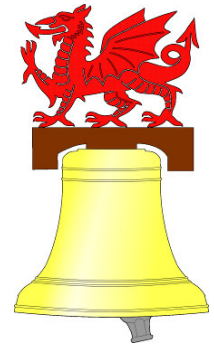


WELSH COLLEGES SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS



2009 Newsletter

The 50th Anniversary Celebrations have made the past year an excellent period in the Society's history. This first "Annual" newsletter covers not only the events of 2009 but also the activities that were put into making the Society's 50th year arguably the most important in its history.

The Ludlow Brewing Company produced for the Society its own bottling of their flagship beer, re-badged as "Welsh Colleges Real Ale". This was well received by members and friends and helped raise funds to keep costs down at the dinner.

LUDLOW BREWING CO.
**WELSH COLLEGES
REAL ALE**

A golden ale with a refreshing beginning and a long bitter finish, brewed to celebrate 50 years of the Welsh Colleges Society of Change Ringers.

Brewed with water, maris otter malt, hops and yeast (Hops from the Little Lambswick hop farm nr Lindridge, Tenbury Wells).

1959 - 2009

500 ml e alc 4.2% vol

The badge used for the Welsh Colleges beer.

The Society held its own stall at The Ringing Roadshow at Stoneleigh in September 2008, which did a great job of both reminding members that our 50th dinner was approaching, and impressing on a great number of ringers that the Society has a presence in the exercise.

Numerous peals were attempted to mark the anniversary with varying levels of success, with a few

members ringing their first peal with the Society, including some first-pealers.



The stall at the Ringing Roadshow.

The climax of the 50th Anniversary Celebrations was of course the Annual Dinner, which was held in South Wales with approximately 180 people in attendance.

An "Anniversary Day" was held as part of the Summer Tour, uniting both the Cycling and Families tour in Aberystwyth

There is strong student ringing in Aberystwyth, Cardiff and Bangor. The usual Easter, Summer and Autumn tours received an encouraging influx of new students to complement the renewed interest in the Society. Full tour reports for these events are available on the Society's webpage.

A new look for the website was launched in February. Historical data will be added over the next few months to give a full account of the Society's history. Suggestions for the website are always welcome.

With the 50th Anniversary celebrations behind us we look forward now to a bright future. Hope to see many of you at events in 2010.

Stephen Penney
General Secretary

Peals

The following peals were rung to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Society:

| Date | Tower | Method | Conductor |
|------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| 11/10/2008 | Sketty, Swansea, St Paul | 5050 Plain Bob Major | Timothy M Payne |
| 07/02/2009 | Peterston Super Ely, St Peter | 5040 Cambridge S Minor | Timothy M Payne |
| 07/02/2009 | Llandaff Cathedral | 5050 Stedman Cinqes | John A Vesey |
| 07/02/2009 | Cardiff, St John | 5039 Grandsire Caters | Matthew S Turner |
| 04/08/2009 | Dolgellau, St Mary V | 5056 Cambridge S Major | Malcolm S Turner |
| 30/08/2009 | Bishop's Castle, St John the Baptist | 5040 Surprise Minor (7m) | Neil Bennett |
| 05/09/2009 | Llanbadarn Fawr, St Padarn | 5039 Grandsire Caters | Neil Bennett |

New members

The following were elected as members in the year to November 2009:

Jim Clatworthy (Cardiff)
Richard Hall (Swansea and Cardiff)
Nick Jones (Newport)
Alex Haynes (Glamorgan)
Niamh Hickey (Cardiff)
Rosalind Roberts (Cardiff)
John Roger (Aberystwyth)
Dan Jones (Cardiff)
John Fisher (Associate)
Catherine Stonham (Associate)

Tours 2010

Dinner and AGM: 12th – 14th February, Thame
Easter Tour: 15th – 18th April, West Sussex
Summer Tour: 21st – 25th July, Rural Kent
Autumn Tour: 29th – 31st October, Warwickshire

There is also a trip to Lundy planned for 2010/2011 – contact the General Secretary for more information.

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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

2010 Annual Dinner and Barn Dance

The Spread Eagle Hotel, Thame
Saturday February 13th 2010

Please send menu choices, with a cheque payable to "Sarah Tadman" for £35 per head, to 17 Dunraven Crescent, Talbot Green, Pontyclun, CF72 8JD by Monday 4th January 2010.

STARTER

Roasted Tomato and Red Pepper Soup (V)

Finished with a swirl of basil oil

Trio of Melon (V)

With seasonal fruits and drizzled with a champagne syrup

Tian of Prawn and Crayfish

With a lemon and dill crème fraiche

Chicken Liver Parfait

Accompanied by red onion marmalade and toasted brioche

MAIN

Roast Sirloin of Beef

Traditionally served with Yorkshire pudding and a pan jus

Supreme of Chicken

Wrapped in prosciutto with a cheese and thyme sauce

Herb Crusted Salmon

Finished with a classic lemon hollandaise

Spinach and Ricotta Tortellini (V)

Garnished with roasted vine tomatoes

DESSERT

Lemon Tart

Finished with raspberry coulis

Strawberry Cheesecake

Accompanied by home-made shortbread

Coffee and Cointreau Crème Brulee

Served with a butterscotch sauce

Fresh Fruit Platter

A selection of seasonal fruits, simply served

House Cheese Board

Served with celery, grapes and water biscuits