



# Cleveland and North Yorkshire Branch Newsletter

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## *YACR Website*

The Yorkshire Association Website can be found at [www.yacr.org.uk](http://www.yacr.org.uk). Contact the Branch Secretary to add events and get tower pages updated.

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## *Welcome from the Editor*

A warm welcome to the eighth issue of the Newsletter from the editor. This is the first Newsletter of the new year and with every new year brings a few changes. You will notice a few formatting changes and other tweaks to the style. The plan is to continue with 3 issues per year (Spring, Summer and Autumn/Winter)

If you have any comments or suggestions for improvements, contact the editor.

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## *GDPR Update*

*By Ross Weddell*

A big Thank You to everyone who has signed the Tower Contact and Tower Membership Forms. The information from these forms will be contained in the upcoming YACR Annual Report. Anyone can withdraw their consent at any time by writing to the Association Membership Manager.

Please note that any changes affecting the Annual Report need to be made by the beginning of March to take effect in the reports that will be distributed that year.

Any members who haven't given their consent will be included in the annual report but as unattached members.

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Any tower contact who hasn't given their consent for their details to be in the report will have the tower listed but with no contact.

Please contact myself (ross2weddell4home@gmail.com) or Janine Jones (Association Membership Secretary) [janinehones@ntlworld.com](mailto:janinehones@ntlworld.com) to update your information and preferences.

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## *In Memoriam: Eric Hauxwell of Catterick*

*By Jo Mann(Catterick)*

18th August 1939-4<sup>th</sup> January 2019, on and off ringer St. Anne's Catterick Village, for many years and Tower Captain for the last eleven years. Eric was a well know character in Catterick having been the village Dentist, bee keeper and wine merchant. Even when Eric didn't join us in the tower we always rang to our best ability because we knew he would be listening!

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## *Yorkshire Tykes*

The Tykes meet on the 2nd Sunday afternoon of each month. Moving around Yorkshire towers. Always advertised on the YACR website and Facebook page. All young ringers welcome please contact Jane Lynch by email or mobile 07807159086.

Sunday 14th April

3.00pm to 5.00pm- Knaresborough (8) - Post Code HG5 9AE

No food afterwards this time, there are a few cafes and a fish and chip shop if you do wish to eat somewhere afterwards.

Sunday 12th May

2.30pm - Keighley (8) - Post Code BD21 5AD

4.00pm - Oxenhope (8) - Post Code BD22 9LX

Followed by food at Oxenhope (food numbers needed by 7th May please).

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## *D and N Young Ringers*

The next Young Ringers meeting will be held at Lanchester on Sunday 7th April at 3:30 till 5:00pm. Anyone under 25 and of any ability is welcome to join! There will probably be cake!!! Contact Jack Hanlon([jack@poolssurplus.co.uk](mailto:jack@poolssurplus.co.uk)) for more information

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## *Safeguarding*

*By Robert Wood(Branch Chair)*

You will be aware that this subject has had a lot of publicity of late and that the Church of England is making a determined effort to ensure the protection of young people. If you have read the Safeguarding Officer's report in last year's YACR annual report, you will see that the Church expects ringers to be included in its provisions for volunteers. The Ringing World No. 5617/8 carries the latest guidance from the CCCBR which is somewhat less onerous than was previously suggested.

All ringers are recommended to do the basic awareness training, C0, and those in leadership roles such as Tower Captains and Ringing Masters, those involved in teaching children, and also branch officers, should do the C1 (Foundation) and C2 (Leadership) training. Parishes may be organising training and there are regular courses offered by the diocese, but not everyone is yet aware of the requirements and not all parishes have yet pursued the subject.

As a branch we are encouraging ALL ringers to undertake the C0 training. Those in leadership roles can do the C1 course by attending an organised 3 hour course or on-line at <http://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org>. To help with this, the branch is planning to offer a C1 course during 2019; date and venue to be advised.

However you do your C1 training, please let the Branch Secretary know that you have your certificate so that we can keep a database of those who have received the training. The branch will then follow up the C1 course by offering a C2 course.

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Please remember that, where young people under 18 are ringing or being taught to ring, Tower Captains, Ringing Masters (and their deputies) and anyone else who is taking a lead responsibility for training, should also be asking the church to obtain a DBS (formerly CRB) clearance. If you are not involved with training children, nobody can insist that you obtain a DBS clearance.

If you require any further advice or information, please contact me or the YACR Safeguarding Officer, Robert Appleby.

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## 2019 Subscriptions

By Jonathan Couchman (Branch Membership Secretary)

I have taken up the reins of Branch Membership Secretary, and am still feeling myself into the role. I believe that I have now emailed every tower but perhaps you are a tower contact and I have forgotten you or used the wrong email address. In that case, please would you get in touch with me at [jonathan.couchman@live.com](mailto:jonathan.couchman@live.com) or 07770 302763.

