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Special Ringing following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday 8th September and for the Proclamation of King Charles III on Saturday 10th September 2022

Thursday 8th September: half-muffled ringing on the day of the death of HM Queen Elizabeth:

Chesham: General ringing: Godfrey C Reynolds, Lottie Drew, David Neale, Rev Timothy J Yates, Frances Mathew, Margaret Woolley, Keith Bond

Friday 9th September: ringing in memory of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II:

Amersham: 96 Tolling, Call changes, 120 Grandsire Doubles, Diminishing Rounds, followed by 5 minutes tenor tolling: Renny Thomas, Christine Nunn, Rosalind Garrett-Bowes, Janet Galloway, Matthew R Johnson, Peter J Sippitt, Christopher J Potter, Euan R M Thomas. Fully muffled with tenor open at backstroke.

Beaconsfield: 60 min Changes and Tolling: Jen Slade, Kerry Smaje, Peter Sanders, Geoff Hopkinson, David Knowles, Andrew Halford.

Bray: Tolling (30min): Maggie Ross

Burnham: Half-muffled rounds and call changes

Chalfont St Peter: 60min muffled call changes: Steven Ridlington-White, Val Robbins, Gerald Diss, Hilary Jelly, Jill Cordell, Ian Cordell, Robyn Elderfield, Deborah Goodey, Ann Clark, Rita Blyth, John Lever.

Clewer: 60 min Tolling: Simon J Taylor, Jane Cockman, Diane Darren.

Cookham: Rounds and Queens: 1 Marcia L Dieppe (C), 2 Mandy R Salter, 3 Karen L Townsend, 4 Roger A Webb, 5 David M Brookes, 6 Claire L Fisher, 7 Joan E Mantle, 8 Shirley A Gostling, 9 Timmy Mallett, 10 Martin H Gostling. Fully muffled with tenor open at backstroke.

Denham: Tolling no.6 bell: Runi Kanadia, using Ellacombe Chimes.

Fulmer: 60min Tolling half-muffled tenor: Valerie Foa, Celia Thomas, Keith Sugden. 5 minutes each in rotation.

Hambleton: 50min Tolling prior to prayers for the Queen: Karen, Gay, Chris, Sandy, Helen, Daniel.

High Wycombe: 60min tolling of tenor prior to Requiem Eucharist: Patricia Newton, John Hearn, Robert Newton, James Vockins.

Hitcham: 20min Tolling of tenor: Roger Webb

Hughenden: 96 half-muffled rounds: 1 David A Cornwall (C), 2 Laura Griffen, 3 Verity Nicholls, 4 Rev Tracey Jones, 5 Ian Desborough, 6 Gillian Hargreaves.

Lane End: Tolling: Peter Rose

Langley: Tolling: Liz Jones

Marlow: 60min Half-muffled tolling of tenor: Sian Robinson, Jonathan Gallop, Oliver Hart.



Penn: 60min Muffled rounds and call changes: 1 Peter Barrett, 2 Gary Clark, 3 Thomas Sharpe, 4 Judy Weaver, 5 Sue Riley, 6 Judith Ellis.

Slough: 60min Tolling of tenor: Stephen A Wheeler

Stoke Poges:

Turville: 60min Muffled tolling of no.5 bell: Rachel Wallace with assistance of Ann Lazur, Alison Miles.

Winkfield: Call changes, Grandsire and Bob Doubles: Trevor Scott, Jill Glennerster, Sue Woods, Sarah Buchanan, Ally Brown, Kathryn Harris, Lynn Funnell, Sylvie.

Wraybury: Tolling at noon.

Saturday 10th September: Open ringing for the Proclamation of King Charles III:

Chalfont St Giles: 30min Call changes: 1 John C Davidge, 2 Kathy Douthwaite, 3 Fred Reynolds, 4 Angela Bass, 5 Rosalind Garrett-Bowes, 6 Janet Galloway, 7 Keith C Sugden, 8 Stuart Galloway.

Clewer: 20 min General Ringing: Jane Cockman, Ann Thompson.

Cookham: Rounds and call changes, including King's: Marcia Dieppe (C), Roger Webb, David Brookes, Claire Fisher, Joan Mantle, Timmy Mallet, Martin Gostling.

High Wycombe: 1260 Mixed Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): 1 Françoise Allen, 2 Verity Nicholls, 3 Patricia Newton (C), 4 Robert Newton, 5 John Hearn, 6 Simon Arthur-Hewitt.

Hughenden: 15 min chiming on the old tenor: Rev Tracey Jones.

Slough: 15 mins rounds and mixed minimus: 1 Nicholas L Brown, 2 Stephen A Wheeler, 3 Fiona M Wheeler, 4 Trevor J E Woodward.

