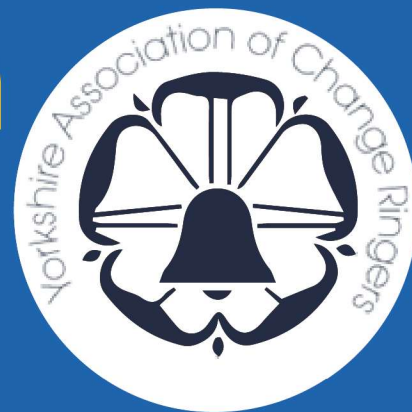


Leeds Branch Newsletter

Issue 6 April 2022



Welcome

I hope that you all had a good Easter, enjoyed the better weather, and did some "good" ringing on Easter Sunday. We went to help a tower who were short on numbers on our way to St. Anne's Cathedral in Leeds. Which gives me a thought that if we all did this, every bell in the Leeds Branch would have been rung on Easter Day.

Future meetings see us at Leeds Cathedral on the 14th May, and at Hampsthwaite on June 11th, in the morning, for two Striking Contests in one - one is for Call Changes and the other is for simple methods. If you haven't enough ringers to put a band into one of these contests join up with another tower. Or if you fancy joining in the fun come along on your own and we will fit you into a team. Let's have lots of ringers at this really nice ring of six.

We are also hosting a Safeguarding Training Event on Saturday the 21st May at 10.00am at Aberford Village Hall. I think it is important that all our tower captains (or their representatives) attend this event. I attended one in another Branch pre-Covid and I found it very informative. It was given in a non-technical manner, and had plenty of group sessions to make us all think. Do put this in your Diary, and put your name forward to the Secretary.

If there is something we can do for you or for members of your tower, do let our Secretary know and we will endeavour to add things to our monthly "get togethers".

I do remember being a 'learner' and I want to help you forward in the same way that more experienced ringers once helped me.

Barrie – Branch Chairman

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Queen's Accession Ringing – 1952/3

Is there anyone in your tower who rang for the Queen's accession (or the death of King George VI) in 1952 and/or the coronation in 1953? If so, we would love to hear from you.

If you have articles or feedback for the newsletter, please email - leedsbr.editor@gmail.com

Your Leeds Branch Committee

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Webmaster – Wendy Bloom (Leeds Minster)
Committee Member – Bill Todd (Kirk Deighton)

News from the Branch

Our **January** practice was at Chapel Allerton and Far Headingley. It took place at what we thought at the time was the peak of the latest Covid wave so windows were open and masks were very much in evidence. The attendance was lower than usual but that did mean that those who were there got lots of practice. There was a focus method of Bob Doubles at Chapel Allerton, and so plenty of it was rung, together with some Grandsire Doubles, Plain Hunt on 5 and a feature performance of London Surprise Minor at Chapel Allerton, and Call Changes, Grandsire, Stedman and Yorkshire Surprise Major among methods at Far Headingley.

Sad news...

Janet Robinson from St. Giles Pontefract died at the end of January. Janet learned to ring in 1990 and had been tower correspondent for St. Giles ever since 1991. She applied for Life Membership last year which was due to be awarded this year, so it is a shame that she died before it was granted.

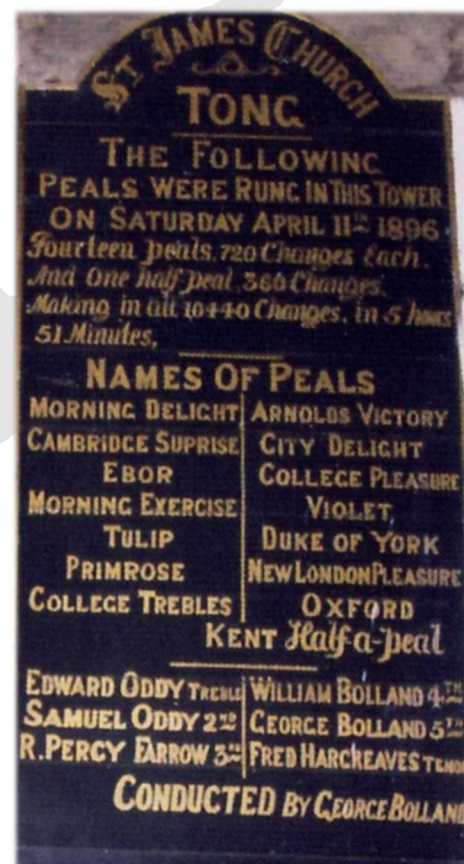
Our **February** meeting will be remembered for the huge turn-out for ringing and the mouthwatering array of cakes at the AGM. At Bramham we had to take turns waiting in the church to relieve the crush in the ringing room, and inevitably people will have had less of an opportunity to ring, so we hope that you weren't too disappointed. Again, Bob Doubles was the focus method, and call changes and Cambridge Surprise Minor were also rung. After the AGM we rang at Thorner and as some people had gone home after the meeting, and also as there are 8 bells, numbers were much more manageable and everyone got more ringing, with Grandsire Triples, Yorkshire Surprise Major, Plain Hunt and 3 leads of Bristol being successfully rung. Details about the AGM are on the next page.

