic Evans
General Secretary	Stephen Penney
Catering Officers	Matthew Greenaway Roger Grieve Martyn Owen
Mascot Keeper	Sue Rainsbury
Webmaster	Stephen Penney
Romance Officer	Daniel Knight

2015 Annual Dinner

The Marine Hotel, Aberystwyth
Saturday 7th February 2015

STARTER

Leek & Potato Soup
or
Chef's Paté With Toast
or
Brie Wedges served with Cranberry Sauce

MAIN COURSE

Roast Topside of Prime Welsh Beef Served with Yorkshire Pudding & Horseradish Sauce
or
Fresh Dyfi Salmon Steak With lemon butter
or
Nut Roast with Rosemary Sauce

DESSERT

Homemade Trifle
or
Fruit Cheesecake
or
Strawberry Pavlova
or
Chocolate Naughty Pudding

Ticket price is £33.

Payment and choices to Vic Evans by 10th January 2015. Money must be received by this date to enable your place to be booked with the hotel.

Email socialsecretary@welshcolleges.org.uk for more details.

Correspondence

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