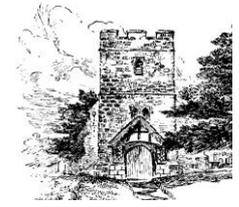




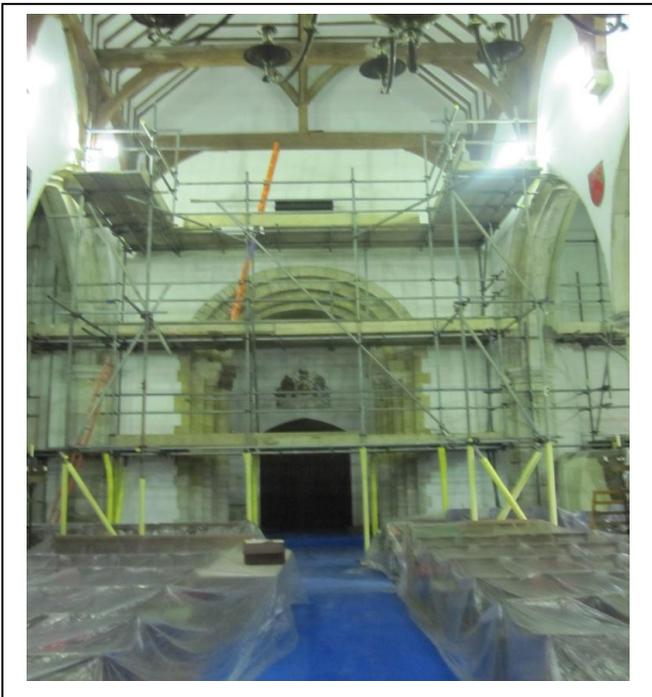
FRIENDS OF LEEDS AND BROOMFIELD CHURCHES

Annual Report and Newsletter 2014

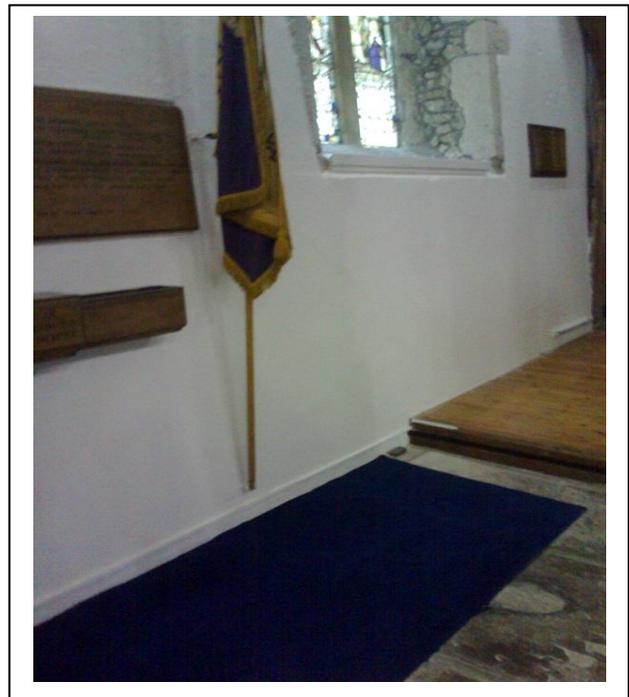


Recent and forthcoming vital work at Leeds and Broomfield Churches

For some years now the nave walls of *Leeds* church have been suffering from plaster deterioration and flaking paint – it greatly undermined the attraction of this otherwise impressive church. Two years ago the Friends met the cost of re-plastering the nave walls, and this year we have contributed the major part of the cost of redecorating all the re-plastered walls. The result has been dramatic and the church now seems as welcoming as ever.



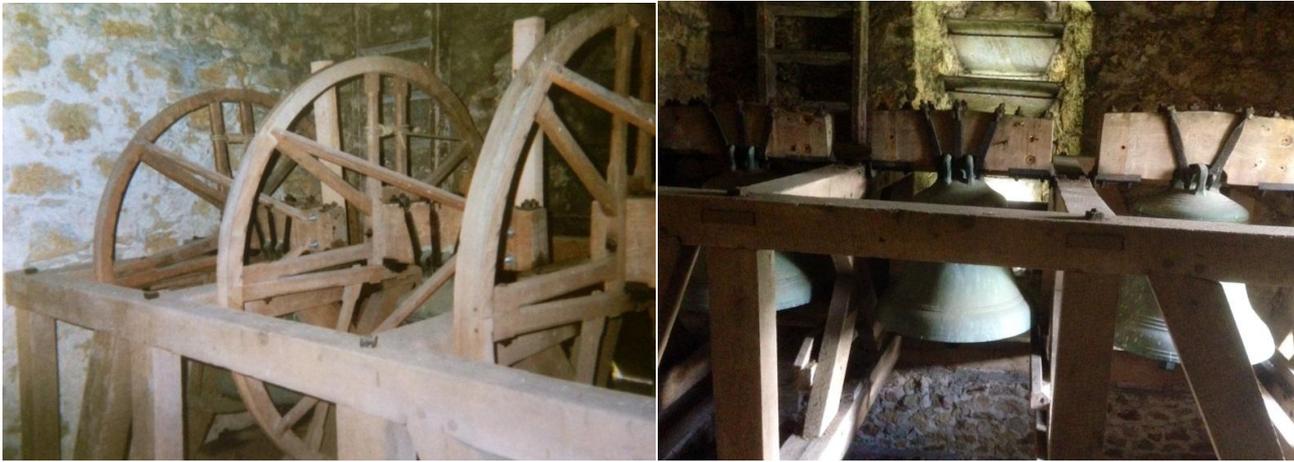
Redecoration in progress



The result on the North wall!