Our **March** meeting was at Kirk Deighton and Spofforth. Numbers at both towers were lower but that gave everyone an opportunity for more practice. We were delighted to see lots of local ringers at both towers and hopefully they enjoyed both being able to ring with a more solid band around them, and also watching the more experienced ringers having a go at something more complicated. At Kirk Deighton we rang lots of Call Changes, Plain Hunt on 5, Bob Doubles, Grandsire Doubles, and also some Norwich Surprise Minor and Woodbine Delight Minor. Spofforth saw Rounds and Call Changes, Plain Hunt, Single Court Minimus and Stedman Minimus among the methods rung.

In **April**, we went to Batley and Tong (just outside the branch). Although numbers were low, ringing was to a good standard, ringing Cambridge Minor, Yorkshire Major, Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples and Kent & Oxford Major spliced at Batley, and Cambridge Surprise Minor, Oxford Treble Bob Minor and (inspired by one of the old peal boards in Tong tower) Ebor Surprise Minor at Tong. (If we'd known how to ring any of the other 'old' methods on the peal boards we might have tried to ring them too!) We also elected 3 new members to the Association - two from Collingham and one from Burley.

If there is a method that you'd like to ring, be it on the day, or as a focus method, please let a member of the committee know, as branch events can be useful learning sessions to advance your ringing.

If you would like us to visit your tower for a branch meeting, then why not invite us? We look forward to seeing you at a Leeds Branch event soon.



Branch AGM Catch Up

This year's AGM was held at Thorner Parish Centre, following what was intended to be a simple 'tea' of coffee and cake but turned out to be a sumptuous feast of cakes. At the AGM:-

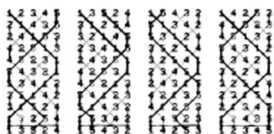
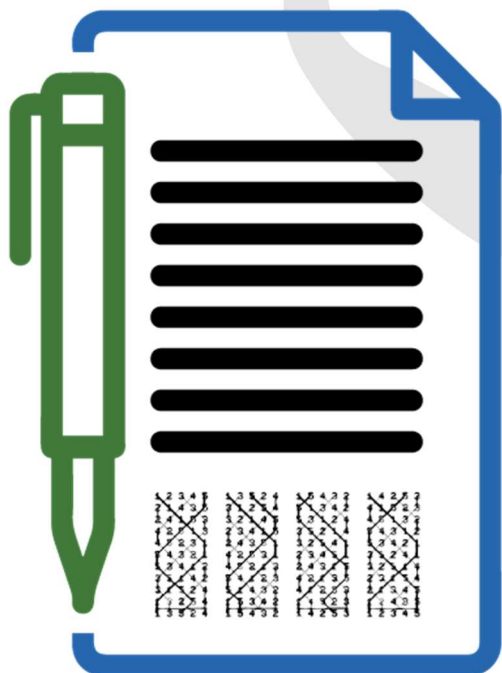
- We elected four new Associate members – two from Weeton and two from Thorp Arch (Thorp Arch is in the Selby Branch but they have been taught and are ringing with Leeds Branch members).
- Three ringers from Barwick in Elmet were upgraded from Associate to Qualified membership, and two of them were there to receive their certificates in person.
- Officer elections:-
 - Simon Plackett was elected as the new Branch Secretary.
 - Janine Jones was elected as the new Branch Membership Secretary.
 - Wendy Bloom was re-elected as Webmaster.
 - There were no nominations for Education Committee Representative and this role remains vacant.
- A short report from Miles Lawson (Branch Treasurer) said that the only expenditure of note in the last year was for the eBells which are now available for branch members to borrow. He is still intending to arrange online banking for the account.
- The Secretary's report mostly talked about ringing in the last year but also mentioned Kirkby Overblow which had been augmented from 3 to 4 bells during the last year and where a new band was now being taught, and reminded everyone that the DVD's "Come on. Listen to it" and "From Rounds to Ropesight", both produced by the Whiting Society, were available for branch members to borrow.
- The Ringing Master was pleased to see lots of ringers coming to meetings since the return to ringing and said it was particularly encouraging to see so many new people at Leeds Minster in December.
- Everyone was reminded about the safeguarding training (see elsewhere in this newsletter).
- Peter Oldfield announced a monthly midweek practice at Chapel Allerton. It would focus on ringing methods that people can already ring initially, and then hopefully expand to ring new methods in time.

Articles for the newsletter

We want to hear from you.

Have you any interesting stories about what you found in your tower when you came back to ring again (hopefully not like the tower whose ropes had all been chewed in two by squirrels), or has your band had a ringing trip to another tower that you could tell the branch about?

