

# YACR

## Leeds and District Branch

Annual General Meeting – Bramley – 8<sup>th</sup> June 2019

### Minutes

1. [REDACTED] welcomed everyone to the meeting. He especially welcomed [REDACTED] who was spending his last weekend in Leeds before moving permanently to France. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] had held several posts on the Leeds Branch committee during his forty-three years in Leeds. [REDACTED] also expressed a desire to ring on the bells at Vernet sometime in the future.
2. Approval of minutes of 2018 AGM  
There were no amendments to the minutes. Proposed: PB, Seconded: DS. [REDACTED] signed the minutes as a true record.
3. Matters arising from the minutes, not on the agenda  
Re. 8a - PO asked who would represent Leeds Branch in the Sunday Service band striking competition this year. [REDACTED] responded that it would be Leeds Minster, as we had decided that if we held the hat competition as planned, then Leeds Minster would continue to represent the branch until another tower challenged them to a striking contest and won. No one has challenged them.
4. Election of new members  
There were no new members.
5. Election of officers. The three posts due for election this year are Secretary, Webmaster and Education Committee Representative. Proposals were received as follows:-

	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
a. Secretary	[REDACTED]	PO	JB
b. Webmaster	[REDACTED]	AF	DS
c. Ed. Comm. Rep.	[REDACTED]	PB	AF

There being no further nominations, all three were elected/re-elected.

[REDACTED] (outgoing webmaster) and [REDACTED] (outgoing Education Committee Representative) were thanked for their service to the branch. Although [REDACTED] would no longer be representing the Leeds Branch on the Education Committee, it is assumed that he will remain on that committee as their secretary.

6. Striking competition

For this year's competition, people were asked to enter individually with the teams being decided by the names being pulled out of a hat (the team leaders having been arranged in advance). There were three teams of six. It was originally intended that each team would have 30 minutes in which to practice and ring their test piece, thus enabling less experienced ringers time to become comfortable ringing their bell, and allowing plenty of time for the team leaders to help their team improve. In the event, a problem with two of the bells when they were rung up resulted in much less time being available for ringing than planned.

The test piece was a sequence of call changes that required all five front bells to lead, and the contest was judged by JJ.

Team 3 won, narrowly beating Team 1. JJ commented that all teams improved between their practice and their test piece, although none of them used all the time available to them for practice. All teams, particularly the first two, would have done much better if they had improved their leading, as slow or quick leads frequently had a 'knock-on' effect through the

whole change. (None of the teams had been aware before the contest, but only the first 120 changes had been marked, and this may have benefited teams who moved through the changes more slowly.)

After giving out some prizes, there followed some discussion about today's 'hat' competition:-

- The aim had been to involve more people from the branch, but that hadn't worked (there had been 18 names for the striking competition, compared to 23 taking part last year). This may partly have been because most of the Chapel Allerton ringers had not taken part, whilst usually they enter a team, and also because Leeds Minster had organised a peal to practice for the National 12 bell competition (having mixed up the dates).
- It had been intended that there would be more practice time in the tower with the aim of encouraging less experienced ringers to take part. Unfortunately, due to the problems with the bells, the extra practice time didn't happen (however, most of the people taking part weren't newcomers to striking competitions anyway).

## 7. Reports for the last year

### a. Accounts (2018) – [REDACTED]

#### LEEDS AND DISTRICT BRANCH ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2018

RECEIPTS	£	PAYMENTS	£
Branch grant	390.00	Hampsthwaite Hall (AGM)	45.00
		Tower donations 13/1 -11/8	103.00
Profit from AGM	16.89	Printing	8.60
		Postage	8.94
		Striking Contest Judge's Gift	12.50
		Outing donations	71.00
		Tower donations Dewsbury, Thorner, Bramley	28.50
		Tower donation Burley	10.00
		Tower donation Knaresborough	10.00
		Knaresborough Hall	5.00
		Branch party food	32.35
	<u>406.89</u>	Total	<u>334.89</u>
		Excess income over expenditure	<u>72.00</u>
Balance brought forward			
Yorkshire Bank	1980.16		
Cash	0.00		
Excess income over expenditure	72.00		
New balance as of 01/01/2019	<u>2052.16</u>		

It was noted that whilst it looks like the amount in our account has increased, £375 has already been spent on grants to towers in 2019. The branch offered grants towards projects from the second half of 2018 onwards and it has taken a while for grants to become payable.

