

Guild/ Secretary 2024

The year has had many highlights – a record number of new members (9) elected at our AGM and there have been regular tower and branch practices (though some poorly attended if clashing with a local practice elsewhere) as well as special practices at the Oxfordshire Ringing School and on the 10 bells at Bicester. We had a very enjoyable Branch outing to 5 towers around the Lambourn area in April and our annual striking competition was held in September (5 teams entered and won by Islip B team).

In September Steve Coleman came to Bletchington to give a talk to a packed and entranced audience on 'Ropesight - how to get it and how to survive without it' and on the 'Best way to learn methods' – later that month the Launton Handbell Ringers came to Islip Village Hall to give a much-appreciated recital of traditional and folk music, popular classics, children's nursery rhymes as well as secular music ending with an opportunity for all to 'have a go'.

Although not a Bicester Branch member we were all saddened by the death of Ron Burgess in August who had helped our novice – and more experienced – ringers over many years.

Member Mojo the OdG online membership database for managing member data is now live.

Over 80 members of the Bicester Branch have submitted their details .

The new system will streamline membership applications and renewals