Any other ideas for articles - anything from a tip you found useful when learning a new method, what you found useful for tower recruitment, or a little review to any new towers you might have grabbed recently please email us on leedsbr.editor@gmail.com.



Safeguarding: What you need to know

Until fairly recently the main safeguarding requirements were that certain ringers had to be DBS checked (originally CRB checked), but in 2017/18 the Church of England introduced a framework for Safeguarding with the associated training courses C0, C1 and C2 and in April last year they launched an updated framework which came into force on 1st January this year.

The new framework applies equally to all church officers, lay helpers and volunteers (including ringers). The Parish Safeguarding Officer in your church has responsibility for ensuring that all parties do the appropriate training. Below, we describe each of the courses and explain who is expected to do them.

Basic awareness training

This module replaces the old C0 course and like the old C0 course it is carried out online. It takes about an hour to an hour and a quarter and you get a certificate at the end of it which you can print out if necessary to show that you've done the training. Ringers were expected to do the old C0 course; the new framework makes the Basic Awareness Training mandatory and the YACR urges all ringers to complete it.

You can access the training [here](#).

If you have done the old C0 course then you don't need to do the Basic Awareness Training until you are due to refresh your training after 3 years.

Foundation training

This module replaces the old C1 course, is also done online and takes about ninety minutes to complete. The CofE expects ringers in a role which involves work with children, young people or adults at risk to take the Foundation training. It also needs to be completed by Tower Captains and Deputy Tower Captains in order to obtain the grounding to do the bespoke module below. The training can be accessed [here](#).

If you have done the old C1 course then you don't need to do the Foundation training until you are due a refresher course after 3 years.

Leadership training

This training replaces the old C2 training, and like the old C2 training is classroom based, taking about three hours. The CofE expects anyone who has a 'local leadership' role to undertake this training. However, each diocese (not each parish) is allowed to determine for themselves, with input from the local ringing association, whether or not tower captains are regarded as local leaders! This means that in some dioceses the training won't be required while in others tower captains and ringing masters will be expected to do it.

The Leeds and York dioceses and the YACR have joined forces to create a customised training module which goes beyond the scope of the foundations course but doesn't go into the same depth as the CofE Leadership module and is focused on the requirements of bellringing. **It is recommended by the YACR that Tower Captains, Deputy Tower Captains and 'Significant Youth Trainers' undertake this training.**

Before doing this training you need to do the Basic Awareness and Foundation courses (or C0 and C1).

If you have done the old C2 course then you don't need to do the Leadership training until you are due a refresher course after 3 years.

Safeguarding Training 21st May at Aberford Village Hall

Jenny Price (York Diocese Safeguarding Trainer) and Robert Appleby (YACR Safeguarding Officer) will be running the bespoke safeguarding module between 10am and 1pm on Saturday 21st May at Aberford Village Hall.

If you would like to attend, please contact janinehjones@ntlworld.com as soon as possible to book your place.

From the Archives

With Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee fast approaching, we thought we'd look back to 1897 to see how bellringers celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria.

In September 1896 Queen Victoria became the longest reigning monarch in the history of England and on 20th June 1897 she had been Queen for 60 years. Tuesday 22nd June 1897 was chosen as the official day to celebrate her Diamond Jubilee.

The 22nd June was made a public holiday; factories, shops and banks were shut, and pubs were allowed to open until 02.30am. Thanksgiving services were held in almost every Church and Place of Worship of every denomination in the United Kingdom. Villages and towns held street parties, parades and entertainment, and everyone was out and about in their best clothes. The National Anthem was sung at every opportunity.

BELL NEWS (the predecessor to the Ringing World) reported that:-

".....Records of no less than forty-four peals attest the fact that the loyalty of ringers is not an unknown quantity. We may naturally believe that more than double this number of peals was attempted."

Another quote from BELL NEWS reported that:-

"..... I heard some very poor stuff about 10.30 p.m., very poor indeed. A party of three, of which I was one, was enjoying what a friend called "an outside peregrination," when the sound of bells smote the ear. Rounds were then being rung, but they soon went off into Triples, but oh! what Triples! It was suggested that the whole of the company, tenor-man and all, were ringing different methods; another suggestion was that they had gone for "Joshua's" touch of Caters on eight bells;"

or maybe it was just the result of the pubs being open all day!

Although there don't appear to have been any successful jubilee peals in the Leeds area, ringing is reported at several branch towers and seems to have carried on all day.

HORBURY

"On Tuesday, June 22nd, at St. Peter's church, in honour of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, 720 Arnold's Victory. E. Carr, 1; W. Giggie, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. Also 720 College Treble Bob standing as above. And 720 Duke of York. W. Thickett, 6; the rest as before."

