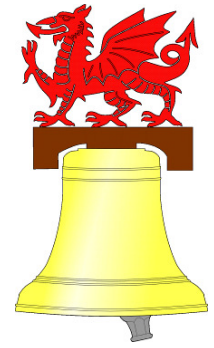


WELSH COLLEGES SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS



2013 Newsletter

A quarter peal tour in London organised by the Master, Rhiannon Meredith, got the year off to a strong start with ten quarters being scored despite a lock-out, a miscall, and a heavy night of imbibing on the Friday. Quarter peal weekends in May and August also saw more firsts being scored for society members.

A peal of Isleworth S Royal at St John's Cardiff was successfully called by Tim Payne, evidently hopeful to avoid the usual dinner toast taken by those who have lost a peal with him during the year.



Paul Parker shows his approval of the dinner.

The Dinner Tour in Staffordshire saw the return of Dickon Love as guest speaker. "Tiger"'s speech as Romance officer was challenging for all present, but the evening was an enjoyable one and we are grateful to Sue Rainsbury for the arrangements and for her efforts over the past year.

At the AGM Sarah Tadman was elected Master, with Cathy Ockwell as Deputy Master and Paul Parker as Social Secretary.

The Easter Tour took us to Bristol where we had a walking tour of the City on the Saturday. This included a visit up the Wills Memorial Tower to see Great George; a bell many of us follow on twitter.

"Whose idea was Devon?" was the question posed by one T-Shirt and a few dozen legs on the Summer

Tour as the hills took their toll. The Denmisch ring in Okehampton provided us with not only the novelty value of the Saxilby Simulators, but also refreshments that were welcomed after a hard day's cycling.



The band that rang the peal of Isleworth S Royal

The Autumn Tour to South Wales included a trip to the Hopcraft brewery where the Social Secretary had commissioned a personalised batch of beer for the society. The meeting was our 150th, so champagne and balloons were provided, accompanied by party games and Chris Mundy on the piano.



The Master and Social Secretary with friends at the Hopcraft brewery.

We look forward to seeing many of you at Society events in 2014.

Stephen Penney, General Secretary

Peals

| Date | Tower | Method | Conductor |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| 9 th November | Cardiff, St John the Baptist | 5040 Isleworth Surprise Royal | T Payne |

New members

No new members were elected during 2013.

Tours 2014

Master's ¼ peal tour: 3rd – 5th January, Manchester
Dinner and AGM: 7th – 9th February, Stevenage
Easter Tour: 10th – 13th April, Oxford
Summer Tour: 23rd – 27th July, Suffolk
Autumn Tour: 24th – 26th October, Cheltenham

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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

Facebook – [facebook.com/groups/welshcolleges](https://www.facebook.com/groups/welshcolleges)
Twitter - @welshcolleges

2014 Annual Dinner

The Novotel, Stevenage, Herts
Saturday 8th February 2014

STARTER

Essence of chicken and celeriac soup
or
Warm tartlet of spinach, sundried plum tomato & mascarpone on a bed of soft herb salad (v)
or
Haddock and red onion fishcake, tamarind & chilli glaze tossed salad, lemon & ginger yoghurt

MAIN COURSE

Crispy salmon fillet on a basil flavoured bean cassoulet, beurre blanc, haricot salad
or
Slow braised lamb shank with rosemary & thyme, creamy mash potato, roasted root vegetables and lamb jus
or
Spring Vegetable risotto, parmesan flakes with an aged balsamic reduction and crunchy salad

DESSERT

Luxury chocolate fudge cake, rich Cointreau pouring cream
or
Sticky toffee pudding, with dates, muscovado sugar and a creamy toffee sauce
or
Selection of British and continental cheese served with cheese crackers and a spiced apricot chutney

Tea, Coffee & Mints

Children's Menu:

Tomato Soup
Chicken Goujons with French fries and peas
Banana Split

Price is £40 per adult, £20 per child

Payment and choices to Paul Parker by 12th January 2014. Money must be received by this date to enable your place to be booked with the hotel.

Email socialsecretary@welshcolleges.org.uk for more details.