

YACR

Leeds and District Branch

Annual General Meeting, at Thorner Parish Centre, 12th February 2022

The meeting opened at 16:30, with approximately twenty-eight people present.

1. [REDACTED] welcomed everyone and said that he was pleased to see so many people.
2. Approval of minutes of 2021 AGM
The minutes were proposed by [REDACTED] and seconded by [REDACTED].
3. There were no matters arising from the minutes that were not on the agenda.

4. Election of new members

New Associate members

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Upgrades from Associate to Qualified

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

All elected with everyone in favour.

5. Election of Officers

- a. Secretary – [REDACTED] was proposed by [REDACTED] and seconded by [REDACTED]
- b. Membership Secretary – [REDACTED] was proposed by [REDACTED] and seconded by [REDACTED].
- c. Webmaster – [REDACTED] was proposed by [REDACTED] and seconded by [REDACTED].
- d. Education Committee Representative – there were no nominations.

The Education Committee had provided some information to the effect that the rep. would be expected to go to 2-3 meetings a year, some of which would be by Zoom, and their role was to represent the branch on the education committee. They didn't need to be able to carry out any training themselves but should be aware of the training needs of the branch. More information is available from the Education Committee convenor if anyone thinks they might be interested.

There were several requests that the Convenor should put out more information about the role as it was felt that people in the Association didn't understand what it entailed.

There being no further nominations, [REDACTED] declared [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] elected to the respective roles and thanked [REDACTED] for her work as branch secretary.

6. Reports for the last year

a. Accounts (2021)

[REDACTED] wasn't able to be present due to a family commitment. He had provided the final accounts for the year, however, the secretary didn't feel that she could explain them properly so had simplified the figures provided to the meeting, with the original document available if anyone wanted to inspect it.

The income and outgoings were straightforward with the only expenditure of note being the purchase of the eBells.

[REDACTED] also reported that he was still aiming to get online banking for the account, that he wanted to open a savings account where we could earn some interest on our money and that he also planned to get another signatory for the account.

It was suggested that he talk to [REDACTED] as she has arranged online banking for the Leeds Minster account, and since they had some direct debits set up, the account was free.

The accounts were proposed by [REDACTED] All in favour.

b. Secretary

The report had been circulated at the meeting; this was a record of ringing in the branch in the last year and would be printed in the annual report.

[REDACTED] said that she had omitted to mention that Kirkby Overblow had been augmented from 3 to 4 bells during 2021 and a new band was now being trained there, and would add that to the report.

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She also mentioned the eBells which the branch had purchased in the last year, together with a book that teaches you how to ring handbells. If anyone was thinking of learning to ring handbells they would find these very useful. The eBells are available for branch members to borrow, as are two DVD's - "Come on. Listen to it" and "From Rounds to Ropesight", both from the Whiting Society.

c. Ringing Master

██████████ reported that Covid restrictions had been lifted in July and we had been able to hold our first branch practice in August, and it was good to see so many people turning up. There had been good turnouts since, particularly at Leeds Minster where it was really encouraging to see so many new people.

We had been experimenting in the last couple of months. We plan to continue with the two towers – please let us know if you don't find Bob Doubles useful and there is something else that you'd like us to ring.

██████████ thanked towers for allowing us to ring, in particular tower captains for their work behind the scenes ensuring that we complied with regulations.

7. Safeguarding

The branch is arranging a safeguarding training course for tower captains, deputy tower captains and significant youth trainers. This is a bespoke course arranged especially for bellringers and will be face to face. ██████████ (Diocesan Safeguarding Trainer) and ██████████ (YACR Safeguarding Officer) are carrying out the training. The YACR wants all tower captains to do the course, and we are taking names now so that we can take account of your availability and can try and set a date that suits everyone.

There are also online training courses; Basic Awareness and Foundations (these replace the old C0 and C1 courses). It is recommended that all ringers should do the Basic Awareness course and Tower Captains etc should do both courses before attending the face to face training.

With all the courses you should refresh your training after 3 years.

8. Vote of thanks – ██████████ proposed the vote of thanks, thanking the clergy and churchwardens of both towers for allowing us to ring, all the food makers, and the secretary and everyone who had helped arrange the meeting. Those present showed their appreciation in the usual way.

9. Future events

- a. March 12th – Kirk Deighton (10-11.30am)
– Spofforth (11.45 – 12.45pm)
- b. April 2nd – Grand Day Out – Harrogate Pavilions
- c. May 7th – Association AGM – Western Branch
- d. May 28th – 12-bell ringing – Selby Abbey
- e. 2nd July – 'Hat' striking competition
- f. 31st July, 1st August – Yorkshire Day ringing
- g. August 20th – Life Member's Day – North Cave
- h. September 17th – Association Meeting – C&NY branch
- i. October 15th – Snowdon Lunch in York
- j. October 29th – Quiz night in aid of BRF – Leeds Branch
- k. December 10th – Leeds Minster 10.30am

██████████ explained how some of the above events had worked in previous years and encouraged everyone to come along, particularly less experienced ringers.

10. AOB

██████████ said that he'd set the date for his first midweek ringing practice at Chapel Allerton, which was to be 25th February at 10.30am. Everyone was welcome and the emphasis would be on quality to begin with.

The meeting finished at 17:15.