PONTEFRAC

"On Tuesday, June 22nd, the parish church ringers rang at intervals during the day in honour of the Diamond Jubilee, and the following touches were rung: 1260 and 504 Stedman Triples, 168, 350 and 720 Grandsire Triples, the latter being the Jubilee touch composed by Mr. Smart, of Steyning. Mr. C. J. Gelder, a member of the parish church company some twenty years ago, rang the 7th in the 350 of Grandsire."

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, HARROGATE

"On Sunday, June 20th, the bells of the above church were again set in motion after a silence of five weeks, owing to the upper part of the frame moving out of its place; but during that time a Bells' Restoration Committee was formed in connection with the Harrogate Jubilee Executive Committee, to raise funds to have the bells re-hung, their appeal was soon responded to, and an order was placed to fit the bells with new gudgeons and bushes, and to brace up the entire framework. The work was at once proceeded with a view to having the bells going for the Jubilee festivities, which the ringers are thankful to say they accomplished successfully; and the whole of the ringers are unanimous in their praise of the way in which the work has been carried out, the go of the bells being everything that could be desired.

On Tuesday, June 22nd, the ringers opened the day's programme at 7 o'clock with a 720 Plain Bob Minor. J. Benson, 1; J. Mann, 2; H. Robinson, 3; F. Durdy, 4; J. Ireland, 5; W. Turner (conductor), 6; H. Brown (tenor) covering. At the conclusion of which the eight bells were fired, J. Foyard taking the extra bell.

Afterwards touches of Plain Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung at intervals during the day, when the following ringers also took part: H. Dickinson and A. Atkinson of Harrogate, and F. Cooke of Boroughbridge."

(Note: the original St. Mary's Church no longer exists; the bells were recast as chiming bells, before being removed a few years ago for other projects).

Getting to know: the Yorkshire Tykes

Many of us have rung with youngsters Francis Gilruth and Finley Kemp at Leeds Branch meetings but did you know they're also enthusiastic members of the Yorkshire Tykes (YT). We asked them to tell us about their experiences.



Ewan Hull presents Finley with his Level 4 Learning the Ropes certificate in March 2020.

From Finley:

The YT is a group of young ringers aged under 18, with the youngest currently aged 8. We meet monthly every 2nd Sunday and ring at one or two towers. Jane Lynch organises it, but the oldest child is in charge at the towers. We also go to the Ringing World National Youth Contest every year and enter a team to compete against other youth teams. This year it is in Exeter on July 2nd 2022. On the day you go around towers in the area and usually at the tower where the competition is held there are other activities like a mini-ring.

I like ringing with the Tykes because I get to ring with people my age. Also I get to go to new towers in Yorkshire.



Finley lends David Hull a hand on York Minster tenor during a YT session.



Francis proudly wearing his RWNYC 2021 medal.

From Francis:

The Tykes, for me, is a very encouraging group, especially for any young ringers wishing to develop and it's great fun. I thoroughly enjoy going to the meetings and we are a friendly group.

Meetings are monthly on Sundays, and we go everywhere from 8 to 12 bell towers across Yorkshire. Since lockdown we have rung all over, at the likes of Kildwick, Tadcaster, Ecclesfield, Birstwith and Bradford Cathedral. We all meet up in the afternoon and do plenty of ringing, organised by our leader Jane Lynch, and do everything from rounds and call changes to Stedman and treble bob/surprise methods. As well as ringing, there is usually a social event afterwards, with refreshments and food. It is fantastically organised and we all enjoy it!

In the summer holidays, the Ringing World National Youth Contest (RWNYC) takes place. This is a national striking competition held in cities across the UK, this year's event will be hosted by Exeter.

We spend a lot of time practicing our test pieces (usually a touch of Plain Bob Triples) and have fielded a team for about 10 consecutive years. On the day, we make our way to the host city, visiting open towers and mini rings and partaking in handbell workshops. At the end of the day, the scores on the doors are revealed for the striking contest and where teams have placed in comparison to others (we have even won it on a few occasions) and the day is a real highlight of my year. It is unbelievable fun and for any other young ringers out there, I cannot recommend it enough!

Next Yorkshire Tykes meetings

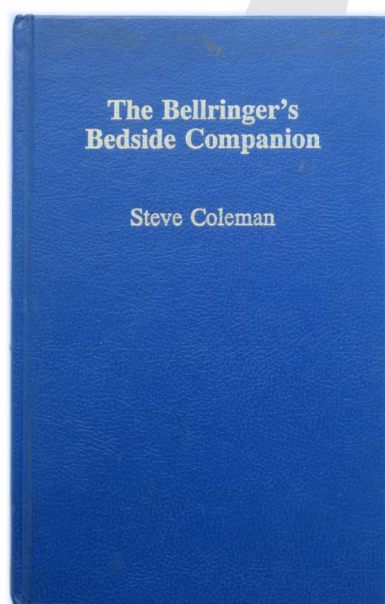
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The Yorkshire Tykes ring the Ambergate Campanile mini-ring at All Saints, Worcester, during the RWNYC in September 2021.