Subscriptions this year are £12 for adults and £6 for students. It is spent as follows:

	£
Annual Report	2.52
Insurance	0.24
Branch grants	2.23
Education	0.34
Young Ringers	0.17
Bell Repair Fund	4.80
Administration	0.81
Surplus	0.89

Please pay either by sending me a cheque made out to “Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers” or by BACS to Account No: 02325853, Sort Code – 560036, Reference – “CNY – name of your tower” (e.g. “CNY – Middleham”).

If you pay by BACS, please ensure that you send me an email to let me know and explain for whom subscriptions have been paid.

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## YACR Vacancies

The Association has two vacancies so if you are interested in either of them, please let Barrie Dove know either directly or via the Branch Secretary.

### Association Auditor

A vacancy has occurred, due to a current Auditor resigning, this is a post which would suit somebody with Bookkeeping experience.

### Quarter Peal Secretary

Compile a list of Quarter peals rung for the YACR over the previous year (harvest from Bellboard), analyse and produce statistics for the YACR Report.

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## Branch AGM Report

by Ross Weddell

This year the Branch AGM ventured to the west of the branch, to the beauty of Wensleydale and the towers of East Witton and Middleham.

The afternoon started at the light 6 of East Witton,. This was followed by a very pleasant tea in the Key Centre in Middleham, followed by the AGM. The meeting was attended by 35 members. 11 new members were elected and 1 member was upgraded to qualified status.

The new members are as follows:

- Andrew Cross(A), Amanda McGee(A) of Marske
- Samantha Reed(NQ), Deborah Brown(A),Graham Morris(A), Corrine Morris(A) of Northallerton

- Paul Roger(A) of Reeth
- Christopher Nicholson(A) of Kirklington
- Yvonne Jackson(A) of East Witton
- Donna Miller(A), Russell Miller(A) of Richmond
- Martin Stott(A) of Middleham

The Branch Committee saw one change with John Welch relinquishing his role as Branch Membership Secretary. This role has been taken on by Jonathan Couchman of Middleham. John Welch retains his role as Branch Treasurer. We thank John for his service as Membership Secretary.

The day closed with ringing at the newly refurbished 8 of Middleham. Our Thanks go to the East Witton and Middleham ringers for their hospitality..

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## **Branch Striking Competition**

*By Ross Weddell*

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April at Swainby

- 9:30 Refreshments in Hall
- 10:00: Draw in Hall
- 10:15: First Competition Ringing
- Approx 13:00 Short Meeting with results

There will be a raffle in aid of the Branch BRF.

The Competition Rules are attached with the newsletter.

Entries to [ross2weddell4home@gmail.com](mailto:ross2weddell4home@gmail.com) by Wed 24<sup>th</sup> April

Following on from feedback and discussions within the Branch committee and others, a series of changes have been made for this years Striking Competition.

A Summary of these changes is given below:

- No formal lunch – refreshments to be provided throughout the morning
- Separate Method and Call Change Competitions.
- The best performing eligible band from the 2 competitions will go forward to the YACR Sunday Service Competition in September.

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## **2018 C&NY Branch Report**

*By Robert Wood(Branch Chair)*

*Piece written for 2018 YACR Annual Report*

The branch striking contest was held at Wath in April. There were 4 teams in the Sunday Service band competition and 3 in the fun competition. The Sunday Service competition was won by Ripon Cathedral ringing Grandsire Doubles and the fun competition by Northallerton B.

Ripon Cathedral then went on to represent the Branch in the Association Sunday Service competition in September where they successfully defended the trophy they had won the previous year.

In May we hosted the YACR AGM at Richmond and inter-branch 8 bell striking competition on the middle 8 at Ripon Cathedral, where the Branch team came a close second. The new ‘clusters’; had mixed success. In some areas there is considerable exchange between towers, in others less so. We hope that this approach will continue to develop and deliver more success in future years.

A successful practice meeting was held at Northallerton in September with a brief meeting including the election of new members. During the year, a total of 47 new members were elected; a very encouraging sign.

This year saw the completion of our programme of peals to mark the centenaries of the deaths of 22 ringers from Cleveland and North Yorkshire killed in the Great War. A total of 25 peals were rung including 3 on handbells.

My sincere thanks to all who were involved in any way and especially to Jennie Town for organising the handbell peals, and to

the Scarborough Branch for its support and assistance in ringing for those Cleveland and North Yorkshire casualties whose towers are now in that Branch.

The full rehang of the bells at Middleham was completed in May, just days before a war memorial peal on 1st June remembering the third of Middleham's ringers killed in the Great War. This superb ring of eight by Taylors of Loughborough, cast in 1911, is now much improved and a pleasure to ring. Well done to the local ringers who did much of the work and re-painted the frame.

