Secretary's Report 2025

At our AGM held on 17 February in Weston-on-the-Green eighteen members from eight towers came together – six new members were elected from three towers. This was followed by our Branch Outing in April, arranged by Richard Haseldine, to five towers in Northamptonshire when nineteen ringers from six Branch towers came.

Attendance at Branch practices in the year has varied,at last year's AGM the decision was made to reduce the number of practices to one per month, our Ringing Masters have catered well for the range of ringing abilities in people attending.

Several members have made progress by ringing their first quarter peals and /or completing different levels of the ART Learning the Ropes scheme
The Oxford Ringing School has continued to hold handling and foundation sessions throughout the year in Kirtlington

In recognition of his work over several years as Tower Captain at Kirtlington , and in leading practices,training and recruiting .Steve Vickars was awarded the Fellowship of St Birinus in September which also coincided with the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the resumption of regular ringing at Kirtlington

The Branch barbecue was held in Bicester ,sadly the striking competition had to be cancelled as too many ringers were away.
It was a memorable social occasion with the mini Olympics much enjoyed by the twenty ringers who came

Four towers (Bletchingdon,Islip,Kirtlington and Weston-on-the-Green put their ringing on Bellboard to announce the commemoration of the 80th anniversary of VJ Day and the ending of WW2 on 15 August

The death of Jane Singleton (nee Danson) in September was remembered with a quarter peal of Plain Bob Doubles rung in her memory in Bicester,where she had rung for many years,as well as Islip and Caversfield

A quarter peal of Plain Bob Triples (a first for our Treasurer Anne Martin) was rung for,and included Jeremy Adams,our long-standing and much appreciated President and joint Ringing Master who moved away in November

Pam Holley