

1. Apologies

Sheila Bloomfield (SB), Helen Nichols (HN) , William Lennox (WL)

2. Present

Susan Welch (SEW), John Leech (JL), Emma Coles (EC), Simon Plows (SP) Jane Lynch (Jly), Elva Ainsworth (EA), Barrie Dove (BD), Neil Donovan (ND), Elaine Scott (ES)

ES apologised for not having added the new YACR Ringing Master to the email list

ACTION ES to put Peter Kirby on list

3. Minutes of last meeting (30 March 2025) accepted

4. Action points from Minutes not covered elsewhere

1. ES has put Minutes of last meeting (30 March 2024) on Website
2. ART courses – Still awaiting list from ND to people who have taken the courses to ask if they would like to take part in some form of follow-up.

ACTION ND contiuning with this

3. Annie Faulkner has obtained her ebells, the grant has been paid and Annie has thank us.

5. Matters arising not already on the agenda – there were none

6. Committee Assets

1. No changes have been notified.

7. Courses – Expressions of interest

1. Courses will be offered for people to express interest using corsizio as we did for the Handbell Day
2. Courses can then be arranged to suit those who are interested
 1. Ringing up and down
 2. Leading up and down
 3. Stedman
 4. Surprise methods
 5. Tower maintenance

ACTION ES

8. Proposed Training courses

1. EA has arranged a workshop on Tower Management, in York on Saturday 24 May. There are six people attending. John Welch to put a reminder on the Facebook page.
2. BD said no call for leading up and down course in the Leeds Branch.

3. SW has arranged a Tower Maintenance Course in the Scarborough Branch at St Peters Norton juxta Malton, for June 2025 organised and fully subscribed. Malcolm Tuner is the tutor.
 4. Handbell day has been advertised and has 21 people have completed the form expressing their interests.. JL ES and Peter Church progressing this
 5. Stedman/Surprise Major - central tower to be arranged for practice. No progress. Pontefract has not yet installed simulator as awaiting faculty.
 6. Suggested tutors for Tower Maintenance courses – Chris Bennett , David Pygot
9. New YACR members
1. Need to organise a letter to greet for new members. SB volunteered to produce a draft.
 2. Events may be better organised at Branch level. SB to produce letter for Branch Ringing Masters.

Action SB - ongoing

10. Art Courses and follow up

1. EC has organised an ART M1 course at Chapel Allerton on Saturday 21 June , ND to tutor. There are 7 people registered.
2. An M2 course is to be organised in the Scarborough Branch, ND to tutor
3. ES still hoping to organise M2 course at Ranmoor, probably when the students are back at university
4. SEW to contact ART to ask when tutors are available for the suggested courses and copy SW in to email
5. Students would prefer M1 courses in October when they have returned. Possibly 27 September in Ranmoor
6. SW and ND are trying to organise a course in September/October in the Scarborough Branch. Date to be confirmed.
7. SEW still considering M1 course in Richmond

Action ND, SEW, SW, ES

11. Finance

1. A request for a grant of £60 towards the expenses of the Tower Maintenance course has been agreed
2. A request for a grant of £250 towards the expenses of the Silsden St James Bell Extravaganza was agreed Suggested the Branch is invited to contribute as well. We will ask for a write up with pictures to share with the Association.

Action ES

3. A enquiry has been made about supporting a ringer to attend the Advanced Ringing Academy run by the Ancient Society of College Youths in Birmingham
He has been advised to ask his branch as well as to apply for a grant
It was agreed in principle that we would consider grants for those in full time education.

12. 150th anniversary of the Association

1. The 150 Challenge was introduced by SEW at the YACR AGM on Saturday 10 May 2025 in York. It is now on the website, a specific website is in production

2. A poster for the challenge has been produced, handed out at the AGM, and advertised on the YACR Facebook page and website.
3. SEW asked that all committee members encourage Branch members and events

Action All

4. Following the QP comments in the report, '**2025 sees the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the YACR. Let's see as many members as possible ringing something special to mark this. There are lots of members who do not appear in the QP stats – why not this year coming? 150 first quarter pealers is not totally ridiculous. A QP in 150 towers is just a small step on from the 130 in 2024. Even better see if every ringable tower has at least one QP during the year.**' JL suggested that every tower should have a quarter peal
 5. Discussion as to how to continue. Need regular information as to what is happening. Things like how many quarters have been rung etc.
 6. There has been a suggestion for clothing with the a badge. JLy suggested that membermojo should be used to ask everybody if they would like a badge or to order clothing. Carol Kirby organises YACR clothing. We will ask her about this.
 7. Badge needs agreeing.
 8. There is an event on bellboard to which actions should be associated, with pictures as possible. Every member to be included if possible.
 9. Ilkley has been suggested for the AGM next year. It is hoped to have a gathering as well. Weston Branch is in agreement for this, dependent on Ilkley being available. Further discussion needed as to what is going on.
13. Any other business
- It was suggested that we get people to write something about their courses to give a report on-line.
14. Date of next meeting
- Next meeting Sunday 13 July 8.00 by jitsi