



Chairman's Report

Living in times of great change and uncertainties many of us identify with those things around us that are constant. In our own villages of Leeds and Broomfield there are many constants including the beautiful countryside, the proximity of Leeds castle, historic houses, the village pub, and our parish churches. These things are part of the reason why we choose to live where we do. However, all these things need to be looked after if they are to remain. This is particularly true where our ancient parish churches are concerned.

At Broomfield, St Margaret's church needs urgent work on the tower stonework and at St Nicholas church in Leeds the roof is in dire need of work to prevent leaking and crumbling. Many other repairs and renewals are needed and this all takes money. Whilst the church itself maintains a fund for the fabric of these churches there is never enough.

The Friends of Leeds and Broomfield Churches, through your subscriptions, donations and support of our numerous fund raising events are able to provide some of the money needed. This has helped to keep these ancient buildings in working order since 'The Friends' was set up in 2001. Our treasurer recently produced figures showing the total amount donated to the two churches since 2001 which has been almost £32,000.

This year our fund raising events have included the ever popular and successful 'Pick your own Plums' and a Flower Festival that transformed Leeds Church with the beautiful arrangements celebrating various anniversaries occurring in 2016. Among the anniversaries depicted were William Shakespeare, Beatrix Potter, Capability Brown, The Great Fire of London, and the Queen's 90th Birthday.

Thank you for your continued membership and support of our events. Your donations are particularly needed at this time to help us maintain the desperately needed funds. Please do ask any friends or neighbours who may be interested in joining or anyone else who cares about preserving our beautiful historic village churches. Details of membership application forms can be found on the next page of this Report or alternatively please do visit our website at www.friendslbc.org.uk for further information.

Christine Sharp - Chair

Please come along to our tea party and

Friends AGM 2016

Thursday 27 October at 3.30pm

At St Nicholas' Church, Leeds

Free tea and homemade cakes for those attending!