Sunday 11th September: Ringing for the Proclamation of King Charles III:

Denham: 15 min Rounds and call changes: Peter Scott, Roger Gage, Mary Gage, Keith Sugden, Andrew Simpson, Matt Cadman. Before the local proclamation on the nearby Village Green.

Hambleden: Rounds and call changes: Sam, Jon, Theo, Gay, Sandy, Karen, Helen.

Turville: Rounds and call changes (Queens followed by Kings): 1 Rachel Wallace, 2 Ann Lazur, 3 Justine Adams, 4 Alison Miles, 5 Anne Turnbull, 6 Nigel Page (C).

Sunday 11th September: Service ringing in memory of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II:

Denham: No. 6 tolled at midday.

High Wycombe: 1260 Mixed Doubles (420 Stedman, 840 Grandsire): 1 Patricia Newton, 2 Sheila George, 3 Verity Nicholls, 4 John Hearn, 5 Robert Newton (C), 6 Françoise Allen. Half-muffled for Choral Evensong.

Langley: Fully muffled with tenor open at backstroke.

Slough: Half-muffled rounds, covered minimus, call changes and tolling: Nicholas L Brown, Stephen A Wheeler, Fiona M Wheeler, Trevor J E Woodward, Margaret Way. For morning service.

Saturday 17th September: Ringing in memory of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II:

Amersham: 1260 Grandsire Doubles: 1 Colin M Parker (C), 2 Jillian E Parker, 3 Rosalind J Garrett-Bowes, 4 Janet Galloway, 5 Martin Whitaker, 6 Stuart J V Galloway. Fully muffled with tenor open at backstroke.

Sunday 18th September: Service ringing in memory of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II:

Beaconsfield: 40 min call changes for Civic Service: Jen Slade, Kerry Smaje, Peter Sanders, Geoff Hopkinson, David Knowles, Andrew Halford.

Burnham: 30 min Call changes (rounds and queens) rung before the church's commemoration service.

Clewer: 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: 1 Lesley S Cross, 2 Simon D Smith (C), 3 Jane Cockman, 4 Vikki E M Bulbeck, 5 Holley Wakeling. Half-muffled before a memorial service.

Cookham: General Ringing and Call Changes, including Queen's: Ruth Daniel, Mandy Salter, Marcia Dieppe (C), Karen Townsend, Joan Mantle, Claire Fisher, Roger Webb, Freddie Daniel, Timmy Mallet, Andrew McKerlie, Martin Gostling, for Commemorative Service.

Denham: 30 min Rounds and call changes: Peter Scott, Rachel Charles, Keith Sugden, Andrew Simpson, Matt Cadman, Roger Gage. Fully muffled with tenor open at backstroke before morning service.

Langley: Fully muffled ringing with tenor open at backstroke for a Memorial Evensong.

Maidenhead: 1260 Grandsire Triples: 1 Holley F Wakeling, 2 Vikki E M Bulbeck, 3 Martha C Hazell, 4 Jacqueline M Hazell, 5 Michael J Trimm (C), 6 Edward C Westlake, 7 Simon D Smith, 8 Lesley S Cross. Fully muffled with the tenor open at backstroke.

Penn: 45 min Rounds and call changes: 1 Amanda Almeida, 2 Judy Weaver, 3 Thomas Sharpe, 4 Gary Clark. Half-muffled before Morning Service.

Monday 19th September: Ringing on the day of the State Funeral of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II:

Amersham: 96 tolling of tenor and call changes with diminishing rounds: Christine M Nunn, Margaret Wise, Valerie J Simmonds, Renny Thomas, Janet Galloway, Euan R M Thomas, Matthew R Johnson. Fully muffled with tenor open at backstroke.

Beaconsfield: 60 min Changes and tolling: Jen Slade, Kerry Smaje, Peter Sanders, Geoff Hopkinson, David Knowles, Andrew Halford.

Bray: 1260 Grandsire Triples: 1. Michael J Trimm, 2 Tim R Palmer (C), 3 Martha C Hazell, 4 Jacqueline M Hazell, 5 Simon J Taylor, 6 Margaret H Ross, 7 Charles M S Botting, 8 Oliver D Cross. Half-muffled by a local band. (Margaret Carlyle, Carl Friedmann and John Noakes also participated in a touch before the quarter peal.)

Burnham: 60 min Call changes (rounds and queens)

Chalfont St Giles: 75 min Call changes Kathy Douthwaite, Louise Gill, Angela Bass, Caroline E Jackson, John C Davidge, Siegfried G Bonhomme, Anais Bonhomme.