The Bellringer's Bedside Companion by Steve Coleman



The Bellringer's Bedside Companion by Steve Coleman is a general book about bellringing. He describes it as 'a book for ordinary ringers' not 'high-brow' ringers, and it offers advice and information on many of the basics of ringing that learners struggle with – ropesight, call changes and raising & lowering in peal for example. Despite covering such a wide range, some topics are covered in depth, with three chapters each on ropesight and learning a new method, nine chapters on being a tower captain, and a whole section devoted to call changes.

While there is lots of information you will find in other books, there are also some things you won't find so easily, for example chapters entitled 'Ringing Panic' and 'Ringing Etiquette', one about what, and what not, to wear when ringing, another discussing right and left-handed ringers and three on 'Ringing Teas' (it even tells you how much bread, tea and milk you will need!). It may not be for 'high-brow' ringers, but there is nevertheless, something for everyone.

Surprisingly, despite the book saying that many of the problems that people have are the result of poor handling, it doesn't tell you how to improve your handling. Learners may also be disappointed that there isn't a section on ringing Bob Doubles.

This book will probably appeal most to mature learners. There aren't any pictures and not much in the way of diagrams but it is written in a chatty, easy to read style and is the sort of book you can pick up and dip into. There is also lots of useful information and advice for tower captains, and even if you're not a tower captain it may help you understand the dilemmas a tower captain has to face. As well as helping you to improve your ringing, this book will also convince you that you are not alone in your struggles!

This book usually costs £14.95 but we are currently subsidising the cost from branch funds and you can buy it for £8 through the branch.

On Six		
Rounds to Queens and back		
	Up calling	Down calling
123456 Rounds	4 to 5	5 to 3
123546	2 to 3	3 to 1
132546 Intermediate	2 to 5	5 to 3
132546 Queens	5 to 2	2 to 3
123546 Intermediate	3 to 2	2 to 1
123456 Rounds	5 to 4	4 to 3
Rounds to Tittums and back		
	Up calling	Down calling
123456 Rounds	3 to 4	4 to 2
124536	3 to 5	5 to 4
142536 Tittums	2 to 4	4 to 1
142356	5 to 3	3 to 2
124356	4 to 2	2 to 1
123456 Rounds	4 to 3	3 to 2
Rounds to Burdette and back		
	Up calling	Down calling
123456 Rounds	4 to 5	5 to 3
123546	1 to 2 lead	2 lead
213546 Burdette	2 to 1 lead	1 lead
123546	5 to 4	4 to 3
123456 Rounds		

A page of 'Suggested Calling Sequences'.

News from the Association

General Meeting - February 5th 2022

Morning ringing took place at Crofton and Hemsworth, followed by a service at St. John the Baptist, Royston, and a pie & peas lunch in the function room at The Pack Horse pub (opposite the church) where the meeting was also held. At the meeting:-

- We stood to remember Chris Milestone, Janet Robinson, Tony Sulman (Tickhill), Clive Pearson (Liversedge), Molly Stephens (Kirkbymoorside), John Fryer (Ecclesfield), Geoff Vardy (Norton, Sheffield), Keith Evans (South Kirkby), Eileen Petty (Thornaby), David Ball (Burneston) and Philip Livesey (Fewston).
- We elected seven new members – four for Central Branch, one for East Riding Branch and two for Cleveland and North Yorkshire Branch.
- The appointment of Chris Moxon as Report Editor was confirmed (proposed in September 2021).
- Nominations for Association Officers
 - Simon Plows was proposed as General Secretary
 - Malcolm Turner was proposed as Ringing Master
 - John Goldthorpe was proposed as Composition Secretary for the Association.

All three will be (re-)elected at the AGM in May if there are no other nominations.

- Simon Plows talked briefly about 'the recovery' of ringing after the lockdowns and thanked everyone who had worked to keep people in touch whilst we couldn't ring.
- The Education Committee said that following the death of Stuart Raggett they no longer have a treasurer, and after the AGM in May they will be looking for a new Convenor and Secretary. They had recently held a successful handbell day at Market Weighton, but most of their efforts have been focused on working towards the Grand Day Out in April.
- There was a long list of future events (listed below).
- The President said that Tony Stamp was standing down as Gift Aid Officer so we are looking for someone to take over.
- The President also mentioned that it will be the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the Association in 2025 and we should start thinking about how we can celebrate this event.

Future Association Events - 2022

- 7th May** – AGM at Almondbury, and Inter-branch striking competition at Longwood, Western Branch. See details on page 12.
- 28th May (pm)** – 12 bell ringing at Selby Abbey especially for those not used to ringing on 12 bells. The ringing will be rounds and call changes and there will be plenty of experienced ringers to give support.
- 2nd July** – 'Hat' striking competition
- 20th August** – Life members' event at North Cave
- 17th September** – General Meeting in Cleveland & North Yorkshire branch
- 15th October** – Snowdon Lunch, in York
- 29th October** – Quiz night in aid of BRF, in Leeds branch. General knowledge, not about ringing.

