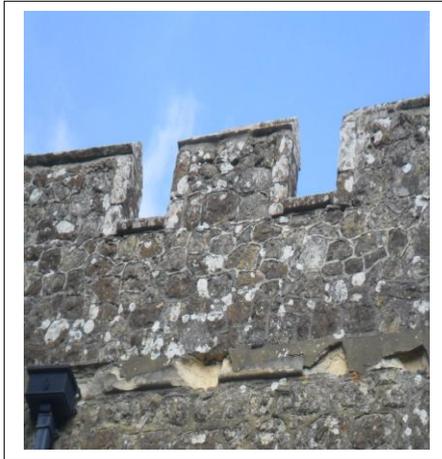
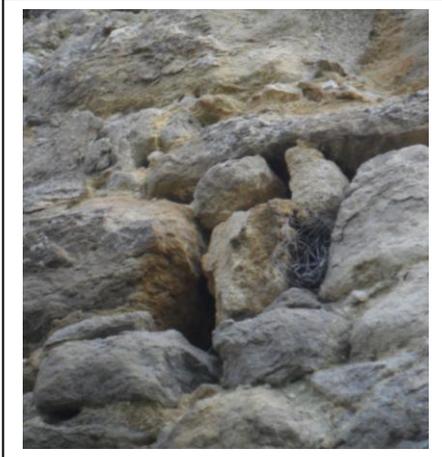




Fabric Report



In accordance with the recommendations published by the Council for the Care of Churches, St Margaret's church at Broomfield has recently had its quinquennial inspection which has revealed a significant amount of work that needs attention, particularly to the tower masonry and one of the main oak beams in the tower. (See pictures to the left.)

Mortar joints in the general walling are decayed with the development of voids which threaten channelling water into the core.

The central off-set string course and the splayed head stones have decayed.

The moulded frames of the west window and the belfry openings are deeply decayed, the north belfry frame severely so.

The Bath stone cornice around the head of the tower on the south side has largely decayed away with the decay continuing around the east corner. A section at the south east corner appears to have been rendered over and that render is also beginning to fail.

In all, this element has failed. It no longer serves its weathering function, it is unsightly and poses a safety hazard from falling lumps and could potentially lead to destabilisation of the parapet masonry.

The inspector also recommends that we reinforce the decayed west end of the tower ridge beam and its bearing.

So there appears to be a massive amount of work to do apart from improving the lighting in the tower and other more minor gutter and drain clearing and general cleaning.

The Friends' committee will be considering how we can help to fund some of this key work in the coming year.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY 17 OCTOBER 2013 AT 7.00 PM

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH, BROOMFIELD

AGENDA

1. To receive the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 11 October 2012. (Copies of these minutes will be available for inspection immediately prior to the meeting).
2. To deal with matters arising from those minutes.
3. To receive the Annual Report.
4. To approve the certified accounts and to receive the Treasurer's Report.
5. To elect new officers from those nominations received by the closing date – 27 September 2013.
The existing officers, Chairman Christine Sharp, Vice Chairman Richard Stileman, Secretary Judi Taylor, Treasurer Jan Enever, relinquish their office. Nominations for these posts are invited.
6. To elect committee members. The current members are : Peter Coleman, Mike Evans, Jonathan Harrison, Jenny Hoy, Caroline Jenkins, Martin Sharp, Michelle Webb, Sue Wotton. Michelle Webb, Jenny Hoy and Martin Sharp – as the longest serving members since election retire from the committee and offer themselves for re-election.
7. To appoint the Auditor and determine his remuneration, if any.
8. To fix the annual membership subscription.
9. To consider any other business appropriate for an Annual General Meeting.
10. To confirm that the AGM in 2014 will be held in St Nicholas' church, Leeds.