

Chairman's Report

Well another year is over and the Friends continue to work tirelessly to raise money for our two beautiful churches in Leeds and Broomfield. Jan Enever has yet again produced our annual figures showing how much we have donated to the two churches over the years, which amounts to £38,297.08 which is an amazing amount. This money is put to good use for example repairs to Broomfield tower, the replastering and painting of Leeds church internal walls, stained glass window repair, to name only a few!

Without this money, supporting that of the Parochial Church Council, I'm not sure how we would as a community, manage the upkeep of our two beautiful churches. It's thanks to our committee and your continued support at our various events that we manage to raise the kind of money we need for this contribution. Our committee members work hard arranging events that perhaps we have never tried before, such as the very successful beer festival held last year. This was the first of its kind and certainly well attended, and we do hope to perhaps repeat this at a later date. Our thanks go to Norman and Ruth Coles who provided us with a fantastic venue at Round Oak Farm.

Yet again we have to thank Simon and Cynthia Brice for allowing us to use their orchard for another successful Pick your own Plums. This is always a well supported event and always reaps great rewards towards our annual fund raising money. It's also a fun day out, and includes the whole family.

I really feel that I need to mention a few names and thank them all for their hard work over the past year. As mentioned earlier, Jan Enever our treasurer, who is sadly planning to step down this year after many years of hard work. Judi Taylor our secretary who does a fantastic job with administration and organisation as well as the secretarial role, and offering me some very valued support this past year. Thanks should go as well to Jenny Hoy our social secretary who arranges the most fantastic events, to Christine Sharp who supports me as vice chair and the rest of our hard working committee Mandy Page, Martin Sharp and Michelle Webb. Our newest committee members are Pam Bower, Sue Clifton and Claire Fletcher who I know will add great value to our committee over the next year.

However we cannot do this without your support. We thank you for the continuation of your membership. Your donations to the charity are so very important to allow us to maintain the upkeep of these two ancient churches. We are striving to maintain them for future generations to enjoy.

If you do know any new residents in Leeds, Broomfield and Kingswood please do encourage them to become members. Details of membership application forms can be found in this report or visit our website at www.friendslbc.org.uk for further information.

Pauline Royer Chairman

Please come along to our

Friends AGM 2018

Wednesday 17 October at 7.30pm
At St Nicholas Church, Leeds
Free tea and cake for those attending!