

Leeds Branch Newsletter

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Welcome

2021 has been a traumatic year in many ways with our churches and belfries shut down for the first six months, but from mid-July we have been ringing more fully and being very careful.

Our Committee has been working hard to make ringing events attractive and welcoming. We've been to Birstwith with a dumbbell and ebells in the hall, coffee and biscuits, ringing on the lovely bells, and lunch in the local pub, Birstall with coffee and biscuits before ringing on those gorgeous bells and December at Leeds Minster with 25 ringers having a go on the lovely 12 bells, then mince pies and mulled wine. If you have any ideas for 2022 our Committee would be delighted to take them on board.

Do come along to Meetings and enjoy yourselves. We all remember when we learnt to ring how ringers encouraged and supported us, and Paul (our Ringing Master) will make you welcome. Also, do come along in February to the AGM of the Branch, it is in the afternoon of the 12th February at Thorner, and I look forward to welcoming you.

As 2021 draws to an end it just remains for me to say to you all - have a Good Christmas and have a Happy New Year.

Barrie – Branch Chairman



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Latest ringing guidelines

Since the new Government 'Plan B' guidelines, the CCCBR and the Church of England have introduced new guidance. While the Council's guidance remains that face coverings are strongly recommended, provided the ringers are in a part of the building that is not open to the public, the wearing of face coverings is not mandatory. This needs to be with the incumbent's knowledge. The guidelines can be found in full [here](#).

Your Leeds Branch Committee

Chairman – Barrie Dove (Leeds Cathedral)
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Assist. Ringer Master – Alan Futers (Far Headingley)
Webmaster – Wendy Bloom (Leeds Minster)
Committee Member – Bill Todd (Kirk Deighton)

News from the Branch

We have now had four 'face-to-face' branch practices since restrictions were relaxed, and we have been planning our programme for next year. Let's hope there are no more interruptions.

Sad news...

Chris Milestone died peacefully at the beginning of November. Chris learnt to ring at Bramley, before moving to Far Headingley. He was a very active member of the band, serving as Deputy Ringing Master for many years, organizing trips and active in the teaching of younger ringers. He reluctantly stopped ringing about 10 years ago as stairs became a problem, before his health deteriorated, and will be much missed.

Roy Garner died in June this year. He learned to ring at St. Giles, Pontefract in the late 1990's and was happy to ring rounds and call changes and plain hunt. He helped many local towers with wedding ringing and could always be relied upon to attend ringing at St. Giles and to support new ringers there.

Derrick Bellamy died in May. Derrick moved to Kirk Deighton in the early 1980's, and as he was already an experienced ringer, provided a great boost to the local band. Derrick arranged many social and ringing activities and the tower was always alive with him in it.

Safeguarding training – the face-to-face safeguarding training for Tower Captains, Deputy Tower Captains and those involved in training young ringers has been postponed and is now intended to be held in the first half of next year.

You can still be doing the online courses in preparation for this course – all ringers should undertake the online **Basic Awareness**, and Tower Captains, Deputy Tower Captains and 'Significant Youth Trainers' should undertake the **Foundations** online training.

Basic Awareness and Foundations are both available on the C of E Safeguarding Training Portal at:

<https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org>

If you have already done the C0, C1 and C2 courses then you don't need to do the new courses until you are due to refresh your training.

Branch meeting at Birstwith

On 14th August Leeds Branch held its first face-to-face meeting since the Covid restrictions began.

Ringing was held at Birstwith which must be the most well-ventilated tower in our branch. Being ground floor with a large door opening to outside and further doors leading to the back of the church and the church hall, it was ideal. The church hall was also open from about half an hour before the ringing began, giving everyone an opportunity to catch up with people they hadn't seen for a long time. As well as tea and coffee we had two extra special attractions to interest people and occupy them while they weren't ringing:-

Firstly there was a dumbbell, built by Ben Johnson, ringing master at Leeds Minster, during the first lockdown. This is an excellent piece of kit – very solid and really well-designed, for example with variable height legs so that it can be accommodated in rooms with an ordinary ceiling height when extra room isn't available. It rings like an ordinary dumbbell and is connected to a laptop so that it can be used with Abel, so you can ring anything from rounds to the most complicated method of your choice.

