



The Friends of St Lawrence Church Bradfield

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News Letter January 2015

Happy New Year!

We are issuing the first newsletter of 2015 as a hard copy, but will return to email updates for the rest of the year. If you have changed your email address during 2014 could you please make sure you have informed me? Thank you.

- The final event of the year the Christmas Market was once again a great success with the profit hovering just below £1900. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to put this event on.
- The Trustees are pleased to report that 2014 was a very successful year for the Friends. The various events during the year raised in the region of £5000
- Our new website www.foslbradfield.org is updated on a regular basis and is the go to source for information pictures and updates.
- We are looking forward to seeing members and guests at the Burns Night Supper on 23rd January. Please book in advance as places are limited!

Membership Subs

1. **The membership subs for 2015 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.tel: 01255 870050

Stained Glass Window Project Update

Quotations have been received from the glaziers for the costs of repairing the stained glass windows. These costs do not include the work necessary to repair the masonry around the windows for which separate quotations are still awaited. The architect is now in the process of drawing up the specifications for the masonry work after which the PCC needs to apply for a faculty, obtain 3 quotes, appoint a contractor and apply for any grants available to help with the cost. Some additional cleaning of the windows will be required and there will also be significant scaffolding costs to enable the repair work to be carried out. It has been suggested that in order to keep scaffolding costs down it might be better to tackle the windows in perhaps three or four zones. It is hoped that the PCC will be now able to progress this project through its various approval stages so that a start to the repair work can begin this spring.



Events for 2015

Curry Night March 18th

The Mogul restaurant in Manningtree has very kindly offered to host a charity dinner for the Friends of St Lawrence Church on Wednesday 18th March at 7pm. The curry meal (£17 a head, £5 of which would go to the Friends)) would include a starter, a choice of mild or medium main course, vegetables, pilau rice and nan bread. Drinks and poppadums would be extra. If you would like to attend please let Sue Cunningham know on 01255 870154 or email sue.cunningham1@btinternet.com by **the end of February**. Those of you who expressed an interest will need to confirm your places with Sue Cunningham. Please encourage friends, family and neighbours to book their places.

Church History Book Launch April 24th 2015

As a follow up to “Bradfield the History of an Essex Village”, our history group has been writing a History of St Lawrence Church. The book is nearing completion and we hope to mark its publication with an evening in the Church Room on Friday 24th April. More details to follow.

Gardens Open Day Sunday June 21st

Calling all gardeners!

You only need to look at the photos on our website to know we were blessed in 2014 with good weather and a large turnout of people to view some wonderful gardens. We intend to hold this event again this year, subject to finding enough gardeners willing to open.

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 email norma.barrow@keme.co.uk

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.

Quiz Night Saturday October 10th Community Centre more details to follow

Christmas Craft Market provisional date Saturday 28th November

Thank you for your continued support

Norma Barrow

