

## HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS ELECTED AT THE 2011 GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

### Eddie Hancock

Crewkerne Branch wish to put forward Eddie Hancock as a Nominee for HLM of the BWDACR. Ilchester Branch are also supporting the nomination.

Eddie learned to ring at St John on the Wall, Bristol before moving to St Mary Redcliffe. He subsequently moved to Drayton where he has been a tower of strength for many years.

Eddie has been a member of the BWDACR since 1966, and has been an active officer across both the Ilchester and Crewkerne Branches since 1991, since when there has been only one year that he hasn't held office.

His service record is as follows:

1991, 1996 - 1997	Assistant Ringing Master Crewkerne Branch
1993 to date	Social Fund Treasurer, Crewkerne Branch
1996 - 2001	Ringing Master, Ilchester Branch
1998 - 2002	Chairman, Crewkerne Branch
2002 - 2006	Ringing Master, Crewkerne Branch
2006 - 2008	Treasurer, Crewkerne Branch
2007	Deputy Master, BWDACR
2009 to date	Ringing Master, Crewkerne Branch

This represents nearly 20 years of continuous service to both the Ilchester and Crewkerne Branches, and is a long and distinguished record in itself. But Eddie's commitment to Ringing and Bell Ringers doesn't end there.

He has been Tower Captain for Drayton for many years, and has taught countless new ringers of all ages. He encourages Drayton bells to be used for teaching both new ringers and bringing learners on to advance and develop their skills in change ringing, particularly since the ring at Drayton was made into a gallery ring some years ago.

He is a stalwart of the Crewkerne Branch, turning out for extra practices, training events and to mentor new ringers through their first quarter peals. He is a prolific quarter peal ringer himself, scoring 118 this year alone - not bad for a chap in his seventies!

As one of the learners who has been through the Eddie school of help and support with my own ringing since I began to learn in the early 90s, I can't think of anyone more deserving of the honour conferred by Honorary Life Membership, and I do hope the General Committee will agree to confer the honour on him.

Lynne Smith  
Hon Sec, Crewkerne Branch