

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

GENERAL MEETING

Todwick Church Hall

Saturday 1st February 2025

1. **President's welcome**

Andrew Slade welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **Minutes of previous General Meeting – 21st September 2024**

The YACR General Secretary resigned October 2024 and currently the previous meeting minutes are not available. Philip Hoole has agreed to be acting General Secretary up to the YACR AGM in May.

3. **Matters arising (not included on the agenda elsewhere).**

None.

4. **In Memoriam**

Andrew Slade read out the In Memoriam list of names from the agenda sheet. People were able to provide additional information for each person. A minute silence was held.

5. **Welcome New Members**

Andrew Slade welcomed the following new members.

- Geoff Downs – Saint Peter & Paul, Todwick
- Gill Edwards – Saint Peter & Paul, Todwick
- Norman Anderson – Saint Peter & Paul, Todwick

6. **Nomination of Officers**

Andrew Slade explained the current posts that are available. General Secretary, Ringing Master and Composition Secretary posts expire at the AGM on their three year post. Janine Jones is the current stand in Report Editor. Andrew Slade is the current stand in Librarian and is happy to continue if no nominations for the post. Nominations for each post are required by end of February 2025. Further discussion on the officer posts will be discussed at the March General Committee meeting. Bob Cater suggested a minute taker for YACR meetings.

- **General Secretary**
- **Ringing Master**
 - Malcolm Turner. Proposed by Neil Donovan.
 - Peter Kirby. Proposed by Peter Sanderson and seconded by Christine Potter.
- **Composition Secretary**
 - John Goldthorpe. Proposed by Simon Reading and second by Neil Donovan.
- **Communications Officer**
- **Safeguarding Officer**
- **Report Editor** (from May 2025)
 - Andrea Wain
- **Librarian**
- **Independent Examiner**
 - Judith McCoy. Proposed by Ian Hudson. Second by Simon Reading.

7. **Vote of thanks**

The vote of thanks was given by Chris Moxon. Applause from all.

8. **Future Events**

Philip Hoole provided the overview details of the remainder of the YACR meetings during 2025.

- Saturday 10th May 2025. Annual General Meeting and Inter-branch striking competition. York Branch
- Saturday 20th September 2025. General Meeting and final of the Sunday Service Band striking competition. Central Branch

Susan Welch provided event details organised by the Education committee.

There will be three ART M1 courses.

- Saturday 1st March, Ranmoor
- Saturday 10th May, Stokesley
- Saturday 21st June, Chapel Allerton

There will be a Tower Leadership course on Saturday 24th May. Further details to be provided.

There are also planned events of a handbell day at Market Weighton and a Tower Maintenance course within the Scarborough branch. Both are planned on a Saturday. Further details and the event date to be provided.

9. Bell Repair Fund collection

The Bell Repair Fund collection total was £42.44

Peter McCoy, BRF Secretary, provided information that the Hunslet bells are available for any church in Yorkshire and to contact YACR BRF. They are an 18cwt ring of 8. The cost of the bells and their fittings would be free but the church would have to provide the funds for the bell-frame, hanging and some refurbishment of the fittings. As an alternative we will look to re-use the bell metal in a lighter ring of bells if anyone knows anywhere which could house this ring.

10. Any other business – If agreed with the President before the Meeting

- **YACR Membership System – Membermojo**

Janine Jones provided an update on the new membership system Membermojo. 700 registered so far and that is around 50%. Signup makes it much easier for administration. Andrew Slade commented that annual subscription is due by 1st January and to encourage people to pay starting December and ideally all paid by end of February for annual report. CCCBR also require fee per member that is currently 20p per person and so need to know YACR paid member numbers.

Feedback was provided by members on the new membership system and how it fits in with the new YACR single membership level (previously associate and qualified) and no election. Previously the election included the welcome to new members. Tower captains to guide members to register with Membermojo and request to make the screens more intuitive. Andrew Slade stated further discussion on the membership system will be discussed at the March General Committee meeting.

- **ART Conference York 15/16 March 2025**

Andrew Slade provided details of the ART conference in York and encouraged members to register their attendance. Attendees have the chance to ring at York Minster on the Sunday afternoon.

- **CCCBR AGM weekend Sheffield Fri 5th to Sun 7th September 2025**

Elaine Scott provided details of the CCCBR AGM weekend in Sheffield and that helpers and stewards are required for the weekend event. Further details to be provided of the event weekend and volunteers registering.

11. Date of next meeting - Saturday 10th May 2025. Annual General Meeting.

Andrew Slade formally closed the meeting and ringing at Todwick followed as scheduled at 1530.