



Chairman's Report

I would like to start my report, as the new Chairman, by saying thank you to you, the members of the Friends of Leeds and Broomfield Churches. Without your support we could not achieve our valuable work in helping to maintain and improve our two beautiful churches. Whether it is for services, including weddings, christenings and funerals or as a landmark in the village, the church has a place in our community.

These ancient and historic churches have been at the heart of our villages for centuries. It would be interesting to picture what life would have been like in our villages when they were first built in the Middle Ages. What is certain is that these churches have survived through the centuries and have been used, repaired and looked after. It is encouraging that this still continues with your help.

The members' subscriptions and additional donations continue to give the Friends a steady income. On top of this fund raising events enable us to boost this income to a really useful amount of money so that we are able to donate cash where it is needed.

This year our fund raising events have been very successful. We are again indebted to Simon Brice for generously donating his plum harvest for Pick your Own Plums. This event proves popular with so many and makes a great family outing which the children enjoy. It also provides a considerable boost to our income.

The Safari Supper was a great success. We raised over £1000 and it was generally agreed to have been a most enjoyable evening. Special thanks to the Committee for all their help and in particular Jenny Hoy and Judi Taylor for the main organisation. Thank you also to Pauline and Roy Royer who kindly hosted the drinks reception, the hosts who produced some delicious food and to those who generously donated some great raffle prizes. After a slow start, the Safari Supper was actually oversubscribed and for those who were unable to obtain tickets this time please do look out for our future events.

The website is currently being updated and general information about The Friends, including forthcoming events, should soon be easily accessible, so do keep a watchful eye on this.

Lastly, I would like to mention that The Friends of Leeds and Broomfield Churches are just that. They are a very friendly group. Members are assured of a warm welcome and an opportunity to meet and enjoy the company of others at the various events held. I am fortunate to have taken over as Chairman of a Committee that has a great legacy for successful fundraising of some great and memorable events. So please do encourage others to join.

Christine Sharp - Chair

Friends AGM 2012

Thursday 11 October at 8pm

St Nicholas Church, Leeds

Please do come along!