

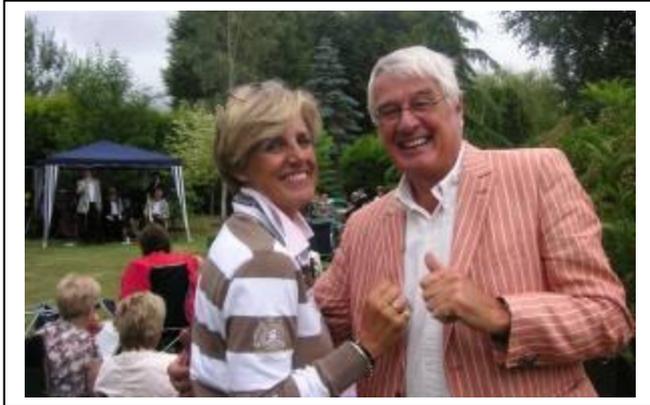


FRIENDS OF LEEDS AND BROOMFIELD CHURCHES

Annual Report and Newsletter 2009



Jazz in the Garden!



Philip & Jacqueline de Jong de Haas swinging to the jazz!

This summer the Friends put on a new event – ‘Jazz in the Garden’ when the Chicago Jazzmen came to play in the lovely garden at Arnold Yoke and guests brought picnics.

Two of our guests were Dutch, they wrote us this great letter when they got home as they had enjoyed it so much....

“The wonderful fundraising picnic and jazz band at “Arnold Yoke”, July 11th 2009.....

We, my man Philip (Flip for his friends) and I stayed at Arnold Yoke for a couple of days and we were also “invited” to the picnic and the music of the great jazzband.

It all was so English; all the people came around 1 pm with baskets, filled with yummy things, blankets, umbrellas (how could you forget!!), bottles of wine and super green picnic chairs. We bought a pair in the UK for they are pretty pricey in Holland.

The band started to play at 2 pm and were great!!

Preparation had already started early in the morning, to put everything in order, like the gazebo for the band and the cables for the music.

My Philip was very surprised seeing “only” a few bottles of wine and “only” one big plate, filled with nice things, just for 100 people.....would not that be a little too little?? That was so hilarious as June and Jonathan explained the guests would bring their own food with them.....We laughed!!

To us as “Dutchies”, the whole afternoon was like something out of a book; so organised, so calm, relaxed and most of all, so English. Even when it began to rain a little, no one went inside, they all stayed in the garden and just unfolded their umbrellas, wonderful!

At the end of the afternoon everybody stood up and danced. The band played great old style jazz music and everybody had a ball. The leader of the band was once married to a Dutch girl and that was the reason he spoke a little Dutch, that was fun.

Around 5.30 pm this unforgettable English picnic came to an end and at 6 pm the garden was looking as tidy as it looked before. You English are so good in that, no paper, no nothing, everybody took their own “stuff” with them. My compliments!!

Hope the fundraising will continue for maintaining all these lovely churches and for all the many more picnics to follow!!!! So keep up the good work. Best regards,

*Jacqueline de Jong de Haas.
Oegstgeest, Holland.”*



The Chicago Jazzmen



Chairman's Report

In life, happiness, joy, fulfilment, etc may come in many guises and writing a cheque to pay builders, electrical contractors and decorators would not normally be considered one of these.

This year our accounts show that we have paid the sum of £6,357.70 to the churches for various works. This is a really positive contribution and it is what the work of The Friends is all about. We know that there will be ongoing costs involved in keeping our churches in good repair, as indeed it is with our own homes.

It is thanks to you for the loyalty and commitment in the steady payment of annual subscriptions and generous donations, and to those who support us at the various fund raising events held during the year, that we are in the position to help in such a positive way.

The accounts show that we appear not to have made any money this year from fundraising. Don't be misled. It is perhaps confusing that our year – June to June – does not come with the calendar year, so the very successful Garden Safari fell into last year's accounts, and the equally enjoyable Jazz in the Garden, and the Plum Picking event will fall into next year's accounts. Well done to Jenny and her social committee for their work in producing such a varied and entertaining programme of events.

