



OPERATION LONDON BRIDGE

Death of Senior National Figure



Marking the Death

- The Sovereign
- Members of the Royal Family
- P.M. or Former P.M.
- Serving MP
- Mayor / Council Leader
- Other Prominent Person



Operational Code Names

- Hyde Park Corner – HM King George VI
Communication Code
- Hope Not – Sir Winston Churchill
planning 1953
- Tay Bridge – HM Queen Mother
planning 1953
- London Bridge – HM the Queen
planning 1960
- Forth Bridge – HRH The Duke of Edinburgh
planning 1960
- Menai Bridge – HRH The Prince of Wales
planning 1968

Time Table – What could Change

- D+1 = Proclamation Day could change due to Bank Holiday, Christmas, Election etc. – Follow Buckingham Palace lead
- Place of Death – If in Scotland change of plans
- D+10 = Public Holiday, unless on a Saturday – no extra day
- D+10 = If on a Sunday Funeral will be on D+11
- Plan for additional overtime to cover Flag Raising / Lowering
- D+11 = Removal of Flowers and Flag returns to Full Mast



Types of Funerals

- State Funeral
HM King George VI
- Ceremonial Royal Funeral
Diana Princess of Wales
- Non-ceremonial Royal Funeral
HRH The Duke of Windsor
- Ceremonial State Funeral –
Margaret Thatcher



National Mourning Time Table

- D Day = Date of Death
- D+1 = * Proclamation Day (London)
- D+2 = * Proclamation Day
- D+? = Middle Sunday – Civic Services
- D4-6 to D9 = Lying in State
- D10 = Date of Funeral

* Sovereign only



Trains

- If Death occurs in either Sandringham or Scotland
- Deceased will be transported by train into London
- Train journey will be broadcast live
- Three trains
- Trains will travel at 40mph, slowing to 10 mph when passing through a station
- Civic party on platform



Arnold-Baker on
**Local Council
Administration**

Eleventh edition

Council Services

- Business as usual, mixed with grief
- Instigate your Action Plan
- Public Holiday



Protocol Guidance

- Council Services
- Time Table
- Flags
- Condolence Books
- Church Services
- Flowers



Council Service

Web Page

Events & Meetings

Dress Code

Proclamation

Web Page

Change

Change Front Page –
to include a picture
of deceased

Include

Include sympathetic
message from
Mayor / Chairman

Include

Include additional
Tabs

Photograph of Deceased

Year of Birth – Year of Death

Council Services

**Condolence
Books**

Church Services

Flowers

**Flags &
Proclamation**



Meetings & Events

Careful Thought - Respect

Mood of the Nation

Cancellation / Reschedule

Insurance Cover

SENSITIVITY



DRESS CODE

- What is Appropriate
- Who is the Code Applicable too?
- Black Ties / Arm Bands
- Rosettes / Ribbons
- Mayoral / Chairman Chain & Mace

FUNERAL ETIQUETTE

WHAT TO WEAR & HOW TO BEHAVE



Etiquette



Bells

- Bell tolled for each year of HM Queens life (93)
- If death formally announced before 12 noon – tolled at noon D-Day
- If death announced after 12 noon D-Day Toll at 12 noon D+1
- If Civic Service held D+9 Full or Half Muffled Peal



Floodlights

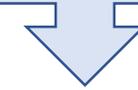
- If your buildings or local church has flood lights, a deep purple screen should be fitted to illuminate the building and show that you are in mourning



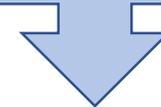


Proclamation

D+1 Proclamation read in London



**D+2 @ 12 noon – Proclamation read
in Belfast, Cardiff & Edinburgh**



**D+2 @ 12.30pm High Sheriffs read
County Proclamation**



**D+2 @ from 1.30pm or after Civic
Leaders read local Proclamation**



Local Proclamation

- Who will read it?
- Location to read it from?
- Who to invite?
- Arrangement to publicise
- Who will form platform party?



Flags

- Union Flags on vertical flag pole at Half Mast or flown with cravat on angled flag pole
- Returning to Full Fly for Proclamation



Flags & Proclamation

D Day = Flags at Half Mast

D+1 = Flags at Half Mast until 11am

D+1 = At 11am Flags flown at Full Mast for the Proclamation

D+2 = At 1pm Flags return to Half Mast- unless Local Proclamation

D+2 = Local Proclamation then Flags return to Half Mast

D+3 until D+11 = At 8.00am day following Funeral Flags return to Full Mast or are removed



Condolence Books

- Are you providing books
- What type & style
- Where will these be open
- Portraits
- What to do with the books

Portraits





Church Services

- Liaise with local clergy NOW
- Check with them what is planned across the Diocese
- Mid Sunday – Civic Service?
- Eve of Funeral – Parish Service
- TV Broadcasts



Flowers / Donations



Where are flowers to be laid



Do you have a defined area



Keep access route free



No plastics / cellophane



Removal dates



Composting & Tree planting



D+10 Day of Funeral

- What does your Mayor / Chairman do?
- What does your Council do?
- Will you be marking two minutes silence at 11 am
- Are you using large screens?
- It could be a Public Holiday
- Budget for possible overtime



What happens next ?

- Condolence Books are archived
- Letter to Private Secretary
- Flowers are Composted
- Tree planting; consider site / type
- Royal Portraits remain with Mourning Ribbon for one month, then hung in Chamber / meeting room

- **Prepare and budget for the Coronation!**

Suppliers

- Portraits – www.royalimages.co.uk – mike@royalimages.co.uk
- Easel – local art shop
- Ties – Spurcroft Civic - tom@spurcroft-civic.co.uk
- Arm Bands – www.vanessatreasure.co.uk
- Condolence Books/ Folders & paper – good stationary shops
- Ribbons – haberdashery shop / department
- Mourning Bags – (Google 'Black Jewellery pouch')
- Rosettes – <https://toyekenningandspencer.co.uk/shop/>
- Flag cravats – Florist Ribbon



Thank you

Any questions ?