The four bells at Barton were cast by Taylors in 1920 as a war memorial and hung in a six bell frame. In the autumn, two more Taylor bells were added, one from the Keltek Trust and one newly cast. New ringers have been trained by the Northallerton band and we wish them well.

Sadly, two branch towers have been declared unringable; Bolton on Swale and Brafferton.

Our sincere thanks to Janet Wadsworth who stood down from the chair at the AGM. I should like to thank all of the committee members for their support and contributions, and to all members who have contributed to the Branch's activities during the year.

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## **Northallerton News**

*By Jennie Town(Northallerton)*

We held a very successful dinner in January, with 64 people enjoying a convivial evening at the Golden Lion Hotel. Most of us got up for morning ringing next day too. At the beginning of February, we rang a peal at Northallerton which included eight of the local band.

This was the first peal for our young ringer, Harry Helyer, who is only ten years old. He rang extremely well, needing no help throughout the three hours and seven minutes of continuous ringing.

Yorkshire Association  
Northallerton, North Yorkshire  
All Saints  
Saturday, 2 February 2019 in 3h 7 (17–2–15 in E)

5021 Grandsire Caters

Composed by Peter J Sanderson

- 1 Harry Z Helyer
  - 2 James P Town
  - 3 Dorothy J Salmon
  - 4 Heidi A Bradley
  - 5 Gordon Di Domenico
  - 6 Jonathan J Rider
  - 7 Peter J Sanderson (C)
  - 8 Christopher H Enzor
  - 9 Jennifer A Town
  - 10 David A Town
- First peal (aged 10): 1

This made such an impact on the wider ringing community that it became the “featured performance” on the website recording bell-ringing performances.

We continue to support towers in the area at our three practices during the week, as well as helping out at the local practices of Barton and Ainderby Steeple. This has been supplemented by lots of quarter peals at Northallerton (mainly Plain Bob Doubles) to enable our newer ringers to progress, so that many of them are now qualified members of the Yorkshire Association.

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## **Grand Day Out**

*By Susan Welch*

It's nearly time for the 'Grand Day Out' - the Yorkshire ringing event of the year! Mini-rings, handbells, cakes and a treasure hunt, plus presentations and discussions about all sorts of ringing.

Please bring your entries for the 'Ringer's Tea' competition - to be judged by our own Dean of Ripon. Any baking, sandwiches or biscuits - the more imaginative the better!

See you there... Harrogate Pavilions, 10-4pm April 13th. Programme attached with Newsletter. Entry £5 on the door - reserve your ticket by e-mailing [sew295@gmail.com](mailto:sew295@gmail.com).



## Branch First Week

By Robert Wood

The branch “Firsts Week” will run from Friday 24th May to Sunday 2nd June. This is your opportunity to do something new in ringing – absolutely anything for the first time is good!

The intention is that as many people as possible will do something for the first time; it could be anything from a first time ringing rounds with other people, first raising or lowering, first courses of a particular method up to first quarter peals or peals or, perhaps, something as conductor.

Anything achieved for the first time is what we want to celebrate, whether on tower bells or handbells.

Discuss with your Tower Captain what you would like to do. If you don't have enough ringers at your own tower, ask for help from other towers in your local cluster. If you still don't have enough, let a member of the committee (see below) know and we will do our best to find ringers to help you. Tower Captains - please encourage ringers in your towers to have a go!

Nearer the time, an event will be set up on BellBoard (<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk>). Please enter ALL first performances on to BellBoard and link them to this event.

## Next Newsletter

Articles/Events/Items for the Next Newsletter to the editor by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

## Non Weekly Practices

- **Sunday Surprise @ Stokesley**  
3rd Sunday: 4:45-6pm Standard 8  
Surprised Major, including spliced  
Contact:: John Hallett  
[jgh135@gmail.com](mailto:jgh135@gmail.com)
- **D and N Southern District Advanced Practice @ St Johns Darlington**  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7:30-9pm Plain Bob  
Triples to Standard 8 Surprise Major  
Including Spliced Contact Jack Hanlon  
[jack@poolsurplus.co.uk](mailto:jack@poolsurplus.co.uk)
- **Monthly Practice @ Sowerby**  
1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 7:30-9pm Call Changes  
and Simple Methods. Contact: Neil  
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## Diary

- **13<sup>th</sup> April** – Grand Day Out @ Harrogate
- **27<sup>th</sup> April** Branch Striking Competition @ Swainby
- **7<sup>th</sup> May** Ripon Cathedral Beer Festival
- **13<sup>th</sup> May** YACR AGM and Interbranch Striking Competition @ Selby
- **24<sup>th</sup> May-2nd June** – Branch Firsts Week
- Branch Half Yearly Meeting – TBC
- **21 September** YACR Meeting and Final of Sunday Service Striking Competition in Leeds Branch