



FRIENDS OF LEEDS AND BROOMFIELD CHURCHES

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## **JAZZ IN THE GARDEN 2013**



*The Chicago Jazzmen*

Sunday 10 July 2013 saw 'Friends' in name and friends by nature gathered in the beautiful garden of Richard and Tricia Stileman at 'Arnold Yoke', Leeds for what could only be described as a very 'English' afternoon of good fun, good music, good food, good friendship and lots of laughter.

The 'trad' jazz was, once again, provided by the excellent 'Chicago Jazz Men' who played on regardless of the somewhat inclement weather conditions and entertained us all with a wonderful selection of music and songs and even managed to get some folk on their feet and dancing on the lawns.

No, the weather wasn't perfect, in fact it was far from being a sunny summer's afternoon and on a few occasions the umbrellas went up but, thankfully, only for very short periods. In any case, given the forecast, we were thankful that the heavy rain didn't materialise and in true British spirit, we refused to let the odd spot or two, or gust of wind, dampen our spirits - and the band played on .....

During the interval afternoon tea was served in the barn and the delicious selection of cakes and fancies proved very popular even amongst those who had taken food of their own. So much so that the sale of afternoon teas brought in almost £200 – a very big 'thank you' to all those who made and gave cakes and commiserations to Peter and Sue whose Labrador, Molly, ate both of the whole cakes they had intended donating and wasn't even sick!

Thanks are also due to members of the Friends Committee for their hard work in setting up and clearing away and to those who served teas and helped with the mountain of washing up afterwards.

But most of all I'm sure all those who attended would want to join me in a special vote of thanks to Richard and Tricia for making their lovely garden available to the Friends in which to hold such a successful and enjoyable family event; an afternoon that raised over £850 towards the upkeep of our two ancient churches – St Nicholas' at Leeds and St Margaret's at Broomfield.  
*Sue Wotton*



*Friends enjoying their picnics and the Jazz!*