

The Friends of St Lawrence Church Bradfield

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Dear Friends Members

It doesn't seem possible that we are already into February and I apologise for this newsletter being a little late this year.

Yearly subscriptions

For those of you who pay annually by cash/ cheque there is a subscription letter attached. Forms and monies should be returned to Elizabeth Norton please at the address on the letter. Thank you.

Donations. We have been really pleased to receive a number of extra donations during the year. If you are thinking of making any one off donations during the coming year, you may find the following notes helpful:

- The donation button on our website is managed by PayPal and we do bear charges for donations paid this way. We are informed of this transaction by email. It is often therefore more cost effective, if possible, for such donations to be made by cash/ cheque and sent to the treasurer, Brian Norton.
- Donations can also be made by bank transfer (details can be obtained from John Barrow) but if you use this method it would help us to keep track of monies if you could let us know you have made the transfer and also use your names as a reference on the transfer itself.

Christmas Craft Market 2017 The final total was £1960 profit, another excellent result. Thank you for supporting this event so well again.

Events for 2018

The Gardens Open Day is resting in 2018 but will be back! Taking its place is our Flower Festival.

Flower festival

The theme is "The Art of Flowers". This will involve flower arrangements inspired by local art work which will also be on display in the church. The event will take place in St Lawrence Church from Saturday May 5th to Monday 7th 10.30 to 4.30. Light refreshments available.

How you can help: If you know of anyone in the village who might be willing to help at this event or bake cakes please put us in touch.

Help. We will need to cover about 90 hours of work including door, raffle and refreshments over the 3 days. I know it seems early but if you are able to help by offering a few hours over this weekend could you let me know fairly soon? Tel. 01255 870681 or normabarrow@btinternet.com

Refreshments. We will be having a table of cakes which will serve as both refreshments and a cake stall. If you are able to make cakes (we are happy to receive pre-frozen provided labelled) could you let Christine Bowen know. Tray bakes are particularly useful.

Plants. We will have a table for a small scale plant stall. If you are growing seeds, dividing plants or taking cuttings perhaps you could let us know if you have any spare?

Donations. As in previous years we will be inviting people to make donations towards the cost of the flowers. Donation forms will be available soon.

Curry Evening at the Mogul Manningtree will be arranged for October.

Christmas Craft Market 2018 the Community Centre has been booked for Saturday 24th November.

Project update

The church fabric committee will be meeting shortly to discuss the recommendations in the quinquennial report and put forward suggestions for work which the PCC and the Friends committee will then consider. Although there is always work to do the PCC were pleased at a positive report from the architect.

New members

We would ask that existing members continue to encourage people to join the Friends. Application forms can be found in church or on our web site www.foslbradfield.org
I am too frightened to work out the average age of our Friends committee but it must be pretty high! We need to encourage some younger members and would particularly like some new blood to come forward as Trustees. Please give this some consideration before our AGM later this year when there is an opportunity for elections. If anyone is interested in becoming a Trustee and would like to know more about what is involved please get in contact.

Thank you for your continued support. Don't forget to check our website to find information on events and projects. www.foslbradfield.org
Best wishes

Norma Barrow Chairman