

**CREWKERNE BRANCH
Secretary's Report**

2009 ended with 103 members representing 18 of our 29 ringable towers. This is a little down on last year. At our AGM we remembered those we lost during the year; Maurice Daly from Fivehead, Malcolm Butcher from Martock and Carol Hardwick from Mells. All well known to our Branch, and quarter peals were duly ring in their memory. Our practices and quarterly meetings were well attended – although it seemed to be a jinxed year for broken stays! The branch outing was to the Quantocks area in May. Our 6 Bell Striking Competition, held at Seavington St Mary, was won by Ashill, who went through to the Association final. The Novice cup was shared between Curry Rivel and Dowlish Wake. It was our turn this year to host the Association 8 bell striking competition. It was held on a really beautiful September afternoon at St Mary's, Chard, and we were delighted with the entry of 12 teams. It ran smoothly and to time, thanks to the Herculean efforts of members from across the Crewkerne Branch. A really superb tea was laid on throughout the afternoon - and perhaps the only disappointment was that we collected less than expected in donations which were in aid of St Mary's Roof Fund. The learning point here is that we should have set a minimum charge!! Thanks to all who worked so hard, and congratulations to the winners Axbridge.

2010 Ringing Programme

Crewkerne Branch Practices are held on 3rd Saturday of the month (except December). Full details can be found on the BWDACR Website and on Campanophile.

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