

Crewkerne Branch Secretary's Report

The year ended with 105 members plus 2 HLMS, a few down on last year. The high spots of the year were Eddie Hancock receiving his HLM at the Association AGM in Martock in April, and Henry Warren, our other HLM, reaching his 90th birthday in May. Quarter peals were rung at Ilminster and Broadway on the actual day, and Henry was presented with a framed certificate commemorating them. Our 6 Bell Striking Competition, held at Merriott, was won by Combe St Nicholas, Chard 'A' being the runners up. Sadly neither could raise a team for the Association Final in June. The Novice Cup was won by Chard 'B'. We had a successful Branch Outing in May to Dorset - and our Branch Practices continue to be well supported. The Earthquakes in New Zealand caused some consternation as 3 of our Branch Members are currently living in or near Christchurch. The Branch agreed to donate £100 from our social fund to assist the reinstatement of the bells in Christchurch Cathedral. Jim Shepard is standing down as Branch Education Officer, and we thank him for his efforts over the past few years, and wish good luck to his replacement. Branch Practices are held on the third Saturday of each month (except December). Full details will be posted on the BWDACR Website and Campanophile.

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