Thanks are also due to the Membership Secretary, June, for tightening up our list of active members and as always, thanks to Secretary Patricia and Treasurer Jan. Lots of detailed and accurate work goes on behind the scene for which we are most grateful.

Finally, I would like to thank all the members for their loyalty. We welcome new members and, in particular, committee members who bring fresh ideas and momentum to the activities of any organisation. Can you help by asking your friends and neighbours if they are members and if not, please ask them to join? It only costs £6.00 per person per year – 50p per month.

Please make this your target for the coming year. One new member for every member on our list – there is a membership application form in the Newsletter. I would love to be able to report in next year's Newsletter a membership approaching 200! Please, please, try!
Thank You.

Jonathan Harrison



This year the Friends donated £6357.70 to our two churches for various repair and renovation work. These pictures show the cleaned and repaired gutters and windows at Broomfield church.



Membership Secretary's Report

It has been Spring Cleaning time for the membership secretary this year. I have had a campaign to make the list of members more accurate. So this year we end up with a total of 111 active members. If I have cut out anyone who really wishes to stay a member, please let me know!

I have also tried to encourage members to pay by Banker's Order which will again save money in reminding people of their subscriptions sometimes several times over. It is so easy to forget to pay these especially when it is a relatively small amount but being Scottish - there is a phrase that applies to this - many a mickle makes a muckle! - Lots of small things add up to greater things! So thank you to you all for your subscriptions by Banker's Order - 81 out of a membership of 111.

Now - it is a time for a drive to find NEW members. We are still in need of many more members to help with the upkeep of both Leeds and Broomfield Churches. As with houses, if the fabric of the building is allowed to fall into disrepair, it costs disproportionately more to put right.

We all like to see churches kept in good condition and at the important times in our lives, the church is very much a focus for families - christenings, weddings and funerals - but also at times of joy, sadness, turmoil in the world - the church is where people go - to be together. Perhaps you can pass this Annual Report to your neighbours and ask them to support us.
June Harrison

Tel: 01622 861792 or e-mail june@mlharrison.fsnet.co.uk
Or write to June Harrison, Arnold Yoke, Back Street, Leeds, ME17 1TF

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I / We wish to become a member / members of the 'Friends of Leeds & Broomfield Churches'.

(Please print)

Full Name(s):

Address:

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..... Post Code:

E-mail address:

TelephoneNo+AreaCode:

I enclose a cheque for £..... (or complete the attached Banker's Order).

GIFT AID DECLARATION

I / We want the 'Friends' to be able to reclaim Tax on my / our subscription / donation.

Give more at no extra cost to yourself! The Gift Aid scheme means that the 'Friends' can reclaim tax on any subscription / donation you make to us. This will increase each amount you give by 28p in the £1, provided you have paid sufficient UK Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax to cover this amount. To enable the 'Friends' to reclaim the tax on any subscription / donation you make or have made since 6 April 2000, please sign and date below:

Signed: Date:

Signed: Date:

BANKER'S ORDER

Please complete this form and send it to our Membership Secretary June Harrison at Arnold Yoke, Back Street, Leeds, Maidstone, Kent ME17 1TF and we will forward it to your bank.

To the Manager:

Name of Bank:

Sort Code: - -

Address of Bank:

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..... Post Code:

Please pay the sum of £..... per month* / quarter* / year* from my account.

Account Name:

Account No:

To NatWest Bank, 130 Ashford Road, Bearsted, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 4AF, Sort Code 51-70-55, for the account of the 'Friends of Leeds and Broomfield Churches', Account No: 81990588.

Commencing on until further notice.

