



WELSH COLLEGES' SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS



2019 Newsletter

Alex Haynes, Master 2018-19, organised his tour around Brecon. Seven Quarter Peals were achieved, including some Spliced Surprise Major, Stedman Triples and a 1296 of Cambridge Surprise Minor to congratulate Adam and Patricia Vellender on the birth of their son and a few quarters were also dedicated the engagement of Pete and Cathy (now both Hampson – congratulations to them).

Bath was the venue for the Dinner, where we had a lovely tour walking around the beautiful city. The AGM took place in St Michael's Church Crypt and we were well catered for by Fiona Hartley. The Dinner entertainment included Pyro Hunt Minimus arranged by Matthew Tosh, which was a fitting way to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Society.



On the Sunday morning after the Dinner the Society rang at Bath Abbey and then went up onto the roof for this lovely photograph.



The Easter Tour took place in Nidderdale, which is as far north the Society has been for a tour in many years. As there were a lot of nice rings and a lot of good beer it may perhaps have been too long. The bells at Pateley Bridge provided an interesting challenge. A Quarter Peal of Surfleet Surprise Minor was rung on the first evening of the tour.

The Summer Cycling Tour involved crossing to the Isle of Wight. The tour involved quite a few hills but the weather was generally kind to us and a fair few of the society took advantage of this by swimming in the sea. The Catering Officers appropriately won the bake off, and the Quarter Peal was Grandsire Triples.

The Society visited the Forest of Dean for the Autumn Tour. A Quarter Peal of London Surprise Minor was rung at Mitcheldean before we drank the only pub in the village out of beer (and indeed cider).

On 28 September 2019 the Society entered the Robert B Smith 12 Bell Competition and came a creditable 5th with only 4 faults separating the band from 3rd place.



Quarter peal days were organised in Sheffield, Warwickshire, Nottingham, Oxfordshire and Leicestershire. Notable Quarters included Yorkshire Surprise Royal which was dedicated to the arrival of Rose Greenaway, Turramurra Surprise Major, only a few months after it was Method of the Month and Cambridge Surprise Royal. The Quarter Peal Days continue to provide opportunities for members to achieve firsts which might not be possible with their local bands and are enjoyed by all those taking part.

Ainsley Gilbert,
General Secretary

New members

The following were elected as members in the year to December 2019:

James (Jim) Robertson (Aberystwyth)
Helen Giles (Aberystwyth)

Tours 2020

Master's Tour: 10th-12th January, Lichfield

Dinner Tour & AGM: 7th-9th February, North Wales

Easter Tour: 2nd-5th April, Cardiff

Summer Tour: 22nd-26th July, Wiltshire

Autumn Tour: 23rd-25th October, Malvern

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
Twitter - @welshcolleges

Society Officers and Officials 2019/20

Master	Heather Griffiths
Deputy Master	Emily Vallow
Social Secretaries	Paul Parker Rhiannon Meredith
General Secretary	Ainsley Gilbert
Catering Officers	Lizzie Nicholls James Mort Rose Horton
Mascot Keeper	Poppy Wheeler
Webmaster	Stephen Penney
Romance Officer	Cathy Ockwell

Correspondence

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For queries relating specifically to tours, email the Social Secretary at socialsecretary@welshcolleges.org.uk.

2020 Annual Dinner

Northop Hall, Flintshire
Saturday 8th February

STARTERS

- Leek and Potato Soup
- Thai Style Fish Cakes
- Welsh Rarebit
- Chicken Liver Pate

MAINS

- Garlic & Sage Roasted Topside of Beef
Braised Beef Shin (Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & seasonal vegetables)
- Confit Welsh Lamb Roast (Roast potatoes & seasonal vegetables)
- Mushroom & Spinach Wellington (seasonal vegetables)
- Herb Crusted Salmon (crushed potato cake)

DESSERTS

- Chocolate Orange Tart served with Chantilly Cream
- Raspberry & Pistachio Iced Parfait
- Bread & Butter Pudding served with Vanilla Custard
- Selection of Ice Creams

Ticket price is £35 for Adults, £20 for Students and £10 for Children.

Choices to socialsecretary@welshcolleges.org.uk by Wednesday 15th January 2020. Please contact Social Secretary at this address for payment options.

If you wish to stay in the hall, please let the Social Secretary know when booking.

If you wish to stay at the hotel, please contact them directly to make the necessary arrangements. Their telephone number is 01244 816181.

Quoting 'Welsh Colleges' should secure the below rates:

£59 Single including breakfast

£79 Standard double/twin, including breakfast

£89 Premier room including breakfast

£100 Premier room with Sofa bed for 1-2 small children including breakfast

£158 Premier room with interconnecting 2nd room (2 adults plus 2 children) including breakfast.