[REDACTED] proposed the accounts be accepted, TH seconded.

- b. Secretary's report – [REDACTED] said that further to the 'branch report' in the 2018 YACR report, we are still trying out new ideas to try and involve more of our branch members, for example, the 'hat' striking competition today, and a different idea for the Christmas social this year.
- c. Ringing meetings during the year – [REDACTED] reported that in most months we have ringing at two towers. The first (for less experienced ringers) is generally very well attended whilst support for the second tower (more advanced) is more erratic, and it would be nice to see more people more of the time.

- CBD agreed that we have lots of learners at meetings, and some very experienced ringers, but not very many at an intermediate level. He suggested that each committee member could bring one person to the meetings to get more people there.
- CO said that the 'more advanced' practice was a bit vague and she would rather be given a special method that she could learn rather than being asked 'on the spur of the moment' to remember something that she hadn't rung for a long time.
- JW said that one of the problems is that everyone wants to go from ringing Plain Bob to ringing Surprise. There are lots of methods in the middle, such as Little Bob, and St. Clements, and everyone should try methods like that first.
- PO suggested ringing quarters as a learning tool.

It was agreed that we would try named special methods for the 'more advanced' tower, starting with the next meeting at Bramham (and Collingham) and see how it goes. [REDACTED] would come up with some suggestions.

- d. Membership – [REDACTED] reported that he had collected all the subs for 2018, and had collected approximately half of the subs for 2019.

## 8. Reports on YACR/National activities

- a. Sunday Service Striking competition (Sept. 2018) – Leeds Minster had represented the branch and had been placed 5<sup>th</sup> (although no one present could remember the results).
- b. Inter-branch striking competition (May 2019) – Leeds Branch had won this year's competition, held at Market Weighton.
- c. National 12 bell competition – Leeds Minster are again in the final having come third in their heat. [REDACTED] sent the branch's best wishes for the final.

## 9. Proposed change to date of AGM

It has been proposed that we change the date of the AGM to earlier in the year (partly so that the branch can approve the previous year's accounts before they are submitted to the treasurer and YACR report, rather than afterwards, and also so that changes of officer are made in time to be listed in the forthcoming report rather than shortly after the report has been printed.

- [REDACTED] said that the second Saturday in January would be too early to have the accounts ready.
- CO pointed out that the second Saturday in February is traditionally the BRF meeting.

It was provisionally decided to hold the AGM on the second Saturday in February provided that the BRF meeting can be accommodated (one in am, one in pm?).

It was clarified that the striking competition would be separate, and that that would still be in the summer months.

## 10. Vote of thanks

JL thanked everyone who had been involved in the meeting, in particular LO for the, as usual, wonderful tea.

## 11. Future branch events (morning unless stated)

- a. July 13<sup>th</sup> – Collingham (& Bramham tbc)
- b. August 10<sup>th</sup> – Cleckheaton & Horbury
- c. September 14<sup>th</sup> – tbc & Meanwood
- d. October 12<sup>th</sup> – Branch outing (all day)
- e. November 9<sup>th</sup> – tbc
- f. December 14<sup>th</sup> – Rothwell  
followed by mulled wine and mince pies

### Association events

- g. September 21<sup>st</sup> – YACR Meeting Leeds Br.
- h. October 19<sup>th</sup> – Snowdon Lunch

## 12. AOB - There was no further business.