Name:

Address:

..... Post Code.....:

Signed:

Date:



Social Secretary's Report

In July we had "Jazz In The Garden" at Arnold Yoke. We were so lucky with the weather, with showers threatening, but passing quickly and picnics soon covered the lawn. The band had our feet tapping from the start and they played and bantered until it was time to take a break for afternoon tea & cake, mm! They went on to invite everyone to dance, definitely one to do again. Just in case you have a party coming up, the band were called 'The Chicago Jazzmen', a very enjoyable afternoon.

Simon Brice, a local farmer, donated an orchard full of plums to the Friends and Leeds Cricket Club and three weekends of PYO were rewarded with 60 customers a day and one and a half tons of plums being picked. A happy time because many people had never picked before, while for others it brought back happy memories. Thanks go to all who helped to thin the plums earlier in the summer and those who helped man the scales.

For the future, we are planning a Burns night supper in January 2010, so get your kilts ready. There will be poems, good food and maybe a wee dram or two. Look out for information in the Parish Magazine.

Jenny Hoy
Social Secretary 01622 861280



Plum Picking August 2009

Events for 2010

- Burns' Night - January
- Safari Supper - May
- Plum Picking - August

Look out for details & dates nearer the time

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE FRIENDS OF LEEDS AND BROOMFIELD CHURCHES

This report on the accounts of the charity 'The Friends of Leeds and Broomfield Churches' is in respect of an examination carried out under section 43(7)(b) of the Charities Act 1993.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Arthur Graham Baker CMA

TREASURER'S REPORT

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 23 JUNE 2009

The paid up membership of the Friends has decreased slightly since last year's AGM, from 113 to 111 members, of which subscriptions and donations raised £1,245.80. Of these 111 members, 81 now pay their annual subscription by Banker's Order.

You will note that I have included the Gift Aid for 2008 and 2009 in the accounts for this year. In the past it has been included retrospectively, hence 2008 in this year's accounts. However, to follow accounting practice, although we will not actually receive the 2009 Gift Aid sum until after the end of our financial year, because it is relevant to this year's accounts I have included it. This will be the only year in which two sums are seen.

Although no fund raising took place during this financial year, we had good reserves from which we were able to make donations to both PCCs, as mentioned in the Chairman's report.

To all members, may I, on behalf of the Friends, acknowledge your generosity and thank you for your continued support.

Jan Enever, Treasurer

ACCOUNTS YEAR TO 23 JUNE 2009 – BALANCE SHEET

	EXPENDITURE	INCOME
Current A/c Bal fwd		£441.32
Deposit A/C Bal Fwd		£22,215.45
Petty Cash A/C Bal Fwd		£49.32
Fund raising	£0.00	£0.00
Donations	£6,357.70	
Insurance	£157.50	
AGM Expenses	£96.96	
Accountants Fees	£58.75	
Interest		£850.57
Subscriptions		£651.00
Donations		£594.80
Gift Aid 2008		£470.53
Gift Aid 2009		£311.45
Current A/c year end	£798.19	
Deposit A/C year end	£18,066.02	
Petty Cash year end	£49.32	
TOTAL	£25,584.44	£25,584.44

Members		
	2008	2009
Leeds	54	41
B & K	46	48
Other	13	22
Totals	113	111

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER 2009 AT 8.00 PM LEEDS' CHURCH TOWER ROOM AGENDA

1. To receive the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 29 October 2008 (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 – 9 October 2009. The existing officers, Chairman J Harrison, Vice Chairman B Hardy, Secretary P Harris, Treasurer J Enever, relinquish their office. Nominations for these posts are invited.
6. To elect committee members. The current members are: Michelle Aujard, June Harrison, Jenny Hoy, Christine Sharp and Judi Taylor. June Harrison, Jenny Hoy and Judi Taylor – 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 2010 will be held in Leeds' church Tower Room.

Honorary Officers 2008 - 2009

Chairman – Jonathan Harrison
Vice-Chairman – Brian Hardy
Treasurer – Jan Enever
Secretary – Pat Harris

Committee Members

Michelle Aujard, June Harrison, Jenny Hoy,
Christine Sharp, Judi Taylor