Secondly, there were the eBells – two pairs, each pair connected to a separate laptop. One of these was the pair of eBells that has been bought by the Leeds Branch (complete with the branch name inscribed on the end so that they can't get mixed up when ringing with other eBells) and that are available to loan to branch members. Lots of people had a go at ringing the eBells, some demonstrating their prowess at method ringing, others of us thinking it was enough of a challenge to strike our two bells in rounds. Newsletter readers will know that this was another of Ben Johnson's lockdown projects – started during the first lockdown with the first eBells available to buy in time for the second lockdown!

We rounded off our meeting with lunch at the local pub, and an excellent meal was enjoyed by all.



Branch 'library'

Please ask the branch secretary if you would like to borrow any of the following:-



The branch **eBells** are available to loan out to any branch members who wish to borrow them. Plug them into your own computer and 'ring'

them instead of pressing keys on your keyboard in 'Ringing Room'. Ring one as a tower bell, or use both of them and try ringing handbells.

Come on! Listen to it! by Michael Foulds



Consists of a DVD and an accompanying book with more than ten hours of listening exercises and some videos which will help you to learn to hear your own bell.

From Rounds to Ropesight by Stuart I Bamforth



Consists of a DVD and book. There are nearly two hours of video with exercises starting on 3 bells and building up from there. It uses slow motion and normal speed ringing, highlighting where you should be looking, and sometimes even greying out where you shouldn't be looking, to help you to develop your ropesight.

Ringling and Christmas Social at Leeds Minster

Despite a last minute panic when the government changed to 'Plan B' with just days to go before the branch Christmas practice, the ringers at Leeds Minster managed to get a new risk assessment signed off in time and everything went ahead as planned, and with a full turnout of everyone who'd given their name in advance.



We started off ringing on the Minster's twelve bells, which can be a challenge even for experienced ringers. Plenty of experienced ringers were there to provide support, particularly around the back end, and the less experienced ringers were able to take full advantage. At least three people rang on 12 for the first time and others who don't usually ring on 12 were able to get some more practice. Some of the younger ringers were also noticed around the back end making it look easy! The ringing consisted of rounds and call changes, and more rounds and call changes, with just one method rung - Stedman Cinques - and even that had someone ringing it for the first time.

After the ringing we all made our way inside the church, on the way passing some regal-looking characters who were lurking in the side chapel. Once in the City of Leeds Room we tucked into mince pies (including some delicious homemade mince pies), and mulled wine, ably prepared by some more of the Minster's ringing team.



Meet the Committee

We asked the committee what is their favourite method, and why?

Alan – While learning, one of my favourite methods was Little Bob on the treble, as it allowed you to 'guess which 3 bells' you'd be plain hunting around, with the rest of the method providing a useful step into Kent Minor (and others), then Cambridge Minor. Now, there are methods I'd rather ring over others, such as ringing Yorkshire S Major over Cambridge S Major or Grandsire Triples over Plain Bob Triples. Then, musically thinking, any method that brings a musical combination together for a succession of rows, resulting in a similar, but different musical sound per row. An example, on 8, I like the sound of 7 5 6 8, which with enough paired dodges, can alternate with 5 7 8 6, which becomes a bit of a 'question and answer' for a succession of rows, which also expands to the back 4 on larger numbers.

Barrie - My favourite method is Grandsire.

It is such a simple and logical method, and there are endless ways of producing very musical and enjoyable touches.

It is a shame we don't ring it more often.

Bill – The last method I successfully master tends to be my favourite, until another one comes along. So, Plain Bob was a favourite until I came to terms with Grandsire. I found that with a little preparation I could ring both of those on higher numbers of bells so comfortable was I with their structure. When I moved on to Surprise methods it was obviously Kent and Oxford that I tried first but the allure of these two methods quickly wore off when I realised how repetitive and boring they are. I dabbled unsuccessfully with Cambridge Minor but thought it would prove a bridge too far. Then, with a good band around me, I got a quarter peal and now feel I could hold my own in any company.

