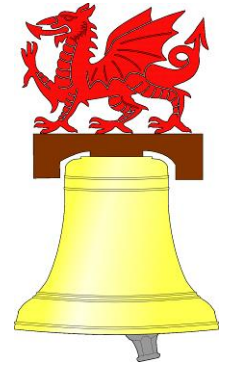


WELSH COLLEGES' SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS



2018 Newsletter

In 2018 the then Master decided to hold a Quarter Peal Day in Liverpool. Quarter Peals of St Clements and Surprise Major (3m) were achieved.

Our dinner was again held at The George Hotel in Lichfield, who surprisingly allowed us to return. On the Friday before the dinner, a Peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung as a compliment to Stephen Penney who stood down as General Secretary at the AGM after 11 years in the role. 2019 will mark the Welsh College's 60th Year and booking details for the Annual Dinner, to be held in Bath, are on the reverse of this newsletter.

The Easter Tour was to West Dorset, and was preceded by a quarter peal of Cambridge Minor to welcome Samuel Drysdale to the world. As in 2017 the Society went to the seaside (in Lyme Regis), and despite the slightly inclement weather, a good time was had by all.

Kent was the destination for the Summer Cycling Tour. For once, Summer meant Summer and there was much sweating whilst cycling, followed by necessary rehydration.



The Welsh Colleges Open Water Unsynchronised Swimming Team practising on the Summer Tour

Welsh Colleges Society
Mavesyn Ridware Staffordshire
 Friday 2nd February 2018
 In 2 hours 35 minutes 8.3-7
 At the church of St Nicholas
5088 Yorkshire Surprise Major
 Donald F Morrison (no. 1947)

Sue Wolfgang	I	Ross E Hartley	II
James P Mork	II	Timothy C Hine	III
D Rose W Horton	III	Anthony P Cotton c.	IV
Heather E Griffiths	IV	Jain D Scott	V

Rung preceding the Welsh Colleges Annual Dinner as a compliment to Percy, who is retiring as General Secretary after 11 years.

Birthday compliment to the outgoing Social Secretary. ♪

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The Autumn Tour took the Society to the Cotswolds, which was extremely well attended and very enjoyable. The Society provided the entire Sunday Service Band for the 12 at Cirencester. Special mention must be made of the Catering Officers who prepared a fabulous 3 Course dinner without an oven.

Quarter peal tours to Swindon, Rugby and Gloucester helped a number of people ring 'firsts' and demonstrate the good standard of ringing the WCs can achieve, as well as being very enjoyable for those attending.

I look forward to seeing members of the Society at our various events through 2019.

Ainsley Gilbert,
General Secretary

Peals

Date	Tower	Method	Conductor
02/02/2018	Mavesyn Ridware	5088 Yorkshire Surprise Major	Anthony P Cotton

New members

The following were elected as members in the year to December 2018:

Hannah Green (Bangor)
Nick Deadman (Associate)

Tours 2019

Master's tour: 4th – 6th January, Brecon (FULL)

Dinner and AGM: 8th - 10th February, Bath

Easter Tour: 11th - 14th April, Nidderdale

Summer Tour: 24th - 28th July, Isle of Wight

Autumn Tour: 25th - 27th October, Forest of Dean

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 2018/9

Master	Alex Haynes
Deputy Master	Poppy Wheeler
Social Secretary	Roger Haynes
General Secretary	Ainsley Gilbert
Catering Officers	Richard Wolfgang Sue Wolfgang
Mascot Keeper	Stephen Penney
Webmaster	Stephen Penney
Romance Officer	Heather Griffiths

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2019 Annual Dinner

Hilton Hotel, Bath
Saturday 9th February

STARTERS

- Salmon and Monk Fish Terrine
- Petit Pois and Ham Soup
- Pear and Walnut Salad with Cured Ham
- Greek Salad with Olives and Feta Cheese (v)

MAINS

- Slow cooked Lamb Shank (Mashed Potato and Root Vegetables with a Garlic and Rosemary Jus)
- Braised Beef Shin (Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Chateau Potatoes, Root Vegetables and Gravy)
- Pan-fried Chicken Breast stuffed with French Brie (Mediterranean Vegetables and Olive Crushed New Potatoes, with a Rich Tomato Sauce)
- Wild Mushroom Risotto topped with Parmesan and White Truffle Oil (Garlic Bread) (v)

DESERTS

- A Trio of local Bath Cheese with Sweet Chutney and Biscuits
- Profiteroles filled with Fresh Cream (v) Served with a Warm Chocolate Sauce
- Chocolate and Pistachio Torte with a Raspberry Sauce (v)
- Glazed Lemon Tart with Raspberries (v)

Ticket price is £35.

Choices to socialsecretary@welshcolleges.org.uk by Sunday 20th January. 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.hilton.com and search for 'Bath City' or call 0122 463 411).

Quoting "Welsh Colleges' Society of Change Ringers" by phone should secure preferential rates, although members have found that by joining the Hilton Honours Club (free) lower prices can be obtained online.