

Membership Secretary's Report

We lost 15% of our regular subscribers during the last two years, a process shared by most charities. New subscribing members during the same period were a dozen so we had 119 at year-end. The excellent Friends' notice boards, with application forms and stamped, addressed envelopes, together with pleas made to our visitors to social events produced the trickle of newcomers. It has always been clear that new members invariably apply following a conversation with one of our existing members, so please create some of these "recruiting" conversations for us. You will find a Membership Application Form in this Newsletter. The Friends, as a purely parish-bound charity, can appeal to about 800 local households; so there is plenty of scope for adding new members.

After fourteen years at £6 we decided to increase our annual subscription to £12 for new members. We hope existing members will increase their annual contributions too. A Standing Order Amendment form is included in this newsletter. Each year our regular subscribing members produce an annual income above £2,500 to which is added the profits from our events.

For this most generous support from members, our charity is very grateful indeed.

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MEMBERSHIP	2014	2015
Broomfield & Kingswood	46	44
Leeds	40	35
Others	38	40
TOTAL	124	119

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2015 AT 7.30 PM

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH, BROOMFIELD

AGENDA

1. To receive the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 23 October 2014. (Copies of these minutes will be available for inspection immediately prior to the meeting).
2. To deal with matters arising from those minutes.
3. To receive the Annual Report.
4. To approve the certified accounts and to receive the Treasurer's Report.
5. To elect new officers from those nominations received by the closing date – 29 September 2015. The existing officers, Chairman Christine Sharp, Vice Chairman Richard Stileman, Secretary Judi Taylor, Treasurer Jan Enever, relinquish their office. Nominations for these posts are invited.
6. To elect committee members. The current members are : Peter Coleman, Mike Evans, Jenny Hoy, Amanda Page, Martin Sharp, Michelle Webb. Jenny Hoy, Martin Sharp and Michelle Webb – as the longest serving members since election retire from the committee and offer themselves for re-election.
7. To appoint the Auditor and determine his remuneration, if any.
8. To fix the annual membership subscription.
9. To consider any other business appropriate for an Annual General Meeting.
10. To confirm that the AGM in 2016 will be held in St Nicholas' church, Leeds.