Focus on: St. Peter Birstall



Worship has been held in this location for over 900 years. Originally in a field with a stone font and table. The nave was built first with a tower during Norman times. The ground floor level of the existing tower dates back to Norman period and is the oldest part of the church.

The East end was further developed to include the Choir and High Alter. Further development included a lady chapel and vestry area to the North and South Sides. Then during the 18th Century 2 further aisles were added to the North and South of the Nave.

Almost every window holds scenes from the bible in stained glass and includes a more recent refurbished rare stained glass in the vestry depicting the scene of Saul on the road to Emmaus with a Roman Soldier and the blinding light causing him to bend on one knee. This glass is very thin and fine. It is understood that the glass was donated by Leeds Minster after the Second World War.

Above the Nave arch is painted a rare wall mural by Edward Framton showing Christ seated in heaven surrounded by the heavenly angels. It is quite moving to sit and just ponder what Christ went through at Calvary so that we can be with him in heavenly paradise.

The earliest we can find of there being bells in the tower is 1541.

Presumably there was more than one as "12d to bie bell strings" was in the will of Richard Speght. In 1569 the Great Bell was stolen by one Henry Batte, aided and abetted by Henry Tempest of Tong. The traditional story has it that the bell was hung in Tong Church however, at an inquisition in 1601, Battie said that he stole the bell, valued at £10, for his own use.

By 1772 it seems the tower then contained 3 bells which were in a sorry state of repair according to the churchwardens' accounts. In 1728 there is a record in the accounts for £1, 10 shillings for six new bell ropes - possibly 3 new bells were added. After various attempts of Mr Walker, a bell founder in Rotherham, to get the bells in tune, the church authorities were so dissatisfied that they held a meeting in October 1770 to order a new peal of six bells from Messrs Pack and Chapman of Whitechapel. In 1890 the tenor bell was going very badly and it was rehung at a cost of £5 on patent bearings provided by Shaw and Sons of Bradford and costs covered by some of the parishoners.

The current ring of 8 bells at St Peters was recast and hung in a steel frame by Gillett & Johnson of Croydon in 1919 paid for by the family in memory of Lieutenant Longbottom who died in the First World War. The tenor is 22 Cwt and after recent works a new wooden shafted clapper was installed in replacement of the existing clapper which had been broken and welded back which caused it to always raise on the wrong side of the bell. It is now excellent. One curiosity is the slider cage utilised by Gillett and Johnsons on each bell which is seen in only a few installations.

In 2019, the church celebrated its 900 years of Christian worship and the 100 years since the installation of the current bells. A band from our branch rang a peal on the bells of Birstall Surprise Major and a peal board is now hung in the tower in recognition of their efforts.

Miles Lawson

In the next newsletter, we'll be looking at St. James the Apostle, Birstwith

Birstall Stat Pack

Number of bells – 8

Founder(s) – Gillett & Johnson 1919

Total Weight of bells – 78cwt approx

Total Peals – 347

Practice Night – Thursday

Sunday Service – 10am (please check)

Steps to Ringing Chamber – 30 (+ 7 down)

