



Obituary

Joe Kinsella

19xx – 2021

Joe Kinsella passed suddenly from the world of his family, work and bellringing on the 25 June 2021.

Mention of Wexford on the Eastern District Practice Schedules always signalled a day out to the sunny south east where everyone was welcomed by Joe. A good afternoon's ringing followed with plenty of time for a social chat afterwards.

This 'welcome' is what people recalled most when talking about Joe after hearing the sad news of his passing -

'a lovely welcome always', 'a true gentleman ', ' very hospitable to visiting ringers', 'always putting others first'.

Through the help of many ringers over time and in particular Charlie Reede, a group of young ringers was established locally with Joe's assistance and kept the bells ringing.

Many ringers also recall traveling to Wexford to ring the bells for the opening night of the Wexford Opera season.

Joe was not only the tower captain but also fulfilled the role of church sacristan. His other main interest was a visit to the Cheltenham races every year - a pastime he loved.

Perhaps the next visit to Wexford will be marked as a special day of ringing in memory of Joe Kinsella.



June Kelly.
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