



Chairman's Report

May I begin this year by saying a big thank you to you the Members, and everyone who supports our charity and also assure you of how worthwhile and necessary your support is.

Our beautiful ancient churches, as with any ancient buildings, would not survive for long in their present form without the ongoing repairs and refurbishment that are constantly needed. With the help of the Friends' funds this is mostly achieved. This year money has been provided for the replastering at St Nicholas at Leeds and providing a necessary protective fence around the tower at St Margaret's Broomfield. Further money has been pledged towards painting at Leeds and a contribution is under consideration to the larger, post quinquennial inspection project, of repairing a tower beam and eroded stonework at Broomfield.

I am pleased to report that we have had another successful year of fund raising that has been achieved with the dedicated hard work of the Committee and the Members' support. With particular thanks to our Secretary Judi Taylor, our Treasurer Jan Enever and our Social Secretary Jenny Hoy. The Committee has met regularly and spent a great deal of time discussing and working out what events would be, not only popular, but also help to raise funds.

The events organised included 'Pick your own Plums' that was only possible with the generous donation of the plum harvest from Simon Brice. Initially, the harvest looked as though it was not going to be very good due to poor weather. Despite this, it proved better than expected and we raised an amazing £1733.50. This was only achieved with the help of all the volunteers who manned the stall, the customers who bought the plums and particularly Mike Evans and Judi Taylor who organised the smooth running of the event.

Although the autumn theatre trip had to be abandoned, other events were also planned and we focused on the ever popular 'Jazz in the Garden' for late spring. This was again a very successful event. It was organised with the help of our very capable Committee, particularly Jenny Hoy and team who provided the delicious teas. Not forgetting the generous support of Richard and Patricia Stileman who allowed us to use their beautiful garden.

Please do come along to our fund raising events, details of these and other news can be found on our website www.friendslbc.org.uk. Bring your friends or come on your own. You can be assured of a warm friendly welcome and an opportunity to meet and enjoy the company of others in the community. You will also have the satisfaction of knowing that you are supporting a very worthy local cause.

Christine Sharp - Chair

Friends AGM 2013

Thursday 17 October at 7pm

St Margaret's Church, Broomfield

Please do come along!