

Welcome

Welcome to the Yorkshire Association. To save you ploughing through the rules to find out what goes on in our Association, here is a brief resumé:-

- There are three ‘meetings’ a year, each preceded by a short church service and a ‘ringers’ tea’, and with several towers open to ring at. The meetings rotate around the branches and take place on the first Saturday in February, the first Saturday in May following the bank holiday and on the third Saturday in September. The May meeting is the Association AGM.
 - On the morning of the May meeting the ‘Inter-branch’ striking competition is held. This is an 8-bell competition with a team entered by each branch.
 - On the morning of the September meeting the final of the ‘Sunday Service Striking competition’ is held. This is a 6-bell competition with the teams being the winners of the Sunday Service Striking competition in each branch.
- The Association also holds a lunch (or sometimes a dinner) on the third Saturday in October in memory of our founder and first president (in 1875), Jasper Snowdon. The Snowdon Lunch has been held in York for the last few years.
- As well as being welcome to take part in all the above events, you can also benefit from training events organised by the Education Committee, and if you are under 19 you can join the regular monthly practices of the ‘Yorkshire Tykes’.

You are also a member of one of the nine branches. The activities held in each branch vary, but there are usually monthly practices, occasional social and training events, an annual striking competition and an AGM. If your branch doesn’t hold the type of activities you’d like to see, then let your branch committee know, or better still, join the committee and do something about it!

If you have opted to receive branch and association notices by e-mail then you will receive advance details of all the above events. If you have chosen not to be on the branch circulation list then ask the tower correspondent at your tower to make sure that they pass on notices about any events that you might be interested in.

Two further things:-

- the Association has a Safeguarding Officer who can help if you have any concerns about any young or vulnerable people.
- there is also a Bell Repair Fund committee which can provide advice and perhaps, a grant, if the bells, frame or fittings in your tower need some maintenance work.

Details of both of the above can be found on the website.