

Friends of Leeds and Broomfield Churches

ANNUAL REPORT AND NEWSLETTER 2021

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Website UPDATE BY LOUISE ILLSLEY

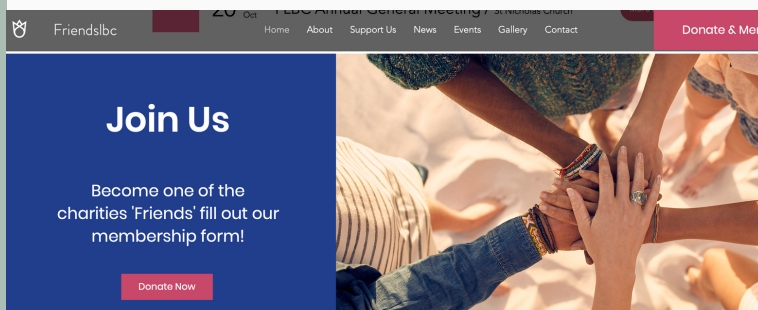
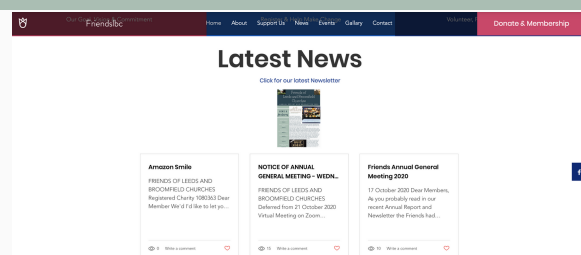
We are excited to announce that Friends of Leeds and Broomfield Churches has a brand new website!

Over the last year we have been working hard on a new user friendly site that will help us attract new members and keep our current members, and those within the community up to date with our upcoming meetings and charity events.

The website is easy to navigate around with lots of stunning imagery of the churches, and past events. This will give everyone a true insight to what we do as a charity.

We have a 'News' page which will have a copy of our Annual Newsletter and any other important news relating to the churches can be seen here.

We also have a busy end to 2021 and very busy 2022 with fundraising events and our 'Events' page will make it easy for users to see what upcoming events there will be, and how to buy tickets.



Our new website is;

www.friendslbc.co.uk

If you have 5 minutes please do take a look and tell us what you think.

BY CHRISTINE SHARP
CHAIRMAN ADMIN

Chairman's Report

2021

The Friends of Leeds and Broomfield Churches like so many charities during the past year have found our fundraising efforts again curtailed.

However, despite the pandemic and thanks to the valiant efforts of our Events Team with back up from our committee, particularly Judi Taylor our secretary and Roy Royer the treasurer we have still managed to do some fundraising.

Last autumn we benefited from some very successful apple juice sales. The apples being generously donated by Simon and Cynthia Brice. Our events team, led by Jenny Hoy, arranged for the apples to be gathered, pressed, bottled and successfully advertised so that all bottles were sold in time for Christmas.

Our other successful event was a series of online quizzes, these were organised by Louise Illsley and certainly brightened those winter evenings whilst swelling our funds.

Our continued thanks go to you the members for your valuable support. This has been especially appreciated this year. With your support we have been able to donate and pledge money for various necessary maintenance and renewals for the fabric of our ancient church buildings. The stonework is now complete at Broomfield and our funds this year have therefore been pledged mainly for Leeds. This includes money towards a new churchyard gate and fence, stonework on the tower and a replacement heating system for Leeds.

Our two village churches have stood for centuries and during that time have withstood plague, pestilence and more recently the flu epidemic of the early twentieth century. They will hopefully still be standing for many centuries to come, whether you attend the churches regularly for services, or just the principal festivals at Christmas, Easter or Harvest. Maybe you only attend weddings baptisms or funerals or you just like the church to be there as part of the village. Most people agree that it would be a shame to see these beautiful and historic buildings fall in disrepair or disappear altogether. They have stood for many centuries so hopefully we will be able to ensure that they are still there for future generations.

Support us in other ways with.....

amazonsmile

You shop. Amazon gives.

We are, as a charity signed up to AmazonSmile. This means that if you use Amazon you could log into AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.co.uk) instead of the normal Amazon. You will still get the same choice of goods, but Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to our Charity at no extra cost to you.

BY PAULINE ROYER



Membership Secretary's Report 2021

Well it has been a funny old year with the pandemic hasn't it? Unfortunately due to the lack of social gatherings over the past 18 months we haven't been able to attract many more members into the Friends. We now have a total of 95 members, 28 of which are from Leeds, 34 from Broomfield and Kingswood and 33 from elsewhere.