One little caveat though; I have not been able to move on to Cambridge Major; that really is a bridge too far.

So, Cambridge Minor it is. If I can do it anybody can.

Janine – I don't think I really have a favourite method. If you asked me what I would like to ring at a meeting then I would probably choose something I hadn't rung for a while.

If I had to choose, I would probably choose Grandsire – it was the first method I learned, it's very musical and I've rung some absolutely tip-top quarters of Grandsire Triples. I also think Grandsire Doubles is a good method for towers that don't have many ringers as you only need three inside ringers, and it's good for people learning to plain hunt as on the treble you have the security of knowing who is going to take you off lead every time.

Miles - My favourite method is Superlative Surprise Major. When well struck it is a joy to listen to with 5 dodges on the front and behind, the long places in the middle can give the Esso blue changes. That's the similarities to the old Esso Blue paraffin advert to changes with 8765 at the back

Wendy - My favourite method is Stedman, ideally Cinques. I enjoy the flowing rhythm and excellent music that the 4 sets of double dodges in 4-5. 6-7, 8-9 and 10-11 can produce with carefully composed coursing orders and find that this can help to promote really good striking. I've been lucky to ring memorable peals of Stedman on excellent peals of bells around the country, with the two half-muffled peals in a day we rang at Leeds Minster and Wakefield Cathedral on the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day in 2018 a particular high point.

If you have a question for the committee, send it to leedsbr.editor@gmail.com



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Ringers of the Leeds Branch: Ringers from the Past

In this newsletter we focus on Ron Warford who was a member of the YACR between 1957 and 1984.



Ron learned to ring at Selby Abbey, where his father was a ringer, and joined the YACR in 1957, ringing his first peal, of Plain Bob Minor in 1959.

In 1967 Ron got married and moved to Chapel Allerton. There were no ringers there and he immediately set about building a new band. He taught many new ringers, and with the help of other ringers who joined, built a thriving band. All of the band were encouraged to ring peals and consequently the new ringers progressed very quickly.

Ron was also very involved in ringing in the Leeds area. He was ringing master of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society of Change Ringers in 1970 when it was dissolved and the Leeds & District branch of the YACR was formed, and became the Leeds Branch's first ringing master, a position which he held until 1972 and then again from 1975 to 1978. He was also branch chairman between 1979 and 1981. Throughout all this time he was very active, arranging ringing outings, bands to visit tower practices, and numerous branch social events. He also arranged many peals and quarter peals, being especially keen to encourage young and inexperienced ringers.

In 1977 Ron moved to Otley (which was in Leeds Branch at the time) and again set about building up

the band. His energy and enthusiasm had the same effect here and by the early eighties the band consisted of twenty people, most of whom had rung peals. Whilst he was here he took up walking and completed most, if not all, of the major Yorkshire walks including 'the three peaks' and the 'lyke wake walk'. Later on he also took up running, running marathons and half-marathons.

Ron's entire working life was spent with the post office, later BT, initially as a telephone engineer and later in training. Originally he was based in Leeds but in 1985 he transferred to Newcastle, taking his family to live in Gosforth. Here he carried on with the same enthusiasm and effort that he put into everything, building up the band at Gosforth (where he was tower captain), and becoming President of the Durham and Newcastle Association.

Whilst in the D&N he was involved in many fund raising events. On one occasion he did a sponsored 24hr run around Gateshead stadium. Other people joined him for a couple of hours at a time, but Ron kept going for the whole 24hrs, stopping only for a drink, something to eat and endless leg massages!

Another occasion was when sitting in a pub with a group of ringers who decided they would walk from Edinburgh Cathedral to Newcastle Cathedral to raise money for the South Shields bell fund. After a couple more pints they all decided that 110 miles was not a big enough challenge and they would do it in 36 hours, which meant averaging 3 miles an hour. Ron was one of only two people who managed to complete this challenge with everyone else gradually dropping out along the way.

Another of his achievements came after retirement when he was persuaded to leave his home for three months to teach a new band in Charleston, South Carolina. Forty-four people had signed up to learn to ring and with Ron's teaching thirty-three of them advanced to solo-handling in the three months.

