

**BATH BRANCH**  
**Secretary's Report**

The Bath Branch had a busy year with lots ringing and social events. A number of training courses were run in the Branch for the first time this year: a one-off Raising and Lowering course; a Calling Call Changes course and a longer-running Bob Doubles course. These courses were definitely beneficial for everyone involved but we think there are improvements that can be made for courses running next year.

We organised some co-ordinated general ringing in central Bath for the 1100th Anniversary of the Bath & Wells Diocese and this was followed by our January Quarterly Meeting and a Beetle Drive. We held a Striking Day at Newton St Loe to encourage anyone who had never taken part in a striking competition to be judged on their striking in an informal setting – lots of nervous ringers had a go and hopefully will now have enough confidence to take part in official striking competitions in the future. General ringing for Evensong at Wells Cathedral also gave lots of people the chance to challenge themselves by having a go on these unfamiliar bells.

Later in the year we had a Quarterly Practice at Wellow followed by Skittles (the result was a Wellow/Bathwick draw!). In May there was the now-annual Mass-Ringing for the Bath Music Festival which this year included an appearance by the Charmborough mini-ring which was erected in a prime spot outside Bath Abbey. The Branch came out in force to help assemble the frame, give demonstrations and lessons, talk to the crowd and finally dismantle everything again. At the end of the day we must have given at least 200 people a go at ringing and countless more a taste of what we get up to!

We have also had some success at striking competitions this year. A Bathwick team came 3rd in the Association 6 bell competition in Axbridge branch, and we were pleased to be able to enter two teams into the Association 8 bell competition at Chard.

For details of events in 2010 please see our website [bathbranchringing.org](http://bathbranchringing.org).

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