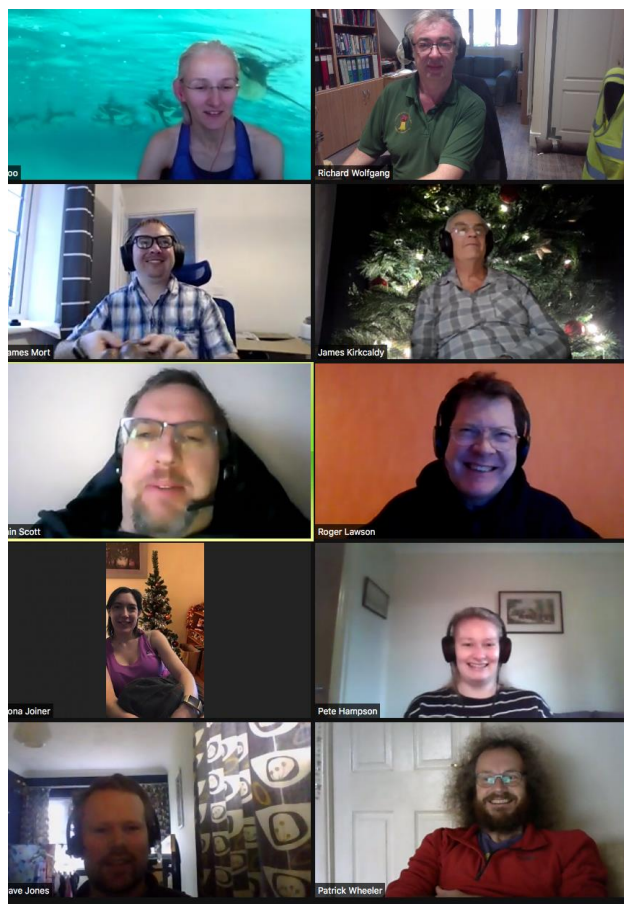


WELSH COLLEGES' SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS



2021 Newsletter

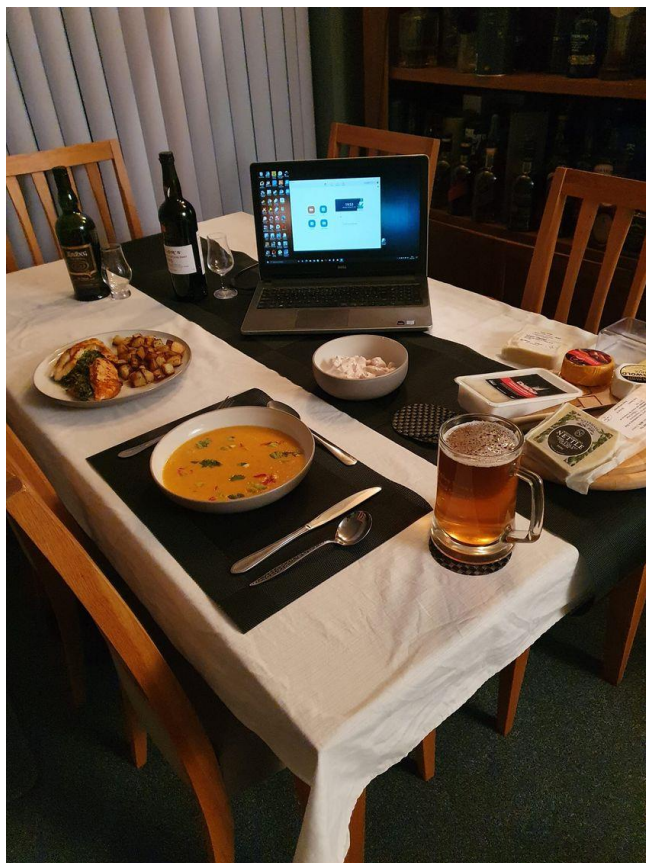
There was, for obvious reasons, no Master's Quarter Peal Tour to kick off 2021, but an intrepid group of WCs managed to ring a Quarter of Swindon Surprise Royal, a great start to the year. Particular congratulations must go to Sue Wolfgang for managing to do so whilst underwater.



The Dinner Tour was most conveniently located for all members, being held in their own homes, although the washing up for those not taking the pot noodle option was a definite downside. Everyone did a wonderful job of making their homes look wonderful for the camera, as you can see below.

After some technological issues and a few tweaks to the band a Quarter Peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung on Ringing Room to mark the occasion.





Excellent speeches were given by Alex Haynes (Romance Officer – who had taken his role seriously enough to get engaged to Hannah) and Poppy Wheeler (Master).

Once the formalities were over, Matt and Sarah Greenaway had organised a range of Taskmaster style activities for the Society to keep us entertained, and added the requisite amount of silliness to the evening's proceedings.

As the evening wore on and the piles of empty drinks containers grew (some to the extent that the geographers were trying to have them reclassified as mountains) some form of virus appeared to infect members computers and strangely, rather than stealing our bank details, made us all Mike Green.

The Easter Tour was sadly cancelled as the Coronavirus Pandemic continued to prevent normal activities.

The Summer Tour was again a virtual event, with members taking up the challenge of visiting places with silly names, and again doing a good bit of cycling. A Quarter Peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major was scored by the London based members of the Society, prior to a few drinks in the pub. In the evening a Zoom get together took place and a quiz and a scavenger hunt were arranged by the Social Secretaries.

From 28th – 31st October the Society was finally able to hold a real life, in person tour to Malvern. To celebrate the tour was extended by a day and so included two full days of ringing.

On the Friday evening a Quarter Peal of Ringing Room Treble Place Major was scored, with a footnote covering many important events in the romantic life of the Society.

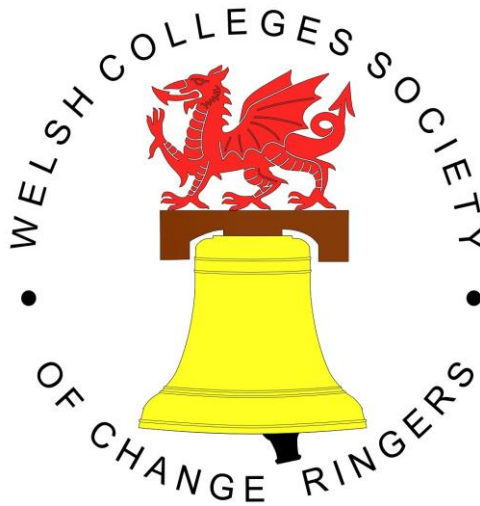
Also on Friday evening John and Felicity Goldrick arrived on tour, bearing the latest iteration of Puff (Mark IV), which had kindly been created by Linda Moore.



At the meeting the Society decided to apply to affiliate to the Central Council for the first time in its 61-year history. Whilst this was going on the Catering Officers were preparing their first and last main meal of their two-year term of office, consisting of Jacket Potatoes with Chilli, followed by 'quite a lot' of Sticky Toffee Apple Cake.

All things considered, 2021 was a good year for the Society, despite the challenges caused by the wider world.

2022 is already looking promising, and hopefully we'll be able to do a lot more ringing (and visiting pubs) than over the last couple of years.



2022 Tours

Easter Tour 2022: 7 - 10 April, Cardiff

Summer Tour 2022: 27 - 31 July, Wiltshire

Autumn Tour 2022: 28 - 30 October, Shrewsbury and surrounding area

Society Email Group

The society email group can be found by going to <http://www.welshcolleges.org.uk/> and then clicking on Email List. Members are encouraged to join the email group to receive up to date information regarding the Society's activities.

Society Web Site, Social Media, and Contact Details for Officers

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