This is a small but welcomed increase from last year and we continue to strive to attract more members to raise awareness of the Friends as much as possible. We are issuing flyers and also posters in the local notice boards, and also our two beautiful churches, which we continue to work hard to help maintain. Both the churches are used regularly for weddings and christenings, and without members we will struggle to raise the funds to help towards their upkeep, so it's in all our best interests to keep them well maintained.

Occasionally we get a donation given to us which is of course greatly appreciated, and income from Amazon Smile always adds to our funds!

Considering the pandemic we have had a good year, membership wise, and we are planning some social events for later this year and next year, now that we are opening up after COVID. These, we hope will help attract new members into the Friends, and hopefully bring some new money making ideas to our attention.

Please let your friends, family and new neighbours know that we exist and encourage them to join us at our upcoming events. We also have our Facebook page which is regularly updated and will advertise our upcoming events and details of how to become a member.

Many thanks for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you all soon at one of our events.



**SIGN UP
NOW!**

Membership Secretary's Report 2021

FRIENDS OF LEEDS AND BROOMFIELD CHURCHES

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Please complete this form and send it to the Membership Secretary, Friends of Leeds and Broomfield Churches, Westlea Barn, Broomfield, Maidstone. ME17 1PS. We will then complete our bank details and forward it to your bank.

I/We wish to become a member(s) of the

'Friends of Leeds & Broomfield Churches'.

Please print

Full name(s):.....

Address:.....

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

E-mail address:.....

Tel no.....

Please include area code.

Please complete the Banker's Order Form opposite and, if applicable, the Gift Aid Declaration below.

GIFT AID DECLARATION

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.

Please note, for the joint member both taxpayers must sign to enable us to claim on the full subscription/donation.

I/We want the 'Friends' to be able to reclaim Tax on my/our subscription/donation and confirm that I/we pay enough tax to cover this donation.

Signed:.....

Signed:.....

BANKER'S ORDER

Please complete this form and send it to our Treasurer Roy Royer, Westlea Barn, Upper Street, Broomfield ME17 1PS who will insert our bank details and forward it to your bank.

To the Manager

Name of your Bank :

Sort Code :-.....-.....

Address of Bank :

.....Post Code :

Account name :

Account no :

Your Name :

Address :

.....Post code :

Signed :Date:.....

Our annual Membership subscription is a minimum of £12 per person but of course you may pay more if you wish.

Please pay the sum of £.....immediately and then on 1 January annually until further notice.

To : Nat West Bank, Maidstone (A) Branch, 3 High Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1HJ, for the account of the 'Friends of Leeds and Broomfield Churches'.

Sort code :

Account number :

Membership from

£12

PER ANNUM

Donations made to Leeds and Broomfield PCC

		St Margaret, Broomfield	St Nicholas, Leeds			Total donated in each Financial Year		
Date	Donated for:	Amount	Amount			1999-2000	£0.00	
						2000-2001	£500.00	
Jun-01	New lawn mowers	£250.00	£250.00			2001 -2002	£450.00	
Jun-02	Cost to repair clock		£450.00			2002 -2003	£0.00	
Nov-05	Repairs to Parapet gutter	£3,375.00				2003 -2004	£0.00	
Nov-05	Repairs to Tower parapet		£3,375.00			2004 -2005	£0.00	
Feb-09	New Guttering		£460.00			2005 -2006	£6,750.00	
Apr-09	Porch gutters and downpipes	£1,415.00				2006 -2007	£0.00	
May-09	Emergency electrical works		£4,482.70			2007 -2008	£0.00	
Oct-10	Hymn Books	£125.82				2008 -2009	£1,875.00	
Jan-11	Rolls of Rockwall Insulation		£204.18			2009 -2010	£4,482.70	
Jan-13	Plastering		£5,760.92			2010 -2011	£330.00	
Jan-13	Fencing around tower base	£275.00				2011-2012	£0.00	
						2012-2013	£6,035.92	
Jun-14	Painting inside of church		£7,394.00			2013-2014	£7,394.00	
Aug-14	Painting inside of church		£1,433.96					
Sep-14	Curtain cleaning		£220.00					
Feb-15	Tower repairs	£1,051.00						
Jun-15	New lighting positions, socket in bell tower	£419.50						
Jun-15	Architects fees re Tower project	£415.00				2014-2015	£3,539.46	
Dec-15	Clear debris from main roof gulley		£440.00			2015-2016	£440.00	
Sep-16	Roof repairs		£6,000.00			2016-2017	£6,000.00	
Jul-17	Stain Glass Repair	£500.00				2017-2018	£500.00	
May-19	St Margarets Tower Refurbishment Contribution	£15,637.00				2018-2019	£15,637.00	
Jun-19	PCC Chairs and Underlay Donation		£1,170.00			2018-2019	£1,170.00	
Jul-20	Donation to Leeds PCC -Electrical Repairs		£2,237.50					
Jul-20	Donation to Broomfield PCC - Electrical Repairs	£501.13						
Feb-21	Donation to Broomfield PCC -Lamp post	£350.00				2020-2021	£3,088.63	
	Total to date:	£24,314.45	£33,878.26					
	Total donated to date:	£58,192.71					£58,192.71	