Chesham: Half-muffled general ringing (Plain Bob Minor, Whole pull Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob Doubles, culminating in diminishing rounds): Godfrey C Reynolds, Martin Whitaker, Stuart Galloway, Frances Mathew, David Neale, Kate Yerby, Rev Dr Tim Yates.

Clewer: 60 min Rounds and call changes: Holley Wakeling, Jane Cockman, Dianne Darren, Kerry Baker, Andrew Carter.

Clewer: 96 half-muffled tolling for the internment: Jane Cockman

Cookham: General ringing and tolling: Ruth J Daniel, Mandy R Salter, Marcia L Dieppe (C), Karen L Townsend, Joan E Mantle, Claire L Fisher, Freddie Daniel, Shirley A Gostling, Timmy Mallett, Martin H Gostling, David M Brookes.

Denham: 45 min Rounds and call changes, ending by tolling the tenor, fully muffled with tenor open at backstroke: Peter Scott, Roger Gage, Mary Gage, Keith Sugden, Andrew Simpson, Rachel Charles.

Fulmer: Muffled ringing with tenor half-muffled: Valerie Foa, Grania Wright, Celia Thomas.

Hambleden: 60 min call changes (Queens, Kings, Princes, Princesses and tolled a bell 96 times repeatedly): Gay, Sandy, Brian, Chris, Karen, Helen, Daniel.

High Wycombe: 60 min half-muffled call changes, Plain Hunt on 9, Stedman Triples and Tolling: Françoise Allen, Gillian Blair, Sheila Bruce, Ann Davies, Tom Davies, John Hearn, Kevin Lovell, Patricia Newton, Robert Newton, James Vockins.

Hitcham: 20 min tolling of tenor: Roger A Webb.

Hughenden: Half-muffled call changes: 1 Elizabeth Mundy, 2 Verity Nicholls, 3 David A Cornwall, 4 Ian Desborough, 5 Laura Griffen, 6 Gillian Hargreaves, 7 Clifford Davies, 8 Andrew Ottaway (C). Special thanks to Clifford Davies for adding and removing the muffles.

Lane End: General ringing: Catherine Hopkins, Colin Meakes, Ian Sparrowhawk, Jane Fowler, Kat Gaska, Peter Rose, Roger Hagon, Susannah Clements, Tanya Sims.

Marlow: Fully muffled Plain Bob Triples: Sam Boughton, Tina Ruff, Mick Francis, Mike Spracklen, Sian Robinson, Jon Boughton, Peter Jasper, Jonathan Gallop.

Penn: 45 mins Tolling: Gary Clark, Judy Weaver, Amanda Almeida

Slough: 60 min Half-muffled tolling of tenor: Trevor J E Woodward.

Turville: 60 min Half-muffled tolling of tenor: Nigel Page, assisted by Rachel Wallace, Alison Miles, Ann Lazur, Anne Turnbull.

Windsor Curfew Tower: 66 Tolling of tenor: Stephen R Smith II. 65 single strokes of the tenor bell rung full circle at minute intervals during the procession of the coffin of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II from the Long Walk to St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, prior to the committal service, with an additional stroke as the coffin entered the west door. With assistance of Vikki Bulbeck and James White.

Windsor St John the Baptist: 60 mins tolling of tenor: Simon D Smith, Lesley S Cross.

Wrybury: 60 min ringing.

Special ringing at later dates:

Windsor Curfew Tower: Sunday 2nd October: 780 Plain Bob Doubles, followed by 96 Plain Bob Minimus with cover. 1 Vikki Bulbeck, 2 Simon Smith, 3 Roderick Bickerton, 4 James White, 5 William Stungo. Prior to the quarterly obit service (postponed by a week).

Bray:

Oxford Diocesan Guild

Bray, Berkshire, St Michael

Sunday 16 October 2022 in 3h 10 (24-3-27 in D)

5184 Bristol Surprise Major

Composed by James W Holdsworth

1 Martha C Hazell 5 Margaret H Ross

2 Michael J Trimm (C) 6 Simon D Smith

3 Jacqueline M Hazell 7 Tim R Palmer

4 Charles M S Botting 8 Oliver D Cross

First Treble Bob: 1. First of Surprise Major: 6. First of Bristol: 3.

Rung by a local band in memory of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Further information from some towers:

Burnham: Even though our steeple keeper, Rob, was in Germany on business, Emma, our tower captain, and Pete, one of our churchwardens, saw that a flag was flying at half-mast and that all eight bells had been half muffled by Thursday evening, 8th September. We rang half muffled call changes on the front 6 on Friday at noon. However, on Sunday, 18th, whilst again ringing call changes on the front 6, the muffle on the treble decided to move to the hand-stroke side. Having failed to get the tenor up right, Rob, home for the week-end, took that muffle off while re-attaching the treble muffle.

