

## **A Quarter Peal rung in memory of Sue Hutton (nee Thorpe).**



**Back row, standing: Father John Greatbatch; Gordon Birks (conductor); George Hutton (Sue's Hutton's son). Front row, seated: Mary Zielonka; Angela Wakefield; Sue Brookes.**

**Sedgley bell ringers rang a quarter peal** (about 45 minutes) at All Saints' Church on Sunday, 13th March 2022 at 5.30pm in memory of **Sue Hutton (nee Thorpe)** who sadly died in September 2021.

She started ringing when she was 17 years old with her friend, Gill Thomas. She had been a valued and longstanding member since 1987.

Martin met the ringers before their peal, and they introduced themselves:

"I'm Sue Brookes (nee Smith) – I learned to ring here once the new bells were fitted (in 1976). I'm the daughter of Doug and Joan Smith."

"I'm Angela Wakefield, my parents are Ann and John. My mother worships here regularly and I also learned to ring here, taught by Sue's

Dad, Doug Smith. I was very young when I started – aged eight, I believe, in the late 1970s.”

“I’m Father John Greatbatch and I’m a retired Catholic Priest and I now live in the area – I’m a ringer here at Sedgley. I was a priest at Tavistock in Devon. I used to ring at Penn in my youth.”

“I’m Gordon Birks, I usually ring at Christ Church Coseley and today I’ve been asked to conduct the peal.”

The peal of bells is to commemorate Sue Hutton, who sadly died in 2021. Her son George rang at the memorial peal as well.

Mary said: “We’re ringing for 45 minutes – ‘Plain Bob Doubles’.”

It was a beautiful tribute by friends, family and bell-ringing colleague.