

Bicester Branch

Our 2014 AGM, attended by twelve members (and the Guild steward), was held in Weston on the Green, newly augmented to six on 22 February, followed by a pub supper. Five new members were welcomed to the Branch (two moving from the North Bucks Branch) but we sadly 'lost' Keith Thomas to the Banbury Branch on his move to North Aston – we are grateful to him for being Tower Captain in Woodeaton, looking after the 2 bells in Noke, serving as Guild representative, and expert engraver of the Cliff East shield for many years.

Branch practices have been generally well attended and enjoyed by those who've been able to come. Our Ringing Master and Deputy arranged a special Ringing Up & Down course in July for three branch members. Sadly our Secretary failed to make outing arrangements for 2014 but the Branch BBQ and striking competition was held in September in Islip again with two teams taking part (one of which contained two of our younger, novice, members, which was good to see). However in July our oldest member, Hilda Jane Jones, died aged almost 98. She was an active member of the Branch along with her family who still ring in Piddington.

Two noteworthy quarter peals have been rung in the Branch this year -

St Edburg's, Bicester

**Rung for the installation of the Reverend Verena Breed on her installation of Team Rector on 25 September
1260 Plain Bob Doubles (on front 6)**

- 1 Helen Parkinson
- 2 Ian Smart (1st inside)
- 3 Steve Walker
- 4 Jeremy Adams
- 5 Anthony Cole (c)
- 6 Janet Smith

St Nicholas, Islip

**Rung to commemorate the 100th anniversaries of Mrs Anna Awdry (mother of treble), Arthur (father of 2) & 80th anniversary of Dennis Mitchell (father of 6). Also in memory of Madeline Gibson, 89 & Marjorie Adams, 88 (both of whom passed away this week) on 2 November
1260 Grandsire Doubles (on back 6)**

- 1 Sally Wale
- 2 Kathryn Grant
- 3 Ron Burgess
- 4 Keith Thomas
- 5 Anthony Cole (c)
- 6 Teresa Carter

Kathryn Grant