Ron will also be remembered for his humour. He was a true Yorkshire man and always called a spade a spade, but at the same time, he would say it in such a way that no one would ever take offence. He was always good company and there was nothing he liked more than a celebratory drink with ringing friends after a good peal.

News from the Association

Lots of things have been happening in the Association. More details of some of them are below:-

Open Striking Contest

Usually on the day of the Association's September General meeting the final of the Sunday Service Striking Competition is held. This year none of the branches had held striking competitions so it wasn't possible to have a 'final'. Instead, it was decided to hold a striking competition open to all members of the YACR.

St. Lawrence, York, hosted the competition. Four bands of eight were drawn from four graded 'hats' to provide evenly balanced bands ranging from the very experienced to ringers who were competing in a Striking Contest for the first time. It was good to see so many new faces and to finally meet up face to face with old friends.



The winning team with their trophies.

General meeting September 18th

The September General Meeting was held in the York Branch with ringing at Rufforth, Bishopthorpe, Stockton on the Forest, Easingwold and Strensall, followed by a church service at Strensall with a delicious ringers' tea and the business meeting at Strensall village hall. Evening ringing was at Huntington. Judging by the number of ringers out and about, people were glad to be able to ring and meet other ringers and they weren't letting Covid put them off.

At the meeting:-

- We remembered members who had died since May, those from other Association branches were Stuart Raggett of Tadcaster, Barry Sullivan of Almondbury and David Wilson of Beverley, St. Mary.
- Four new members were elected and one member rejoined (4 from Horbury)
- The appointments of a new CCCBR Rep and Librarian, who had been nominated at the AGM, were ratified.
- A proposal for Report Editor was received – to be ratified at the February meeting.
- There was a review of the Yorkshire Day Event. Plans are afoot to hold a similar event in 2022 with Open Days on the Sunday (31st July) and ringing to mark Yorkshire Day itself on the Monday.
- The President congratulated the Yorkshire Tykes on coming 4th in the Ringing World National Youth Contest that had been held in Worcester earlier in September. A National Youth Organisation had been launched at the competition.
- The Association had held a review of communications. It was reported that:-
 - Changes were currently taking place to remedy some issues that had been identified with the website and incorporate some ideas that members had suggested. Branches were urged to keep their webpages up to date.
 - The flow of information from branches to the towers has been monitored and seems to be working well, however the flow from towers to their members is sometimes a bit hit and miss.
 - An electronic version of the 2020 report will be available shortly.
 - The Association is not planning to maintain a digital archive at this time.
- It was suggested that the website or similar could be used to manage mailing, however, this would require people to sign up to it.
- The Education Committee is currently planning ART courses and a 'Ringing Up and Down in Peal' workshop. The next 'Grand Day Out' is planned for 2nd April 2022.
- The Yorkshire Tykes practice on the second Sunday of every month. They are currently struggling to get towers for their practices and would appreciate offers of help.

YACR Twelve bell practice, 25th September

This practice was for ringers of all abilities to give them the chance to experience ringing on twelve bells with the aim of ringing rounds, call changes & possibly Plain Hunt on 11.

It was held at Selby Abbey and was fully booked with more than forty people two days before. Two ringing masters were arranged to make sure the ringing went smoothly and to make the most of the available time.

For many it was to be their first attempt at twelve bell ringing and for others it was their first ring away from their home tower! As you can imagine it was an afternoon of many firsts and it was pleasing to see many new faces and a good number of younger ringers making the most of this opportunity.



YACR Quiz night

My First Association Social in 30 Years...

As a returning ringer, with a 30 year gap, it was with some trepidation and curiosity that I put mine and my husband's names down for the recent YACR Quiz Night at North Cave. Since re-starting ringing I have been on a journey of rediscovery: attempting to close the gap between the things I could ring without even thinking first time round and the reality of re-starting a hobby that combines the physical and the mental.