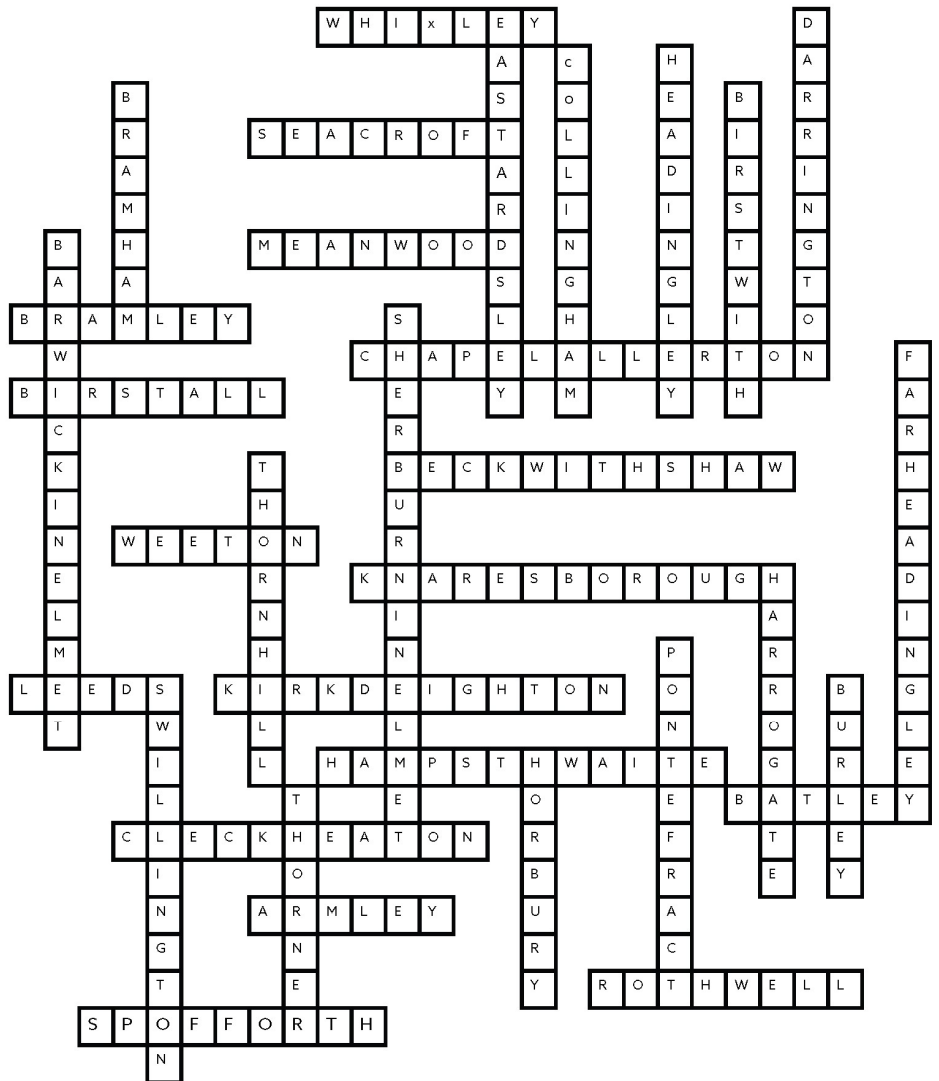
Puzzle Page – December Answers

Leeds Branch Towers

Just how well do you know your branch towers by weight?

Christmas Quiz Results

- 1) "In heav'n the bells are ringing" comes from Ding Dong Merrily on High
- 2) What kind of bells are in a Winter Wonderland? - Sleigh bells
- 3) Which Christmas bell song is based on a poem by Henry Longfellow? - The Bell Carol
- 4) Probably the most famous Christmas bell song is "Jingle bells". Who wrote this famous carol? - James Pierpoint
- 5) Which of these Christmas bell songs is also known as the "Ukrainian Bell Carol"?
- Carol of the Bells



Where's that tower....?

