



Obituary

Michael Richardson

06/02/1942 - 03/07/2021



Michael was born in Scotland and moved to Dublin when he was 4 years old as his father got a job there. Many years later he went to High School in Harcourt Street and then followed in his father's footsteps reading chemistry at Trinity.

On completion of his Ph D he took up a post at ICI Runcorn, where he worked until his retirement. It was in Chester that he met his wife of 48 years, Nicolette.

With his parents still in Dublin, there were many visits back to see them.

Michael started bell ringing in 1999 and was immediately hooked. There was a big push to get new ringers in England (UK) with the aim of getting every tower with ringable bells ready to ring in the millennium. Michael was recruited by the Tower Captain in Backford Church, near Chester to be part of this initiative. He would often come home from practice and sit down with a sheet of paper to chart out different methods. The mathematical/pattern side of bell ringing appealed to him a lot. He regularly attended other towers in Cheshire too and often sought out other churches with bells to either join in their Sunday ring or take part in their practice. He also rang in Alderney, Guernsey, and Herefordshire.

Around 2005 when Michael and his wife, Nicolette, bought an apartment in Stepside, Dublin, he began ringing in Taney. He made sure to stay long enough on their visits to Dublin so he could ring on both Sunday and take part in Monday night practice.

He rang bells regularly until ill health and Covid prevented ringing in 2020. He passed away on 3rd July 2021.