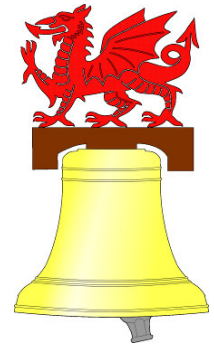


# WELSH COLLEGES SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS



## 2009 Newsletter

The 50<sup>th</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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: 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> February, Thame  
Easter Tour: 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> April, West Sussex  
Summer Tour: 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> July, Rural Kent  
Autumn Tour: 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> October, Warwickshire

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

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For queries relating specifically to tours, email the Social Secretary at [socialsecretary@welshcolleges.org.uk](mailto:socialsecretary@welshcolleges.org.uk).

## **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](http://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*