With the tenor tolling impressively on Monday, 19th, we rang call changes on all 8 bells and also a short touch of rounds on 2 3 5 6 7 (Dorian Mode?) which sounded very appropriate for funereal ringing. Whilst ringing the treble, however, I was somewhat confused by the tenor which was, to my ears at least, sounding the treble note as it struck at back-stroke, just as I was pulling off the treble hand-stroke. Has anyone else suffered this? Or is it just that my hearing plays all manner of tricks on me now-a-days? In any event, I was confused.

Cliff Blundell

Denham: The announcement of the Queen's death came while I was away for a few days and with our bells already up ready to celebrate the church's Patronal Festival (later cancelled) which slightly complicated matters! After a flurry of phone calls, emails and text messages we managed several sessions of ringing at St Mary's during the period of mourning and for the proclamation.

We also arranged safe access past the bells onto the tower roof (or did it ourselves) and liaised with the Parish Council over timings for the various requests for the Union Flag at half or full mast. *Andrew Simpson*

Turville: The ringing for the Proclamation of King Charles III was the first time there has been a full Turville band of 6 since before Covid lockdown when we lost several members at once. *Rachel Wallace*

Editorial:

Congratulations to everyone who took part in ringing during the period of mourning for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and also to those who managed to muffle, unmuffle and re-muffle bells as requested by the church authorities. There was ringing at some stage at almost all the towers in the Branch. I have listed what I was sent and what I could find on Bellboard at the start of this newsletter, and apologise if I have missed anything. No doubt we will be required to provide a lot of ringing in celebration of the coronation of King Charles III on Saturday 6th May next year, and I hope you will all respond as magnificently as you did to remember the Queen. At least we will have more time to plan and prepare for it.

Below is a list of forthcoming events for this year and for 2023. I regret that there is very little information available about Branch activities for next year but a list will be circulated via the google group in due course.

Patricia Newton

Other tower news:

Amersham:

Congratulations to 16 year old Euan Thomas on his election to the Ancient Society of College Youths. In addition to the ringing that Euan did at Amersham in September, he rang three peals outside the Branch:
Sat 10th Sept: 5152 Yorkshire Major at St Mary, Brownsea Island for Gloucester & Bristol D.A., dedicated to King Charles III on the day of his Accession.

Sun 11th Sept: 5040 Stedman Triples at St Mary the Virgin, Longcot for Oxford D.G. half muffled, and

Sat 17th Sept: 5096 Stedman Cinques at St Mary le Bow, Cheapside for ASCY, muffled with tenor open at backstroke. These two peals being in memory of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

Hambleden:

Congratulations to 11 year old Sam Boughton on ringing his first quarter peal:

Saturday 1st October at Shottesbrooke:

1260 Doubles (300 Grandsire, 480 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Place, 480 Plain Bob):

1 Sam Boughton, 2 Jon Boughton, 3 Peter Jasper (C),

4 Vikki Bulbeck, 5 Sian Robinson, 6 Holley Wakeling.



High Wycombe:



Congratulations to Simon Hewitt on his marriage to Hazel Arthur and on ringing his first quarter peal. He then rang his second quarter peal 6 days later in memory of the Queen.

Sunday 4th September

1260 Mixed Doubles (300 Stedman, 480 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob)

1 Tom Davies, 2 Matthew R Johnson, 3 Patricia Newton (C), 4 James Vockins, 5 Robert Newton, 6 Simon Arthur-Hewitt

First quarter peal at first attempt: 6. A belated wedding compliment to Simon Hewitt and Hazel Arthur married at this church on 23rd July.

Hughenden:

Ringling in Celebration of 70 years Membership of Oxford Diocesan Guild

Wednesday 21st September, David A Cornwall rang his first Quarter Peal for more than 2 years in recognition of his long membership of the ODG. The band rang Yorkshire Surprise Major and celebrated after with a pub lunch.

Sue Harris



(David 4th from left)

Hughenden, Buckinghamshire

St Michael and All Angels

Wednesday, 21 September 2022 (14–3–19 in F)

1280 Yorkshire Surprise Major

1Malcolm Hooton

2Julie Haseldine

3David Cornwall

4Kay Bartholomew

5Ruth Stokes

6Christopher Stokes

7Andrew Haseldine (C)

8Richard Horne

Rung to mark David Cornwall's 70 years of membership of The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

Penn:

A sequel to my earlier submission to an EBSB newsletter. As a series of long thankyou's to both Alison and Michael Bayley for their 52 years' service, 45 as Tower Captain and Steeple Keeper respectively at Holy Trinity Penn.