The next step was to introduce my husband (who is a non-ringer) to our world, and the Quiz Night was the perfect opportunity. I had decided that to smooth the introduction we would go straight to the quiz. We drove over to North Cave, arrived at the hall, and had a very warm welcome from the local ringers manning the venue. This was all very familiar, and boded well for a good evening. Within fifteen minutes the hall was complete with teams representing the YACR, and perhaps most importantly a local non-ringing team.

The questions were grouped into school subjects, and we had enough science graduates to decide to play our joker on the maths round, hoping to get a perfect double score. Halfway came along and we were fairly close to the bottom. However at this point a very tasty, generous meal of pies, peas and gravy was served. This provided a break from the quiz and a chance to chat to some of the other teams. In the second half we reached the maths round, and we



The winning team

worked out the answers to all but one question (which branch of mathematics is related to pebbles). At the end of the questions a well-run, brisk raffle was drawn, with most tables winning one of the many prizes. At the final count our team won by 1/2 a point, and we duly took the tub of chocolates back to Leeds Minster to share with the tower on Sunday.

This was a well-run fun event that I know everyone that attended enjoyed. Both Matt and I had a great evening and I would recommend attending a YACR meeting if you have the opportunity. Matt and I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome we have received returning to the ringing world, and especially to those in the YACR, with a special Thank-You to North Cave!

Simon Plackett and Matthew Motyka

Focus on: St. Michael & All Angels, Beckwithshaw

St Michael's church was built between 1886 and 1887 by William Swinden Barber and its architecture and furnishing is a fine example of the Arts and Crafts gothic revival style. It was paid for entirely by Dr Henry Williams and his wife who lived at the nearby Moor Park House; evidently there was a need for a church to cater for the large number of employees on their estate.

There are six bells, cast by Mears and Stainbank of Whitechapel in 1886. Again, they were donated by the Williams family and they are named after Dr Williams, his wife and four children: Joshua, John, Annie, Mary, Ellen and Henry; whose names are inscribed on the bells.

The bells form an unusually heavy peal of bells for a village church; the tenor weighing 13 cwt and tuned to F#; by contrast the bells of St Wilfrid's in Harrogate, a greater church, are only half this size.

The bells are hung in a wooden frame on two tiers with 1, 3 and 5 above 2, 4 and 6. They still have the wooden headstocks, although the original plain bearings have since been renewed with ball bearings.

Many years ago, the original wrought iron clapper of the third broke and was replaced with one of SG iron.



Unfortunately, the replacement was the wrong length and therefore struck the bell in the wrong place producing a "dead" sound. Last year this clapper was replaced with a new clapper of the correct length, improving both the sound and handling of the bell.

The bells are rung from a compact ringing room above the porch and the tenor ringer has to stand on the bottom step of the bell chamber staircase. The fourth, fifth and tenor ropes have Yorkshire tails; an extra sally at on the tail end for the backstroke. There is only one other tower in the Leeds District which has them; St Chad's, Far Headingley. The bells are very challenging to ring well, even by experienced ringers, but the sound is rewarding. Remarkably eight full peals have been rung on these bells!

The village appears to have had a long ringing tradition. Indeed, they were listed in Thorpe's Guide to Harrogate (published in 1891) so no doubt they were of interest to ringers who visited the spas in Harrogate.

"There is only one peal of bells in Harrogate, viz: St. Mary's; though the outlying village of Beckwithshaw has a few that are nicely toned"

St Mary's sadly lost its ringing peal in 1915, when the church was rebuilt and the bells were hung for chiming only. Ringing bells did not come to St Peter's or St Wilfrid's until 1963 and 1973 respectively; therefore for many years St Michael's had the only ring of bells in Harrogate.

For many years, bell ringing at Beckwithshaw went from strength to strength. There was a small but loyal band who rang every Sunday, for weddings and practised each week. Unfortunately ringing became less frequent due to ringers moving away or retiring. In 2018, there was interest once again and four new ringers were recruited and taught to ring by some of the Harrogate ringers and within a year the new band was able to ring rounds on all six bells.

We send our thanks and best wishes to Ann McGeoch who kept the bells at St Michael's ringing for many years in her capacity as tower captain. She has recently retired and Jon Bryant (churchwarden) is now acting tower captain.

