



Admin Chairman's Report

Twenty years ago a small group of friends decided to set up a charity to raise money for the fabric of our two ancient village churches. The idea was initially conceived by June Harrison and Judi Taylor who thought they could be successful in raising extra money for the benefit of the fabric of the churches. Together with the other founder members of the charity it was decided to hold various fund raising events that proved to be both lucrative and enjoyable.

Just how successful the Friends of Leeds and Broomfield Churches charity is can be judged by today. Not only is it still going, it has a strong membership and the events held are very well supported and raise substantial funds.

Our Committee now has more members and with a wider input of ideas and support has this year enabled us to put on a very popular, 'Curry and Soul Evening'. This event was not only successful, it was oversubscribed. The Committee do work tirelessly to ensure the success of our events and a lot of effort goes into the organisation and planning as well as on the day itself.

Our annual plum picking event also raised a substantial contribution to our funds and we are again indebted to Simon and Cynthia Brice for the generous donation of their plum harvest.

Since the Charity's foundation you may be interested to know that a total amount of £53,934 has been donated to the two churches, £23,463 to St Margaret's, Broomfield and £30,470 to St Nicholas, Leeds. All this money has contributed towards keeping the churches both repaired and refurbished. The contributions continue to be donated to the many ongoing renewals and repairs, for example the church tower at St Margaret's.

Hopefully our Charity will continue for at least another twenty years or more for the benefit of our two historical village churches and the local inhabitants. Whether you regularly attend the church or just like it to be there for special occasions or as part of the village, please remember that the upkeep of these beautiful, ancient buildings require money and support to keep going.

Thank you for your continued support and please encourage any friends and neighbours who are not members to join. An application form can be found inside this report and we only ask for a small subscription of £12.00 (minimum) per annum.

Christine Sharp

Admin Chair

Please come along to our

Friends AGM 2019

Thursday 3 October at 7.00pm

At St Margaret's Church, Broomfield

Free tea and cake for those attending!