

Chairman's Report 2015

With any charity involvement it is important to question what the purpose of the charity is and also what it is trying to achieve. In October I will have been chairman of the Friends of Leeds and Broomfield Churches for four years and so these questions have crossed my mind.

The 'Friends' was set up originally to help fund the fabric costs of the two church buildings. These funds include contributions towards improvements of the churches, thereby, endeavouring to ensure that the buildings remain in good repair. In addition to regular church services the buildings are also used for various other events, these include concerts, festivals, plays and meetings to name a few examples.

The churches have been a central part of our two villages over the centuries. They have provided a place for people to come together to worship and congregate during times of sadness or celebration for hundreds of years.

Whilst the church itself, does fund a considerable amount of the fabric repairs there is not enough money coming in to pay for all that is needed to maintain these ancient buildings. If they are neglected or allowed to fall into disrepair through lack of funds they will be lost forever.

This is the reason why our charity exists and with your help we can continue to aid the preservation of these valuable ancient buildings. I cannot imagine our villages without their beautiful ancient churches. Hopefully, with your continued support they will be preserved for generations to come.

Our charity is fortunate in that we have a dedicated and hard working committee who help to make our fund raising events successful and enjoyable. I am very grateful to them as without this help we would not be able to continue.

If you would like to get more involved we are currently looking for more people to join our committee and would welcome some new input. Please do contact me on (01622 862018) or Judi Taylor on (01622 862316) if you feel able to join us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Christine Sharp



**Raising Funds – Jazz in the Garden at
Arnold Yoke**