



WELSH COLLEGES' SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS



2022 Newsletter

2022 began with the Master's Quarter Peal Tour taking place on the Wirral from 14-16 January. Seven of the nine attempts were successful, with methods rung including Bristol, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire, and a first on 8 for Grace Dooley, covering to Plain Bob Triples.

The Dinner Tour was held from 4-6 February in Bransford, near Worcester, with a walking tour of the City arranged by the Social Secretaries. There was much enthusiasm for the return of the Dinner Tour; this was demonstrated on both Friday and Saturday evenings through the consumption much alcohol. The Guest Speaker was Suzie Mansfield, selected by the Master as Suzie was not only a ringer, but also the Landlady of a fantastic pub in Durham (the Station House). The meal was followed by a Barn Dance by the Cats Whiskers. Quarter Peals were rung on both the Friday and Sunday of the tour.



The Easter Tour took place in Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan from 7-10 April, and those who had been students in the Cardiff era enjoyed reminiscing about times gone by over the weekend. As the Hall had been double booked an informal meeting was held in the upstairs area of Penarth Wetherspoons, the Boar's Head. A Quarter Peal of Norwich Surprise Minor was rung on the Friday evening at Llantwit Major, a place which is rather a misnomer given that it has only six bells.



The Summer Tour was based in Enford, Wiltshire where a wonderful hall with a great view and showers had been secured by the Social Secretary. There was also a very excellent pub in Enford where a few of the more knowledgeable members of the Society managed to win a quiz and earn the Society some money. Cycling some of the tank tracks around the edge of the military training areas was challenging, on the Friday, but fortunately no-one met a tank head on. A Quarter Peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung on the Friday evening, which was Grace Dooley's first inside.



At the CCCBR Meeting on Saturday 3rd September the Welsh Colleges Society was formally affiliated to the Central Council, following decisions made at previous Society Meetings.

The Autumn Tour took place in Shropshire, based at Cound Guildhall from 27-30 October, running again for an extra day. Two Quarter Peals were attempted on the Friday evening, Cambridge Major was scored at Church Stretton, but and despite the Social Secretary's excellent work to get Iwan Cotgreave to the tower despite Transport for Wales's best efforts to keep him on a train the Grandsire Triples at Meole Brace was not to be.

2023 Tours

Easter Tour: 13 - 16 April, Northumberland

Summer Tour: 26 - 30 July, Cambridgeshire / Essex border

Autumn Tour: 26 - 29 October, Wrexham 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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