Our next work at *Leeds* involves removing and cleaning all the curtains in the church and then rehanging them. At about the same time, a group of volunteer parishioners is going to give the church a major “spring clean”. Please pop in and see the transformation!

Our work in the coming months at *Broomfield* will be contributing to the cost of repairing the beam in the tower, and then hopefully improving the lighting at the tower end of the church.



The bells at Broomfield

Over the years that the Friends have been in existence, we have contributed more than £27000 to work done in these two marvellous ancient buildings. But there is still much to do to keep them both useful and beautiful, and also to comply with their quinquennial reports. We expect to this is likely to include repairs to the stonework at *Broomfield* and the roof at *Leeds*.

Chairman's Report

In wondering what to write this year, I note that the dictionary definition of 'report' states that it is a formal account of what has been done or said. With that in mind, I will proceed to advise you of what has been going on this year. Firstly, I would like to just remind everyone of what we are doing and perhaps more importantly why we are doing it.

We are a local charity that raises money to help maintain and improve our two ancient churches. The churches have been part of our villages for centuries. Whether or not you attend either of the churches for services, weddings, baptisms or funerals our villages would not be the same without them. With your help and support these ancient buildings will continue to be there, not just for us, but for generations to come.

In the year our fund raising events commenced with the ever popular 'pick your own plums'. We raised almost £3000.00 over the weekends during last August and September. This was a tremendous effort by all those who manned the stall and in particular Mike Evans and Judi Taylor who organised the event. Of course none of this would be possible without the generous donation of Simon Brice's plum harvest for which we are most grateful.

Despite having to postpone plans for a Christmas Concert with Peter Brice, due to illness, we concentrated on organising a performance by the Cameo Opera in Leeds Church. This event, proved very popular and the church, with the aid of flowers and candle light, was transformed. Delicious canapés and excellent refreshments in the interval added to the evening. My thanks to the Committee and all those who helped, especially Jenny Hoy, our ever capable social secretary, Jan Enever and Richard Stileman for their particular input into making this such a memorable occasion.

Please do read the other reports in this newsletter for a more detailed account of our finances, membership, donations to the churches and the work that has been done. Look out for details of forthcoming events in the Parish Magazine and publicity around the villages. Details can also be found on the website at www.friendslbc.org.uk which is regularly updated by Sue Wotton and Peter Coleman.

Thank you to the Committee for all their hard work and help over the last year and to all our members who continue to support this most worthwhile charity.

Christine Sharp

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

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.

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.

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.

Paul Baker FAIA

Treasurer's report

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 23 JUNE 2014

A total of £5,437.18 was raised in this financial year. Fundraising accounted for £3,409.75, which again was achieved through the hard work and dedication of "The Friends" committee, and of course with the support of you, the members, for which we are very grateful. The subscriptions, donations and gift aid this year totalled £2,027.83.

Donations to the PCC for St Nicholas, Leeds amounted to £7,394.00

We have 124 members of whom 23 still pay by either cash or cheque. This year 12 of those members, despite several reminders, have not paid their subscription. To those members, I ask you to please complete a bankers order form; you will then not forget and our hard working volunteer committee members will not have to remind you - thank you.

Jan Enever
Treasurer

ACCOUNTS YEAR TO 23 JUNE 2014–BALANCE SHEET

	EXPENDITURE	INCOME
Current A'C Bal fwd		£8,855.17
Deposit A/c Bal fwd		£26,745.84
Fund Raising	£ 699.75	£4,109.10
Subscriptions		£ 703.50
Donations	£7,394.00	£1,021.30
Gift Aid 2014		£ 303.03
Insurance	£ 185.50	
General Expenses	£ 129.63	
Accountant Fees	£ 0.00	
Web Site Expenses	£ 99.00	
Interest		£ 166.07
Current A/c year end	£1,484.22	
Deposit A/c year end	£31,911.91	
	£41,904.01	£41,904.01

TOTAL FUNDS RAISED TO DATE: £63,000

MEMBERS		
	2013	2014
Leeds	41	40
Broomfield & Kingswood	50	46
Others	39	38
Total	130	124

Current Membership

Friends totalled 124 on July 14 2014; the annual subscription remained overdue from twelve of these. During this year we lost eight more members than we gained, despite some valiant efforts to rustle up fresh interest, especially during our events. The beautiful new Friends boards in the churches, made for us free of charge by Tom Hoy, generated four new applications since they were installed in December. Subscription receipts totalled £703.50 and our members gave the charity an additional £903.30 with Gift Aid contributing a further £303

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MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION

I / We wish to become /remain a member(s) of the 'Friends of Leeds & Broomfield Churches'.

(Please print)

Full Name(s):

Address:

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..... Post Code:

E-mail address:

Telephone No+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, please sign and date below:

Signed: Date:

Signed: Date:

BANKER'S ORDER

Please complete this form and send it to our Treasurer Jan Enever, 23 Grovelands, Old Ashford Road, Lenham ME17 2QR who 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 £..... immediately and then on 1st January annually until further notice.

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.

From my account :

Account Name:

Account No:

Name:

Address:

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

Signed:

Date:

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER 2014 AT 7.30 PM

ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH, LEEDS

AGENDA

1. To receive the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 17 October 2013. (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 – 2 October 2014. 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, Sue Wotton. Peter Coleman, Mike Evans and Sue Wotton – 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 2015 will be held in St Margaret's church, Broomfield.

Honorary Officers 2013-2014 Committee Members

Chairman – Christine Sharp
Vice-Chairman – Richard Stileman
Treasurer – Jan Enever
Secretary – Judi Taylor

Peter Coleman, Mike Evans,
Jenny Hoy, Caroline Jenkins,
Martin Sharp, Michelle Webb,
Sue Wotton