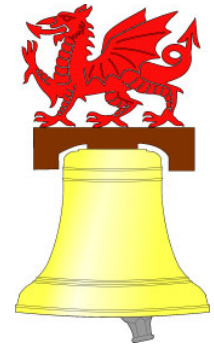




WELSH COLLEGES SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS



2010 Newsletter

The society has remained strong and active in its 51st year.

A re-run of the Master's quarter peal tour took place in Bath in January, with quarter peals rung to celebrate the engagement of Katie-Jayne Lewis and Rhodri Thomas.

The Annual Dinner was held in Thame with accommodation in Long Crendon. The usual comical handbell touch was rung, and members sported T-Shirts bearing logos such as "Don't Vote Pete" and "Vote Pete, What's the worst that can happen?"



Members at the dinner pay "tribute" to Pete Hampson, standing for parliament in Cheshire.

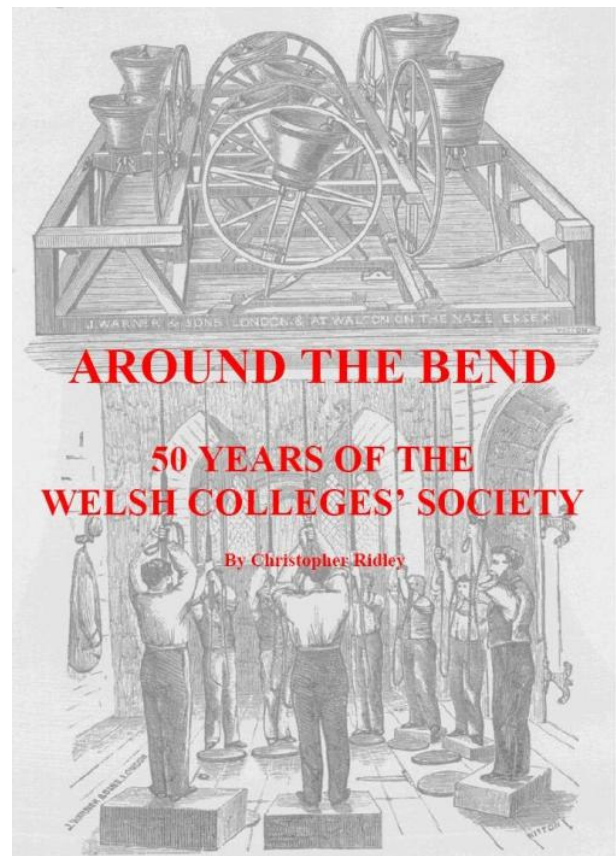
Our tours to Sussex in April, Kent in July and Warwickshire in October also attracted healthy numbers of people including some new members. I take personal credit for providing the catering officers on the Autumn tour with the challenge of cooking without catering equipment, which I'd left at home. A challenge they rose to magnificently, I'm pleased to report.

An up to date constitution has been agreed on, and this is available on the website.

We were unfortunate to lose Joyce Medhurst, a keen supporter of the Families Tours, who sadly lost her fight to cancer in July. A quarter peal in celebration of her life was rung on the Summer Tour.

Unfortunately other personal commitments have put themselves in the way of organising a trip to Lundy this year. I hope to revisit this idea in the new year.

The Society's history book written by Chris Ridley was published in May. "Around the Bend" details events and other information about the Society from its inauguration in 1959 to the end of its 50th anniversary year. We are all grateful to Chris for the hard work he has put into producing this definitive guide to the past 50 years of the Society.



The cover of "Around the Bend".

I look forward to seeing many of you at Society events in 2011.

Stephen Penney
General Secretary

Peals

Only one peal has been rung by the Society in 2010, which proved to be the Society's 100th:

Date	Tower	Method	Conductor
13/02/2010	Bledlow, Holy Trinity	5088 Yorkshire Surprise Major	Timothy M Payne

New members

The following were elected as members in the year to November 2010:

Katie Lewis (Cardiff)
Llyr Thomas-James (Glamorgan)
Cathy Ockwell (Aberystwyth)
Gareth Thomas (Aberystwyth)
Kerry Middleton (Cardiff)
Amy Dixon (Cardiff)

Karen Herbert (Associate)
Kevin Johnson (Associate)
Richard Jacklin (Associate)
Roger Haynes (Associate)
Sam Haynes (Associate)

Tours 2011

Dinner and AGM: 11th – 13th February, Stockport
Easter Tour: 14th – 17th April, Derbyshire
Summer Tour: 27th – 31st July, Cambridge
Autumn Tour: 28th – 30th October, Monmouthshire

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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

2011 Annual Dinner and Barn Dance

The Moor Suite, Heaton Moor, Stockport
www.themoorsuite.co.uk
Saturday February 12th 2011

Please choice of meat or vegetarian (plus any other special requirements), with a cheque payable to "Martyn Owen" for £30 per head, to: 89 Crosby Street, Cale Green, Stockport, Cheshire, SK2 6SP.
Please include a return address.

STARTER

Home-made soup and fresh Bread

MAIN

Chicken and/or lamb with a selection of fresh vegetables and gravy (vegetarian option available).

DESSERT

Choice from eight different gateaux

TEA OR COFFEE

The Bar will have real ales from Hydes brewery.

More details including recommended local hotels will be made available on the Society's web page.

Deadline for ordering tickets is Monday 31st January 2011.

HOTEL SUGGESTIONS

<http://www.innkeeperslodge.com/lodgedetail.asp?id=73> (May now be full)

The Saxon Holme Hotel
230 Wellington Rd North, Standish, Stockport
Phone: +44 (0)161 432 2335

Premier Inn Stockport South
73 Buxton Rd, Heaviley, Stockport, · Map
Phone: +44 (0)870 197 7242

More suggestions:

<http://www.4hotels.co.uk/uk/stockport.html>
<http://www.smoothhound.co.uk/stockpor.html>