

Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers
General Meeting 3rd February 2024
Cawthorne Village Hall
MINUTES

1. Our President's welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 2.00pm

2. Minutes from the last meeting, September 2023

3. Matters arising

Deborah Thorley asked if these minutes should have been issued prior to the meeting, the President agreed, this will be rectified for future meetings.

4. In Memoriam

Hazel Kiddy
Richard Greenwood
Kathy Hall
Neville Pailing
Ian Bennett
Chris Cook
Derrick McRobert

Chris Moxon kindly conducted a prayer of remembrance, and a moment of reflection was held.

5. Association Review – Update on Proposals

Improvements in communication: Should anyone have any views on this they are to contact John Welch prior to our AGM. John shall report back to us.

Annual Reports: Provide members with the option of a printed copy or a PDF (which may carry a small fee)

The President proposed that new members should be proposed and elected at branch meetings, this would also help to reduce the length of our General Meetings.

General Committee: Should meet more than once a year, the meeting was informed that the GC had held a second meeting in November 2023 which involved the branch Chairs and representatives along with our CC Reps.

6. Proposed Standing Order Changes

Change to remove the Associate category member, along with two new categories of an observed, safe and competent ringer, and a none ringing category were all discussed.

No final decisions were made at this meeting this shall be done at our AGM.

7. Preserving Intangible Cultural Assets

The President briefly explained this new Government initiative that could provide ringing with additional funding for recruitment and training but not hardware. The CCCBR have held a meeting on this and it is believed that some further information will be on their website very soon. This could be an opportunity that we shouldn't let slip, and how we go about it shall be discussed at our AGM.

8. Election of new members

Charles F Harford-Cross, Tadcaster, Qualified
Paul A Harris, St Giles, Pontefract, Associate
Jonathan MA Harris, St Giles, Pontefract, Associate
Ann C Harris, St Giles, Pontefract, Associate
S Ann Cooper, St Giles, Pontefract, Associate
Sharon O'Brien, St Giles, Pontefract, Associate
Sharon Booth, St Giles, Pontefract, Associate
Karen E Glynn, St Giles, Pontefract, Associate
Mary T Clarke, St Giles, Pontefract, Associate
David Godfrey, St Andrews, Bishopthorpe, Qualified.
Jess Paton, Hemsworth, Associate to Qualified.
Darren Seamark, Rufforth, Associate
Lucy Taylor, Huntington, Associate
Flora Carr, Huntington, Associate
Sue Giles, Huntington, Qualified
Joe Tresadern, Sheffield Cathedral, Qualified
Devon McCloughlin, Guiseley, Associate
Graham Smith, Melsonby, Qualified.

All in favour

9. Nominations for Officers

Report Editor: Vacant
Treasurer: David Spaul
Librarian: Andrew Slade
Education Officer: Susan Welch
CC Rep x 1: Andrew Slade

Nominations remain open until 29th February 2024 – Vote/ratification shall be at our AGM

Quarter Peal Secretary – John Leech (with immediate effect) – All in favour.

10. Vote of thanks.

The Association thanked the incumbents, church Wardens and key holders for allowing us to ring at their church today, also to Rev Canon Keith Farrow for thanking our service and finally to Chris Moxon and the Central branch for organising such a lovely day and a splendid tea.

11. Future events

2nd March 2024 – General Committee Meeting
11th May 2024 – AGM & Interbranch Contest– Western Branch.
21st September 2024 – General Meeting & Sunday Service Band Contest – Eastern Branch
19th October 2024 – Snowdon Lunch
Hat Contest – TBC
Twelve Bell Practice TBC

12. Education

The President felt that the Ed Mallen's (former Education Committee Convenor) plan for the development of ringing should still be taken forward.

Jane Lynch provided us with a review of the Autumn Course which had involved 25 students working in five groups around the Bingley area. There had already been one follow workshop in Thirsk so please contact the EC should you like one organising in your area.

Jane thanked all the helpers for their time along with all who had helped to organise this event.

Elaine Scott reminded people that the EC minutes can be found on our website.

13. Correspondence

14. Bell Repair Fund collection

£ 61.69 – Thank you.

15. Any other business.

Simon Plows gave an update on the CCCBR AGM which the Association will be hosting in September along with The Ringing World Calander 2025

Also as part of our 150th celebrations in 2025 the President confirmed that ART shall be holding its AGM in York.

A Summer gathering for 150th anniversary was also mentioned.

16. Meeting closed.

2.50pm