The unveiling of the quarter peal board took place on Sunday 25th Sept., delayed date due to holidays etc.--- herding cats presents less of a problem. Sunday Service ringing followed the unveiling. It was good to have a full complement of ringers. Following the Service Alison and Michael were able to meet friends from the Congregation, many of them went to view the peal board and Alison explaining the significance of it to them.

Then followed a very enjoyable lunch with the Penn Ringers at the Potters Arms.

We, the Penn Ringers, have received a very positive feedback from both Alison and Michael with particular reference to the quarter Peal Board. "the board is beautifully crafted, very meaningful and something that our family will be proud of".



Geoff, Alison, Michael

Our thanks must go to Geoff Hopkinson of Beaconsfield Tower who guided us through this process.

We opened our tower for the Heritage Weekend. We welcomed interested people into the ringing chamber, explained the ringing and working of each bell. Most of the people were keen to visit the belfry, taking them up one at a time, they being full of admiration and appreciation seeing the enormity. Communicating with a person down in the ringing room being able to ring a bell the visitor then able to visually see a bell in action, this generated great interest. We now await the results of our involvement.

We, as Penn Ringers, being few in numbers put a great deal of effort into this event. We have had one potential learner in the Tower learning the task of bell handling. We now await and hope that this interest continues.

Judy Weaver

GUILD 6-BELL CONTEST

Having won the EBSB Branch striking contest in June, High Wycombe "A" represented the Branch in the Guild contest on Saturday 1st October at Shaw-cum-Donnington. The other teams seemed better able to correct the odd-struckness of the bells, pushing High Wycombe down into joint 6th place. Judges Gordon Belcher and Jason Carter from Swindon area placed the bands as follows:

1 st	Faringdon	10 faults
2 nd	Newbury	14 faults
3 rd	Reading St Mary	16½ faults
3 rd	Shenley & Loughton	16½ faults
5 th	Wantage	17 faults
6 th	High Wycombe	23 faults
6 th	Church Hanborough	23 faults



Lorna Newton Striking Contest

It was good to be able to run the Lorna Newton Knock-out Striking Contest again after a two year gap. At the start of the year there was a lot of caution about socialising because of the Covid situation which resulted in a number of bands withdrawing from the contest. In the end, only 8 teams actually rang. Between them, Bray, High Wycombe "B" and Marlow eliminated Amersham, Cookham, Hambleden/Turville, Windsor Curfew Tower and Winkfield. Beaconsfield and Clewer both got through to the final on byes.

The final contest took place at Lane End on Saturday 8th October. Sadly Beaconsfield and Clewer both had to withdraw because of last minute drop-outs (at least one band because of Covid), which meant that only three teams competed in the final and each went away with a trophy.

The contest was judged by Matthew Johnson and Rosalind Garrett-Bowes of Amersham. Matthew congratulated the three teams on qualifying for the final and gave constructive comments about the speed and accuracy of each band. He noted how all bands made good use of their practice, improved as they went along and finished strongly. He announced the following results:

1 st High Wycombe "B"	16 faults
2 nd Bray	34 faults
3 rd Marlow	40 faults

Robert Newton presented the trophies to:



Peter Blower, High Wycombe



Margaret Carlyle on behalf of Bray



Tina Ruff, Marlow

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

2022:

October 22 Sat BP - Chesham 2pm-4pm

October 29 Sat ODG Steeple Aston Course and Rope Splicing Course

November 5 Sat ODG 10-bell Course – Shrivenham

November 12 Sat BP - Chalfont St Peter 10am-noon

November 19 Sat BP - Hambleden 1pm-3pm

November 26 Sat Guild 10-bell Contest – Shrivenham

December 10 Sat BP - Bray 5.30pm-7pm followed by social

2023:

April 15 Sat Radley Course

April 22 Sat EBSB Branch AGM – Maidenhead

May 1 Mon ODG Ringing Day- Chiltern Branch

May 20 Sat ODG AGM & 8-bell Contest

June 10 Sat EBSB Branch 6-bell Striking Contest - Chesham 5pm

July 8 Sat Guild Festival – Oxford City

September 30 Sat ODG Michaelmas Course EBSB and neighbouring branches

October 7 Sat ODG 6-bell Contest – Chipping Norton Branch

October 14 Sat BP - LN final and Half Yearly Meeting 5pm venue tba

October 28 Sat ODG Steeple Aston Course

November 25 Sat Guild 10-bell Contest – Banbury