

## **Crewkerne Branch Secretary's Report**

This year membership stands at 105 members, of which 9 new members were elected through the year.

Two successful training days were run by Edric:- "Improve your Ringing on 6 Bells" at Merriott; and "Raising and Lowering in Peal" at Crewkerne.

The 6 bell striking competition was held at Chaffcombe. This was ably judged by Linda Drew, and won by Combe St Nicholas for the second year, Chard 'A' being runners up. Sadly neither could field a team again for the final in June. The Novice Cup was retained by Chard 'B'.

Our outing this year was just across the border into Devon. It was well attended, and included several learners, helping to build their skills and confidence with plentiful helpers standing by to help and encourage!

The Crewkerne Branch staged the first Open Day in aid of the Bell Fund. The grand total raised was £487.15. Hopefully this will become an annual event with each Branch taking their turn.

Our year ended on a sad note, with the death of Fred Hollard, a long-time member of the Crewkerne Branch and a friend to many. He will be very sadly missed.

The ringing programme for next year is under construction and will be posted on the website in due course.

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