

A Statement from Broadhembury Parish Council

Last night, we all learnt the sad news that Queen Elizabeth II had died.

This marks the end of an extraordinary reign of over seventy years. She came from a resilient generation that 'just got on with it' and she did just that. Not only was she the Head of State of fifteen nations, but she was the head of the judiciary, armed forces and the churches of England and Scotland. She was the patron of many charities too.

Despite all this, she found time to open schools, launch ships and undertake foreign visits. It was a work-rate which she undertook with grace and a sense of humour.

Queen Elizabeth was a remarkable woman from whom other Heads of State whether elected or hereditary would seek advice.

Above all, we will remember her sense of public duty and service, her faultless dedication to the nation, her resilience and her Christian example of moral leadership to us all.

This is the end of an era. Most of us have known no other monarch. Our stamps, coins, notes and passports will all now change. So will the national anthem.

Our thoughts are with her family at this time and we wish King Charles III the strength and faith to lead us in her example.

The Parish Council will not meet during the period of national mourning, but at our first meeting thereafter, we shall mark the occasion and formally send our condolences to the King.

A book of condolence has been opened in the church and prayers will be said this Sunday.

Bob Nelson,
Chairman
Broadhembury Parish Council