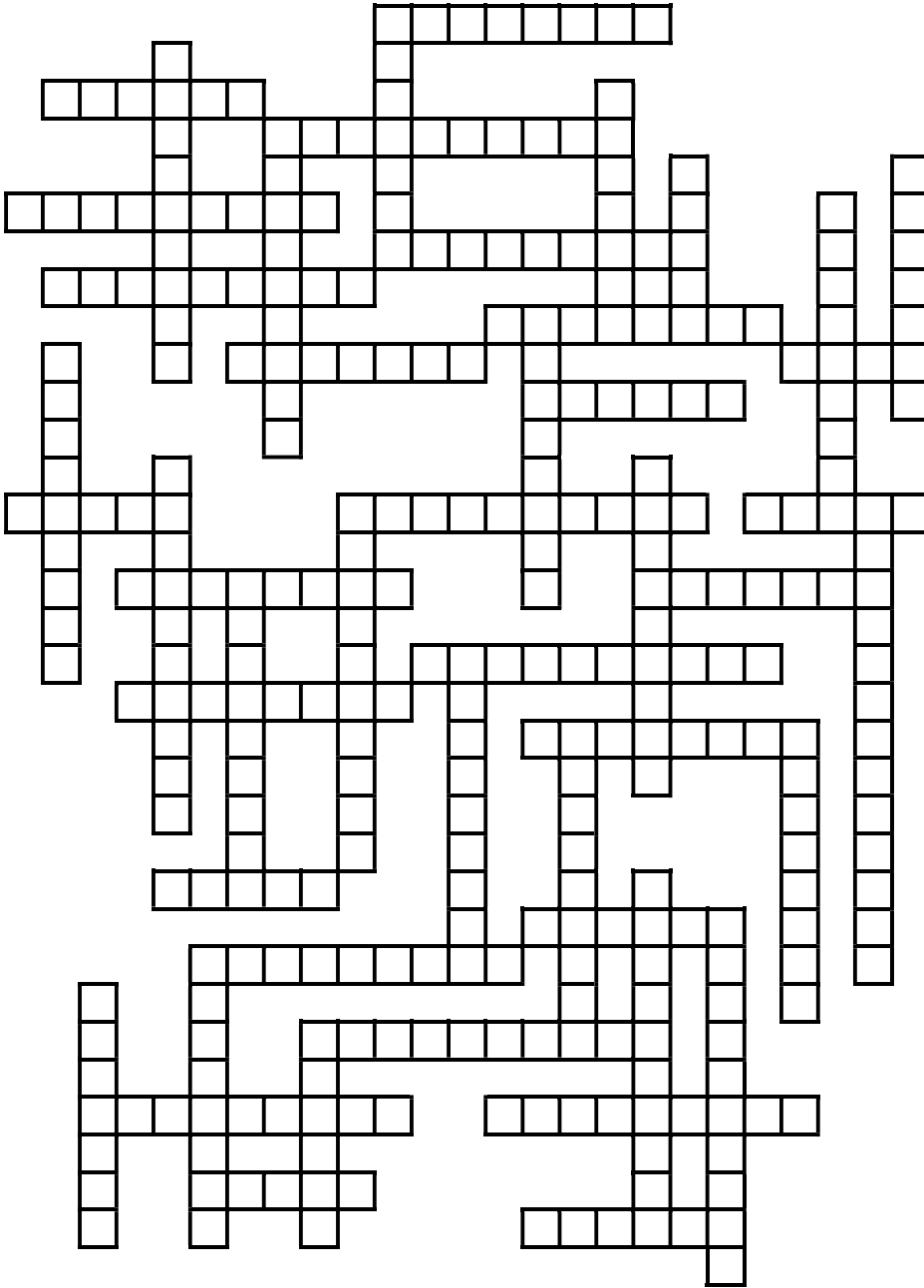


The tower is Darrington - known for its 'scary' vertical ladder up to the ringing room.

Puzzle Page

Cathedral Wordfit

Not as straightforward as you might think, but it will be a bit easier if you start at the top and work your way down.



Where's that tower.....?



Too many steps

Away down the country in an out of the way village lived old Ben. He was the steeple keeper and a good ringer, too. But as Ben grew older the belfry stairs seem to grow longer. Every one of those stairs was an old friend of his, and he knew them as well in the dark as in the daylight. On an average old Ben climbed those stairs or part of them four times a week. Three times — twice on Sunday and once on practice night — he went up as far as the ringing chamber', and once a week he went up the second flight to see after the bells. Thought he one day. "if in the top flight there were one-third more stairs and in the bottom flight one-quarter less, I should save my old legs a climb of 30 steps a week." The second flight had half the number of steps of the first flight. Can you work out how many steps there were in each flight?

4 letters	6 letters	7 letters	8 letters	9 letters	10 letters	13 letters
Peel	Brecon Dundee Durham	Bristol Chester Dunkeld Glasgow Lincoln St Pauls	Aberdeen Bradford Carlisle Coventry Dunblane Hereford Llandaff St Albans	Blackburn Edinburgh Inverness Lancaster Leicester Lichfield Liverpool	Newcastle Rochester Sheffield Southwark Southwell Wakefield Worcester	Birmingham Canterbury Chelmsford Chichester Gloucester Manchester Portsmouth Winchester
5 letters	Exeter Oxford					
Derby Leeds Ripon Truro Wells						

Future Events

Leeds Branch Meetings May – June 2022

Saturday May 14th - St. Anne's Cathedral Leeds (8, 9cwt) 10.00am – 12 noon

Come and join us on these easy-going bells. There is no special method, so just let Paul the Ringing Master know what you would like to ring.

NB. Access to the tower is inside the Cathedral via a door in the war chapel (3rd chapel from the back on the left side if you are facing the altar. There will be a service starting at 12 noon, so please leave quietly.

Saturday May 21st - Aberford Village Hall – Safeguarding Training

See the details elsewhere in this newsletter. Eventually Parish Safeguarding Officers will be making sure that all tower captains have done this training, but you can surprise them by doing it before they start chasing you! We'd like to get at least one person from every tower to attend the training, and as it has been designed especially for ringers, the discussions will be about scenarios that we may encounter in our own towers.

Saturday June 11th – Branch striking competition

There are two trophies to be awarded: call changes and method ringing.

We would like to make this as inclusive as possible, so the rules are planned to be very relaxed. This is much more about having some fun, getting some experience of ringing in a competition, and encouraging all ringers who would like the opportunity to have a go!

Further details soon, but for now, please could you start thinking about teams, and if you find yourself slightly short, please get in touch and we will endeavour to make sure we can get you up to 6!

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Saturday May 7th 2022

10:30	Inter Branch Striking Contest at Longwood (St Mark) - Draw at 10:30.
12:30 – 13:30	General Ringing at Lightcliffe (St Matthew)
13:30 – 14:30	General Ringing at Brighouse (St Martin)
14:30 – 15:30	General Ringing at Lindley (St Stephen)
15:30 – 16:30	General Ringing at Almondbury (All Hallows)
16:30	Service at Almondbury
17:00	Tea at Almondbury
18:00	YACR Business Meeting at Almondbury
19:00 – 20:30	General Ringing at Huddersfield (St Peter)

Names for Tea to Pat Kefford by 3rd May.

Bacon butties available at Longwood, also through Pat (Pre-order only).

Contact details are on the YACR website.

