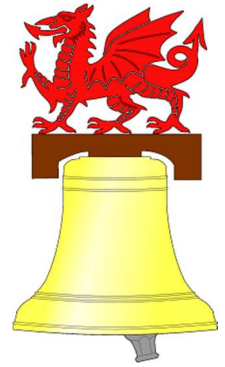


# WELSH COLLEGES SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS



## 2015 Newsletter

2015 has been a very active year for the society, helped not least by the current Master's enthusiasm for arranging quarter peal weekends. As a result probably more quarter peals have been rung by the society than in any previous, and the number attempted has certainly broken all records.

A new method named "Welsh Colleges' Society Bob Major" was introduced to the repertoire on tours, and after several unsuccessful quarter peal attempts a peal was organised, and a quarter peal promptly scored.

The Dinner Tour to Aberystwyth was enjoyable for all, not least the guest speaker who was unable to arise the following morning in time for his meeting in Cambridge. The peal attempt at Llanbadarn came to a mercifully premature end.

The Easter tour featured a memorable visit to the Green Duck Brewery in Stourbridge, as well as a day travelling between towers on the Severn Valley Railway.



*Society members at the Green Duck Brewery.*

The Welsh Colleges' "Bake Off" remained a focal point of the Summer Tour, with Rhiannon's Battenberg taking the crown spoon.



*Rhiannon's award winning Battenberg, alongside the mangled remains of my own.*

A handbell quarter was attempted on almost every tour, but so far success has eluded us on every occasion – even one memorable attempt spent standing in a field as Vic ushered away cows and a bemused rabbit.

Welsh Colleges' clothing hit the High Streets in June, with t-shirts, polo shirts and fleeces being ordered by many people, and the very first Welsh Colleges' onesie being sported by Sarah Greenaway (who else?).

Four weddings of Society members took place in 2015 – Daniel Knight and Sarah Meaden, Andy Barnes and Eleanor Payne, Adam Vellender and Patricia Jopling, and Matthew Greenaway and Sarah West. Our congratulations go to them, and we can be sure they will receive an honourable mention in the Romance Officer's speech at the Dinner in February, to be delivered in 2016 by Iain Scott.

We look forward to seeing many of you at Society events in 2016.

Stephen Penney,  
General Secretary

## Peals

Date	Tower	Method	Conductor
05/12/2015	London, St Dunstan-in-the-West	5040 Spliced S Royal (4m)	Richard H Burton

## New members

The following were elected as members in the year to November 2015:

Daniel Munday (Aberystwyth)  
Emma Davies (Cardiff)

David Phillips (Associate)  
Greg Gardener (Associate)  
Harriet Haynes (Associate)

## Tours 2016

Master's ¼ peal tour: 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> January, Derby  
Dinner and AGM: 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> February, Middlesex  
Easter Tour: 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> April, Essex  
Summer Tour: 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> July, Norfolk  
Autumn Tour: 28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> October, Golden Valley

## 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

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

## Society Officers and Officials 2015/6

Master	Richard Wolfgang
Deputy Master	Sue Rainsbury
Social Secretaries	Ainsley Gilbert Cathy Ockwell
General Secretary	Stephen Penney
Catering Officers	Sue Rainsbury Rose Horton Emilie Poultney
Mascot Keeper	Rose Horton
Webmaster	Stephen Penney
Romance Officer	Iain Scott

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## 2016 Annual Dinner

The Bridge Hotel, Greenford, Middlesex  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2016

### STARTER

Vegetable Soup with crusty bread (V)  
*or*  
Homemade Fish Cake & Hollandaise Sauce  
*or*  
Chicken Liver Parfait with red onion chutney

### MAINS

Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding  
*or*  
Cornfed Chicken Breast  
*or*  
Cod Fillet with Basil Mash with green beans & a chilli & parsley butter  
*or*  
Mushroom Wellington with tomato coulis (V)

### DESSERTS

Warm Chocolate Brownie with vanilla ice cream  
*or*  
Classic Cream Brulee With vanilla shortbread  
*or*  
Fresh Fruit Salad  
*or*  
Selection of Ice Cream

### CHILDREN'S MENU

Chicken Goujons & chips  
Sausage & mash or chips  
Fish & chips  
Pasta in tomato sauce  
Ice cream

Ticket price is £35 per adult and £5 for children (up to 16)

Choices to [socialsecretary@welshcolleges.org.uk](mailto:socialsecretary@welshcolleges.org.uk) by 10<sup>th</sup> January 2016. Please contact Social Secretaries at this address for payment options.

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