BY ROY ROYER

REGISTERED CHARITY

1080363

Treasurer's Report 2021

The Friends of Leeds and Broomfield Churches

Balance Sheet year ending 23 Jun 2021

	EXPENDITURE	INCOME
Current A/c Bal fwd		£5,730.39
Deposit A/C Bal Fwd		£36,528.57
Fund raising	£328.32	£1,065.39
Subscriptions		£1,925.00
Donations (inc Smile)	£3,088.63	£17.48
Gift Aid 2018-19		£367.13
Addl Gift Aid 2017-18		£13.76
Payment Received in Error		£240.00
Correction of Error receipt	£240.00	
Insurance	£252.13	
General Expenses	£168.40	
Accountants Fees	£60.00	
Web Site	£226.48	
Interest		£106.72
Current A/c year end	£4,995.19	
Deposit A/C year end	£36,635.29	
	£45,994.44	£45,994.44

Prepared by Roy Royer

Treasurer.

Treasurer's Report 2021

BY ROY ROYER

THE FRIENDS OF LEEDS and BROOMFIELD CHURCHES
FIVE YEAR COMPARISON

	EXPENDITURE						INCOME					
	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Fund raising	£328.32	£0.00	£1,931.81	£568.00	£187.50	£550.00	£1,065.39	£3,088.23	£6,398.60	£5,045.91	£5,053.91	£4,146.05
Donations	£3,088.63	£0.00	£16,807.00	£500.00	£6,000.00	£440.00	£17.48	£206.00	£491.00	£846.80	£1,280.80	£853.80
Subscriptions							£1,925.00	£1,736.00	£1,677.00	£1,054.00	£1,092.00	£1,090.00
Interest							£106.72	£198.39	£367.66	£106.94	£157.97	£134.20
Gift Aid							£380.89	£373.01	£372.66	£493.90	£470.81	£441.94
Insurance	£252.13	£240.11	£230.62	£204.56	£200.91	£193.61						
General Expenses	£168.40	£147.62	£13.92	£179.82	£275.87	£642.92						
Web site fees	£226.48	£68.50	£123.50	£118.78	£160.78	£137.89						
Audit Fees	£60.00	£0.00	£120.00	£0.00	£120.00	£0.00						
	£4,123.96	£456.23	£19,226.85	£1,571.16	£6,945.06	£1,964.42	£3,495.48	£5,601.63	£9,306.92	£7,547.55	£8,055.49	£6,665.99

The Friends of Leeds and Broomfield Churches

Treasurer's Report as at : 03/08/21

Current A/c £4,995.19

Deposit A/c £36,635.29

£41,630.48

Treasurer's Report 2021

BY ROY ROYER



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

The Friends of Leeds and Broomfield Churches

On accounts for the year
ended

23rd June 2021

Charity no
(if any)

1080363

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 23 06 / 2021.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

~~The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

20/09/2021

Name:

Paul Baker

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

FAIA

Treasurer's Report 2021

BY ROY ROYER

(if any):

