



# The Friends of St Lawrence Church Bradfield

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## News Letter January 2014

Happy New Year!

We are issuing the first newsletter of 2014 as a hard copy, but will return to email updates for the rest of the year. If you have changed your email address during 2013 could you please make sure you have informed me? Thank you.

- The Trustees are pleased to report that 2013 was a very successful year for the Friends. The various events during the year raised in the region of £11,000
- The final event of the year the Christmas Market was once again a great success with the profit hovering just below £2,000. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to put this event on.
- The History Book also continues to be a source of revenue with the profit running at £1,391 to date.
- You may have noticed that our web site is undergoing a rebuild; we hope to have the new page ready soon.

### Membership

1. **The membership fees for 2014 are now due** and for those of you paying by cash/cheque there is a renewal request attached to this newsletter. Please return the form with your payment. Thank you to all the people who now use standing orders. If anyone else would like to convert to this form of payment please ask Elizabeth Norton for a form.
2. We are also pleased to report that 12 new members joined the Friends in 2013 bringing our total to 80

### Lime washing

You may have noticed there are a few issues with the recent lime wash coat. The matter has been referred back to the builders who are taking advice. We hope the problem will be remedied come the better weather.

### Renewal of kitchen work top

The Friends have met the cost of replacing the kitchen work top which had become unhygienic due to water seeping into a join. The gap between the work top and the serving window has also been filled. It would be helpful if the worktop could be kept clear of clutter so that it can be cleaned properly.

### Window Project

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The Friends have undertaken to raise money for the repair and cleaning of the church windows.

The PCC have been advised by the architect that the work will need to be divided between stone work and glass work. He is asking a glazier to contact the PCC so that a report can be completed on all the windows, to allow decisions to be made about the order of work. We hope to have more news in the next few months.

### 2014 Events

**Burns Night** 25<sup>th</sup> January 7.15pm for 7.30 Church Room

Tickets £22 (only a few left!) from Norma Barrow 01255 870681

3 Course meal: Seafood Starter, Haggis (vegetarian Haggis available) Please inform us if you would prefer the braised beef alternative. Sweet course. Tickets are now available for those of you who pre-ordered - contact Norma

**Poems and Pints Evening** Friday 7th February 7pm

Christopher and Fontaine Woods are holding this event at Blue Bonnet, Mill Lane. Numbers are limited so book early by giving your names to Fontaine 01255 870411 Bring a drink and a “shortish” poem –Fontaine will provide the food. £10 per head proceeds to the Friends. Parking is limited so try to walk or park somewhere other than Mill Lane.

**Gardens Open Day** Sunday June 22<sup>nd</sup> 11am to 5pm

I know looking at the gardens this time of the year can be depressing, but come June.....! We have several gardens willing to open, but would like a few more. Your garden does not have to be weed free, but a space you have developed to your own style that would be of interest to others. It is always a pleasant day with people wanting to chat to you about your garden and the compliments you will receive make the effort seem worthwhile! If you would like to know more about this event or are willing to open please contact Norma Barrow 01255 870681.

We will be running a plant stall at this event so if you have any seedlings, cuttings or divisions you could pot up (with labels) we would be pleased to receive them.

**Christmas Craft Market** 29<sup>th</sup> November

