

BRIDGWATER BRANCH
Secretary's Report

Quarterly meetings this year have been held at Ashcott, Holford, Moorlinch and Westonzoyland. Monthly practices took place at various towers throughout the branch with extra 8-bell practices on some Saturday afternoons. Thanks go to all the incumbents and tower captains for hosting these events.

9 new members were elected during 2009. Our branch 6-bell striking competition took place at Holford in April, the judges being John Dunstone and Francis Johnson. Bridgwater took the winners' trophy and Westonzoyland were runners up. Sadly only three towers entered this year with two scratch bands also taking part. Both of the winning teams took part in the Association finals in June but did not make the final ring-off. The branch entered a team in the Association 8-bell striking contest and finished in 7th place.

A very successful ¼ peal fortnight was held in February with 23 quarters scored among which there were several firsts. A total of £314 was raised for the Association Bell Fund.

Instead of one particular tower, a committee of four volunteered to organise the branch outing in September. This resulted in a most enjoyable day out to the Abergavenny area.

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