In the next newsletter, we'll be looking at St. Peter, Birstall

Beckwithshaw Stat Pack

Number of bells – 6

Key – F#

Founder(s) – Mears & Stainbank, 1886

Total Weight of bells – approx. 48cwt

Total Peals – 8

Practice Night – Monday 6.30pm

Sunday Service – 10.45 (by arrangement)

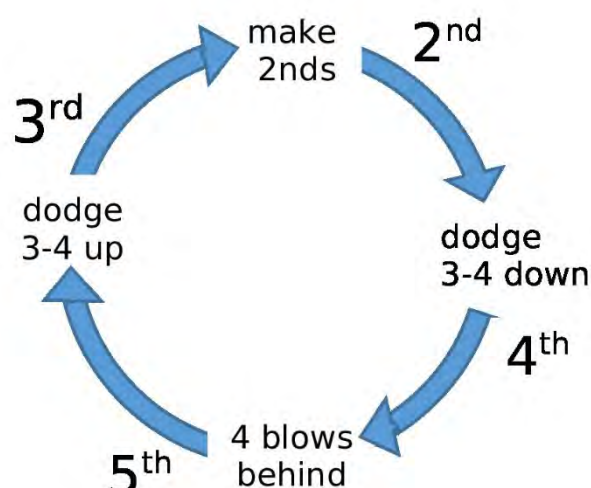
Steps to Ringing Chamber – 18

Another way to ring Bob Doubles?

One of the committee recently said that once he realised there was more than one way to learn a method he got on a lot better. Here are a few different ways of thinking about Plain Bob Doubles.

The circle of work

This is the way most people learn Plain Bob Doubles to start with. Every bell does the same sequence of work, but each one starts from a different place in the sequence. All you have to do is learn the order of the work and then concentrate like mad and count your places. There are some more tips at the bottom of the page.



Where you pass the treble

Another way to ring Bob Doubles is to notice where you pass the treble after you've led:-

If the treble takes you off the lead then you make two blows in seconds place and lead again

.	.	3	.	1
.	3	.	1	.
3	.	1	.	.
3	1	.	.	.
1	3	.	.	.
1	3	.	.	.
3	1	.	.	.
3	.	1	.	.

If when you leave the lead you pass one bell and then the treble, you dodge 3-4 up,

5	.	.	.	1
5	.	.	1	.
.	5	1	.	.
.	1	5	.	.
1	.	.	5	.
1	.	5	.	.
.	1	.	5	.
.	.	1	.	5

If you pass two bells and then the treble you're going to do 4 blows behind,

4	.	.	.	1
4	.	.	.	1
.	4	.	.	1
.	.	4	1	.
.	.	1	4	.
.	1	.	.	4
1	.	.	.	4
1	.	.	.	4
.	1	.	.	4
.	.	1	4	.

If you pass three bells and then the treble you're going to dodge 3-4 down.

2	1	.	.	.
2	.	1	.	.
.	2	.	1	.
.	.	2	.	1
.	.	.	2	1
.	.	.	1	2
.	1	.	2	.
1	.	2	.	.
1	.	.	2	.
.	1	2	.	.
.	2	1	.	.
2	.	.	1	.

1	2	3	4	5
2	1	4	3	5
2	4	1	5	3
4	2	5	1	3
4	5	2	3	1
5	4	3	2	1
5	3	4	1	2
3	5	1	4	2
3	1	5	2	4
1	3	2	5	4
1	3	5	2	4
3	1	2	5	4
3	2	1	4	5

Plain hunt until the treble leads

Bob Doubles is mostly plain hunt; the only time anything different happens is when the treble is leading. It may take a while until you can build up your skills enough to ring it this way.

A few more tips

In a plain course:-

- the bell who leads before you is always the same (known as your course bell),
- the bell who leads after you is always the same (known as your after bell)
- you dodge with the same bell in 3-4 up as you do in 3-4 down,
- you can't dodge with the treble.

You pass every bell once on your way from the front to the back, and once again on your way from the back to the front in the same order, unless you are dodging with them.

