

Bridgnorth District News

October 2022



Dates for your diary

22nd Oct - District Meeting, Worfield 2.30pm

19th Nov - ART Teaching Course, Stoke St Milborough

4th Feb - District AGM

District Summer Social

On 30th July the District visited Ryton for ringing and a circular walk. We then called at Shifnal for more ringing and a meal. The event was attended by ringers from Bridgnorth, Broseley, Claverley, Coalbrookdale, Dawley and Much Wenlock.



Ringling for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Ringling took place across the District following the death of the Queen on 8th September.

Ringling for the Queen at St. Mary's and St. Leonard's

The bell ringers of Bridgnorth, with help from ringers from Chelmarsh and two ringers who were in the area on holiday, were honoured to take part in the ringling which has taken place across the



nation. To mark the announcement of her death on Thursday 8th September we rang half muffled at St Mary's at noon on Friday 9th September and again at noon on Saturday 10th September. On Sunday 11th September a service of Commemoration was held at St Mary Magdalene and we rang, half muffled, for half an hour prior to that service.

On Monday 19th September we were able to ring at both St Mary Magdalene and St Leonard's churches from 10:00 until 11:00, before the funeral of Her Majesty Queen II.

This is the first time in the memory of our ringers (over 30 years) that the bells of both churches have been rung at the same time for the same reason.

On Sunday 11th September at 16:30, in the midst of the ringing for Her Majesty, the bells of St Leonard's were rung open to celebrate the proclamation of King Charles III.

Quarter peal for the Queen at Morville

Ian Rowe rang the tenor at Morville half-muffled 96 times at the specified time on Friday 9th September, and repeated that at 10.45am on Monday 19th September.

On Thursday 15th September Ian and some regular visiting ringers and rang a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples in her memory.



Update from Val at Much Wenlock

Like everyone we received news of the death of our Queen with great sadness and wanted to make sure Much Wenlock joined in the many remembrances of her with our bells. On Friday 9th September our four ringers took it in turns to toll the tenor between 12 noon and 1 p.m. We invited people to visit the ringing chamber during this time and quite a number did so. On Sunday 11th our Holy Communion service was advertised as taking place during the mourning period and although Central Council information said we could ring open for The King we felt it more appropriate to keep the bells half muffled. The service was attended by Mrs. Claire Brentnal DL. A Vigil Service was held on the evening of Sunday 18th and the tenor was again tolled half muffled.

Unfortunately we have not yet credited any ringing to King Charles III but this will hopefully be done in the next couple of weeks. We are so very dependent upon friends from around the area helping us.

I was very interested to read Ginette's article in the Ringing World. I remember ringing at Broseley and at District meetings with Arthur Garbett and Joyce White. I used to accompany my father to Broseley and District meetings and held them in some esteem. I do remember Arthur Garbett's brother too but he seemed to disappear from the scene. Joyce White married a man named Probert and there are still members of this family in Broseley so it may be possible to find out what happened to Joyce. Mr. Garbett moved to Devon, as stated in a letter in the Ringing World, and was very much a welcome ringer.

Article on Broseley in Ringing World

An article on 'The past and future of ringing at Broseley' was published in the Ringing World on 9th September (page 848). This came about as a result of some quarter peals from 1929 to 1953 that Ginette sent for publication. This photo of the Broseley ringers in the 1940s came to light after the article was written.