Address: Applied Accountancy Ltd, 50A Clifford Way, Maidstone, Kent ME16 8GD

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

◦ BY JUDI TAYLOR ◦

Fabric Report 2021

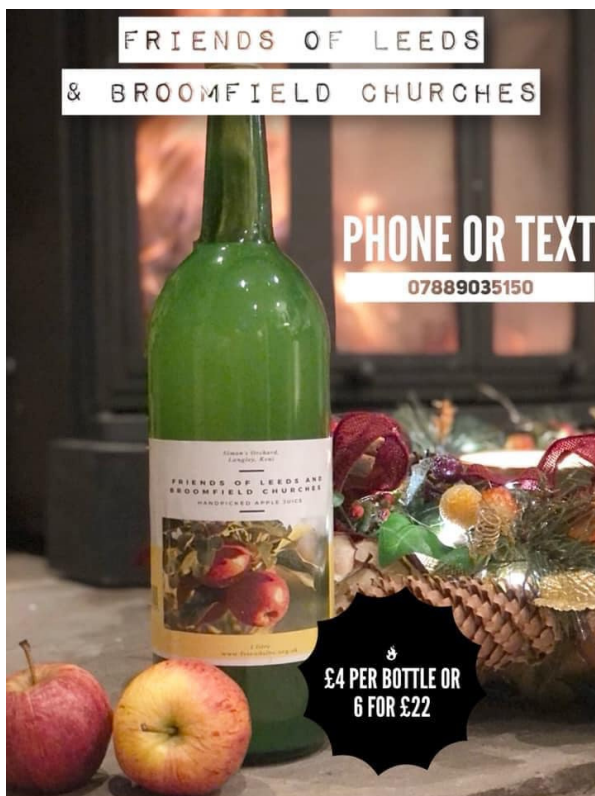
After supporting the major tower repair project at Broomfield over the last couple of years, this year the Friends have turned their attention to Leeds church where the tower there similarly needed substantial repair and maintenance (see pic).



However an even bigger forthcoming project at Leeds is the renewal of the heating system which has completely failed. The PCC have done a great deal of research to find the best possible and affordable heating system which could also be approved by the Diocese and the Friends have now pledged the sum of £15,000 towards the cost of the new heating project which is due to start imminently.

The Friends have also pledged support this year towards a new churchyard gate for Leeds church but this project is on hold at present until the wood for the renewal is available.

Apple Juice fundraiser 2020



In December 2020, Friends of Leeds and Broomfield Churches were donated apples by Simon and Cynthia Brice. The Friends decided that we would press the apples and make juice to sell and put the funds towards the charity. This was our first time creating apple juice and we thoroughly enjoyed it.

This is the poster we used to advertise our juice, it was a huge success. The juice was ready just in time for Christmas and many of our customers used them as presents or put them in Christmas hampers!

Unfortunately, this year the apples are not available. As it was such a success we are looking for anyone locally that is willing to donate apples to the charity so we can do the same this year.

If you would like to donate then please email; friendslbc@gmail.com

Apples to donate??



Notice Of Annual General Meeting

- TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE DEFERRED ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020 HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13 JANUARY 2021. (COPIES OF THESE MINUTES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE MEETING).
- TO DEAL WITH MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES.
- TO RECEIVE THE ANNUAL REPORT.
- TO APPROVE THE CERTIFIED ACCOUNTS AND TO RECEIVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT.
- TO ELECT NEW OFFICERS FROM THOSE NOMINATIONS RECEIVED BY THE CLOSING DATE. THE EXISTING OFFICERS, ADMIN CHAIR CHRISTINE SHARP, EVENTS CHAIR JENNY HOY, SECRETARY JUDI TAYLOR, TREASURER ROY ROYER, RELINQUISH THEIR OFFICE. NOMINATIONS FOR THESE POSTS ARE INVITED.
- TO ELECT COMMITTEE MEMBERS. THE CURRENT MEMBERS ARE: PAULINE ROYER, SUE CLIFTON, MARTIN SHARP, LOUISE ILLSLEY, RICHARD SPRINGFORD. AS THE LONGEST SERVING MEMBERS SINCE ELECTION MARTIN SHARP, PAULINE ROYER AND SUE CLIFTON - RETIRE FROM THE COMMITTEE AND OFFER THEMSELVES FOR RE-ELECTION.
- TO APPOINT THE AUDITOR AND DETERMINE THEIR REMUNERATION, IF ANY.
- TO FIX THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION.
- TO CONSIDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS APPROPRIATE FOR AN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.
- TO CONFIRM THAT THE AGM IN 2022 WILL BE HELD IN ST MARGARET'S CHURCH, BROOMFIELD

**WEDNESDAY 20
OCTOBER 2021
AT 7.00 PM**

**ST NICHOLAS
CHURCH, LEEDS**

**PLEASE DO
COME ALONG,
YOU WILL BE
VERY WELCOME!**

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upcoming EVENTS

FRIENDS OF LEEDS &
BROOMFIELD

Christmas RAFFLE

TICKETS £5
PER STRIP

Contact
07970119467



CURRY & SOUL 2022

23RD APRIL 2022 - LEEDS VILLAGE
HALL - TICKET SALES NEXT YEAR

**If you live in Leeds, Broomfield or
Kingswood and not already a member then
please think about donating towards our
cause.**

Many thanks



Friends of
Leeds and Broomfield
Churches

MORE
exciting
EVENTS
coming
SOON

BEER FESTIVAL 2022

DATE TO BE CONFIRMED

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IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE
KEPT INFORMED OF
UPCOMING EVENTS.

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