If there are any questions, or other method requests for breaking down, please email
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Puzzle Page – August Answers

Complete
Taylor
Twelves

Did you manage
to find them all?

N	H	B	M	R	E	T	S	N	I	M	L	L	E	W	H	T	U	O	S	L	E	B	N	W	E	T
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Name the Towers

The towers are:-

- 1) East Ardsley
- 2) Headingley
- 3) Far Headingley
- 4) Armley
- 5) Bramley
- 6) Batley
- 7) Burley
- 8) Leathley
- 9) Whixley

'Ley' is an old saxon term roughly meaning 'Forest Clearing'.

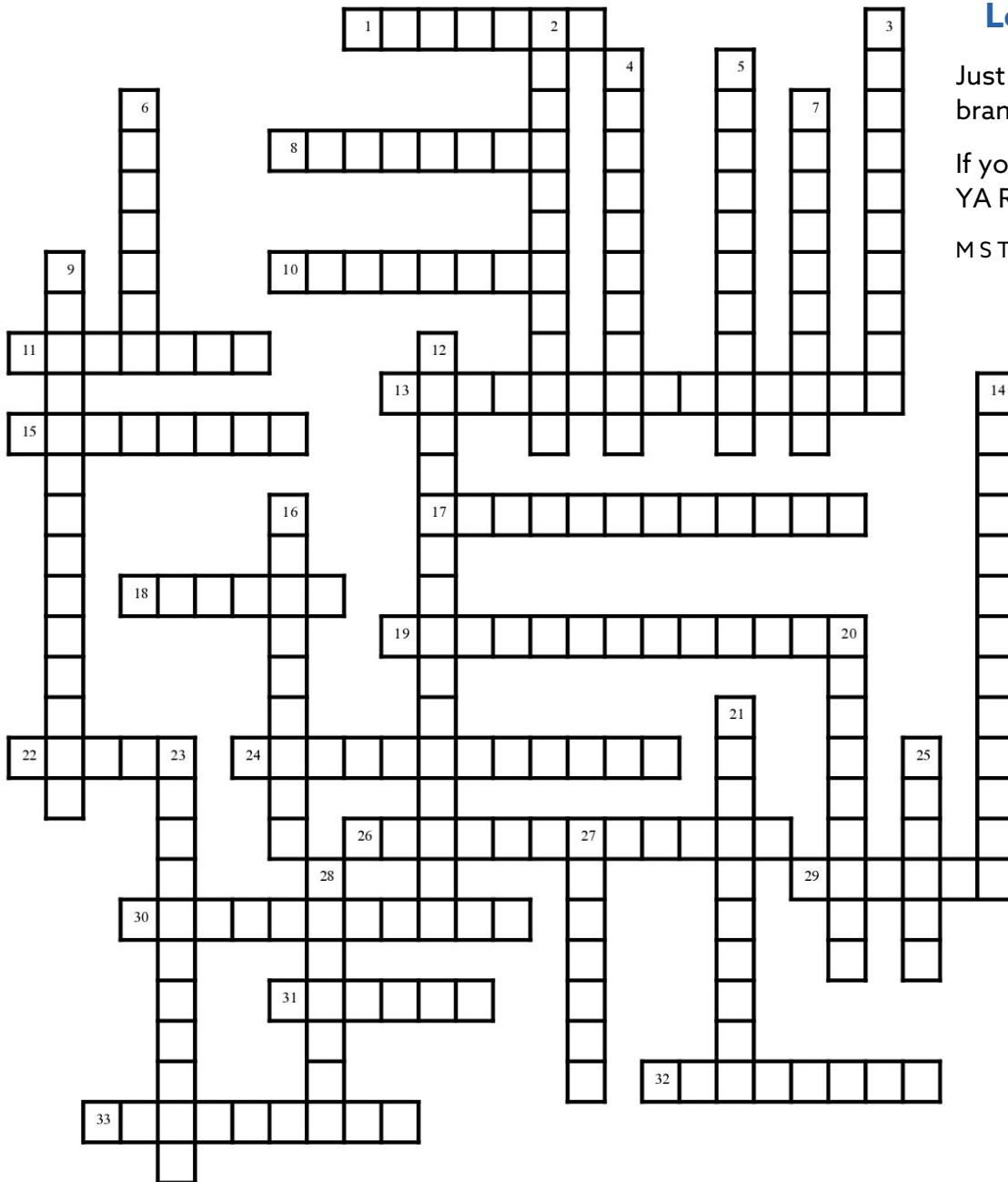
Where's that tower.....?



