

CREWKERNE BRANCH

The Crewkerne Branch ends the year with 110 members, 7 up on last year. Branch Practices and Quarterly meetings continued to be reasonably well supported. The 6 bell striking competition was held on a gloriously sunny afternoon at Fivehead in April. Curry Rivel came first, Chard second, and Combe St Nicholas won the Novice Cup. Sadly we were unable to field a team for the Association Final in June. Our Branch Outing in May this year was to the Axbridge area, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who went. Thanks to Eddie for his great organization! As this goes to press we are waiting to celebrate the first new ring of 8 bells in the Branch since Thorncombe in 1963! (Which at the time wasn't in fact part of the Bath & Wells Association anyway!) The new ring of 8 at Dowlish Wake are a delight both to ring and to listen to – they are being dedicated on 19th September 2010. Mark Drew is congratulated on scoring his first Peal at Buckland St Mary, and successful training sessions on hunting the treble to method resulted in several first quarter peals – well done to all!. In February a Quarter Peal was rung for the induction of Sue Tucker as Vicar. This is believed to be the first quarter rung by a band of Crewkerne Branch Officers. We said goodbye to Joy Petrie, from Dowlish Wake. She was a member of the Crewkerne Branch for many years and a past Chair of the Branch, as well as Tower Captain at Dowlish in pre-Jim days. She has moved to Alverstoke to be closer to family. Jeremy Harris is standing down as Chairman due to other commitments, and our thanks go to him for the past 6 years, and we look forward to electing a new Chair at our AGM in September.

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

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