



WELSH COLLEGES' SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS



2017 Newsletter

The Master's Quarter Peal Tour to Nottingham kicked off 2017 in fine style, not least with a peal of Grandsire Cinques at St Mary's – the first on twelve for half the band.



The band that rang the peal of Grandsire Cinques

Our dinner in February was at The George Hotel in Lichfield, where we are returning to in February – booking details are on the reverse of this newsletter. If last year was anything to go by this promises to be a very enjoyable weekend.

The Easter Tour was to a surprisingly sunny South-West Wales. Rose's first quarter peal of Surprise Major as conductor marked the start of tour, and we finished with a traditional trip to Joe's Ice-Cream on the Mumbles.

Summer took us to Leicestershire, where a few of us narrowly avoided serious injury while following Pat downhill, but managed to settle our nerves on the Saturday by enjoying a few ales while taking the Great Central Railway between towers.



The youth of the society babysit Puff



Tour attendees outside Llanelli Parish Church, taken by a member of Llanelli church to use in their campaign on promoting bell ringing

The Autumn Tour was to Wells, where members were not put off by the prospect of a 56cwt ring of ten and a curry provided by the catering officers.

Quarter peal tours to Northampton and Bristol kept up the tradition of extra-curricular weekends away.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Lichfield in 2018 for what will be my final tour as General Secretary, and at the other Society events throughout the year.

Stephen Penney,
General Secretary

Peals

Date	Tower	Method	Conductor
14/01/2017	Nottingham	5037 Grandsire Cinques	Timothy M Payne

New members

The following were elected as members in the year to November 2017:

Cathy Potter (Cardiff)
Hayley Clarke (Swansea)
Poppy Wheeler (Cardiff)

Lizzie Nichols (Associate)
Evelyn Greenaway (Associate)

Tours 2018

Master's tour: 13th January, Liverpool & Warrington
Dinner and AGM: 2nd – 4th February, Lichfield
Easter Tour: 12th – 15th April, West Dorset
Summer Tour: 25th – 28th July, Kent
Autumn Tour: 26th – 28th October, Gloucestershire

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
Twitter - @welshcolleges

Society Officers and Officials 2017/8

Master	Iain Scott
Deputy Master	Rose Horton
Social Secretary	Heather Griffiths
General Secretary	Stephen Penney
Catering Officers	Martyn Owen Alex Haynes
Mascot Keeper	Lizzie Nichols
Webmaster	Stephen Penney
Romance Officer	James Mort

Correspondence

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For queries relating specifically to tours, email the Social Secretary at socialsecretary@welshcolleges.org.uk.

2018 Annual Dinner

The George Hotel, Lichfield
Saturday 3rd February 2018

STARTER

Root vegetable soup with thyme croutons (V)
Served with a freshly baked roll and English butter

or

Due of melon (V)
Apple salad, honey crème fraiche

or

Baked mushrooms, blue cheese crust (V)
Watercress and balsamic salad

MAIN

Pan fried chicken breast
Creamy mashed potatoes, chive cream sauce

or

Roast salmon fillet
Gnocchi, rich tomato sauce

or

Mediterranean vegetable stack (V)
Roast new potatoes, balsamic tomato sauce

DESSERT

Lemon tart
Chantilly cream, raspberries

or

Bread and butter pudding
Orange custard

or

A selection of English cheeses
With a selection of biscuits, celery ribbons, chutney and grapes

Ticket price is £35.

Choices to socialsecretary@welshcolleges.org.uk by Sunday 31st December. Please contact Social Secretary at this address for payment options.

If you wish to stay at the hotel, please contact them directly to make the necessary arrangements (see: www.thegeorgelichfield.co.uk/).

Quoting "Welsh Colleges' Society of Change Ringers" should secure the following bed and breakfast rates: Single room: £59; Double room: £79; Executive room: £94.