Last month's tower was East Ardsley.
The bells are the only ring of 8 in our branch cast by Llewellyns & James.



Puzzle Page



Leeds Branch Towers

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

If you get stuck, simply use your YA Report to find the answers

M S Turner 24th May 2021

Across

1. 5-3-3
8. 3-3-6
10. 16-3-5
11. 12-0-15
13. 7-2-23
15. 22-1-3
17. 13-0-15
18. 9-3-3
19. 18-1-15
22. 40-1-27
24. 9-3-8
26. 9-1-11
29. 10-1-14
30. 10-3-11
31. 15-2-22
32. 15-0-21
33. 12-3-22

Down

2. 20-2-14
3. 12-2-15
4. 7-2-0
5. 20-1-0
6. 12-0-4
7. 11-1-14
9. 12-3-8
12. 13-0-8
14. 18-2-13
16. 9-2-6
20. 6-0-3
21. 18-0-19
23. 12-0-22
25. 7-3-16
27. 9-1-10
28. 10-0-27

Where's that tower.....?



Clue:

This tower is known for its difficult access.

Christmas Quiz

- 1) "In heav'n the bells are ringing" is a line from which Christmas bell song?
- 2) What kind of bells are in a Winter Wonderland?
- 3) Which Christmas bell song is based on a poem by Henry Longfellow?
- 4) Probably the most famous Christmas bell song is "Jingle bells". Who wrote this famous carol?
- 5) Which of these Christmas bell songs is also known as the "Ukrainian Bell Carol"?
 - Carol of the Bells
 - I saw Three Kings
 - March of the Kings

Leeds Branch Meetings January – March 2022

Saturday 8th January

10.00am – 11.30am Chapel Allerton, St. Matthew (6, 7-2-23)

Please note that there will be a service in the church at the same time as we are ringing, so please enter quietly and go straight up the tower.

Special method – Plain Bob Doubles – Whether you want to ring plain courses, try a touch for the first time, practise ringing the treble or cover, if you'd like to practise ringing bob doubles, this is for you.

11.45am – 1.00pm Far Headingley, St. Chad (8, 18-2-13)

General ringing – for everyone.

Saturday 12th February

2.00pm – 3.30pm Tower to be confirmed

Special method – Plain Bob Doubles – same as last month but at a different tower.

3.45 pm onwards AGM at Thorner Parish Centre (next to the church)

with tea, coffee and cake. You can park in the carpark behind the parish centre.

Branch committee – There are three posts due for re-election at the AGM, which are:

- Secretary
- Education Committee Representative
- Webmaster

We also have a vacancy for Membership Secretary which has been covered by other committee members in the past year. If you would like to join the branch committee, either as one of the above roles, or if you would just like to be part of the committee and would like to help share the work, then please get in touch and find out what is involved.

Followed by ringing at Thorner, St Peter (8, 10-0-27)

General ringing – for everyone

Saturday 12th March

10.00am – 11.30am Kirk Deighton, All Saints (6, 9-3-8)

Special method – Plain Bob Doubles – same as before but at a different tower.

11.45am – 12.45pm Tower to be confirmed

General ringing – for everyone

If you would like to join us for the Bob Doubles practices please let us know in advance so that we can make sure that we have the right number of people to provide support for everyone and to make sure that everybody has a 'good go'.

Future Yorkshire Association Events - 2022

5th February - General meeting, Central Branch

Details of this event will be sent out shortly.

2nd April – Another Grand Day Out – Harrogate Show Ground

7th May – Association AGM, Western Branch

**And finally, we wish you a happy and peaceful Christmas,
and hope to see you at an event in the new year.**

