



# **Friends of Bradford Cathedral**

## **Newsletter Spring 2015**

The South Door

# Chairman's letter

Dear Friends

I hope by the time you read this that the weather has realised it's Spring and not still Winter! Please take the time to read and enjoy this edition of our Newsletter – and maybe pass it on to a friend and ask them to consider becoming a Friend? If even half of us could bring another person, we would be able to do such much more in the Cathedral.

Thank you to those of you who came to our Annual General Meeting. It was a good meeting – and it's always great to meet up and chat over refreshments afterwards. Those who were there will know that three Committee members retired at the Annual Meeting, having come to the end of their three –year term. Jeffrey Long, MBE, joined us three years ago and has been a great help. He has many other commitments (especially with the Royal British Legion) and so has decided that “something has to give”. Thank you for all you have done with us, Jeffrey: we hope to see you at some of our events in the future.

We also said farewell to Pat Clare and to Jan Warriner. Both have served on the Committee for a considerable number of years and have given sacrificially of both time and effort. We shall miss their wisdom and their knowledge in Committee meetings, though both have said they will continue to help out at functions. Thank you both for all you have done – it is hugely appreciated.

Sadly, we have been unable to replace two of these three good people on the Committee, though I'm delighted to report that Membership Secretary Christine Smith is joining us. Please, will you consider whether you, or someone you know, might be able to bring your gifts and skills to serve the Cathedral? Speak to me, or Sandra Howard or Monica Slocombe to find out more.

Elsewhere in the Newsletter you will find the year's programme. The next scheduled event is a visit to Holy Trinity, Skipton on Sunday afternoon, June 21<sup>st</sup>. We meet at the church (at the top of the High Street) at 3.30pm for a guided tour. We'll then be treated to tea and cakes before a service of Evensong at 6.00pm. Also, make sure that 11<sup>th</sup> October is booked down for the Annual Lunch, this year to be held in the Midland Hotel in Bradford.

As always, I look forward to meeting you during the course of the year. Thank you for your continued Friendship.

With warm good wishes

Jill Wright, Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jill Wright". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single blue stroke.

## **Visit by the Friends of Southwell Minster.**

On May 7th we were delighted to welcome to Bradford Cathedral a group of 49 Friends from Southwell Minster. Many of you will remember that Dean Jerry came from Southwell Diocese and he and Christine were on hand to welcome our visitors both informally and formally. In his words of welcome, he contextualised the place and mission of the Cathedral within multi-cultural, multi-faith Bradford.

Gillian Davis put on a very fine presentation about the Cathedral's history, its setting and a little about what the Cathedral offers to 21st century Bradford. Our visitors then were able to walk around at leisure, asking questions and enjoying the beauty of the Cathedral and all that it holds.

We were delighted to provide a substantial tea for our visitors; this was enhanced by the provision of some very fine birthday cake provided by the husband of one Friend of Southwell who was celebrating a significant birthday! We then joined together for Choral Evensong before our visitors returned home, having expressed fulsome thanks for the warmth of the Bradford welcome – and the tea! We hope to arrange a visit to Southwell as part of next year's programme.

## **Our own website!**

We have at last got our own website! You'll find it at  
***[www.bradfordcathedralfriends.org.uk](http://www.bradfordcathedralfriends.org.uk)***

There's not yet much on there – though you'll see a gallery of photos from the Friends' visit to Carlisle as a Starter for Ten.

We'll soon have a number of contacts of course - and a facility for members on the Friends' Mailing list. But there's plenty of space there! If you have material, or reports, or requests, or ... well, just about anything(!), then send it to [webkeeper@bradfordcathedralfriends.org.uk](mailto:webkeeper@bradfordcathedralfriends.org.uk)

## **The Accounts**

You will all have received the information for the AGM which took place on 8th March. Jill has reported on the highlights above.

The Accounts were presented at that meeting and for those who were unable to attend the AGM they are reproduced overleaf.

# The Friends of Bradford Cathedral

## Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 31st December 2014

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
	£	£
Subscriptions	2,452	2,502
Donations	535	305
SUB -TOTAL	2,987	2,807
Tax Rebate	216	387
Surplus on social events	100	384
Interest on Building Society account	4	2
	3,307	3,580
 <b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Insurance	0	0
Postage	80	114
Printing and Stationery/office exp	144	39
National Conference	0	0
Travel	0	0
Presentation	0	30
Hospitality	0	0
Other donations	0	0
Total expenses	224	183
Surplus/(Deficit) on Normal Activities	3,083	3,397
Donations to the Cathedral	2,673	1,100
Surplus/(Deficit) to Reserves	410	2,297

# BALANCE SHEET

	2014	2013
	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Investments	40	40
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Stock of stamps	53	0
Events money outstanding	0	71
Tax refund ( Gift Aid)	522	1,774
Barclays account	7,038	8,379
Leeds Building Society	3,809	805
<b>Total Assets</b>	11,421	11,029
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Cathedral Expenses	16	34
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	16	34
Net Current assets	11,405	10,995
<b>Net Assets</b>	11,445	11,035
<b>Capital Account</b>		
Surplus brought forward	10,995	8,698
Surplus (deficit) in period	410	2,297
Surplus carried forward	11,405	10,995
Revaluation Reserve	40	40
	11,445	0
		11,035

*Pat Clare has written the following tributes to Ann Jacobs and Leslie Bentley, two long-standing Friends of Bradford Cathedral*

## **Ann Jacobs**

It is with great sadness, that I have to report the death of Ann after a long bravely borne illness.

Whilst being a Committee Member of our "Friends" Ann managed to hold down a very responsible job as an Adult Social Worker and at one stage was also church warden at St. James Silsden . She was also an active "Friend" of Parcevall Hall.

Ann was a Member of our "Friends" for many years and a valuable member of your committee until she became ill. Even then would have continued had she been able to drive. She was also always very generous and helpful when there was any catering to do. The Trips she organised were done very efficiently, and without fuss. Every person received a handout of where we were visiting. The Parish visits Ann was involved in were equally well organised.

Ann and I were lucky enough to be involved in a "Friends" Conference for Cathedrals and Greater Churches in Blackburn. She was a lovely companion, and very instrumental in promoting all that small Cathedrals had to offer. Other Conference delegates were quite impressed.

Many Friends beside myself are absolutely in awe of how Ann kept her "pecker" up through such a long illness, and bravely continued to still do the things she loved doing. She will be much missed by all who knew her, and who benefited from her love and prayers. A lovely lady!



# Leslie Bentley

There is I'm afraid , sadly another passing away to report. Leslie was a valued members of the "Friends" for many years, and before his health started to be a problem he and Joyce (now sadly also no longer with us) could always be relied upon to support us at any of our events.

Ever the Gentleman, on parish visits he was always on hand to help collect the lunch money from everyone in order to pay a restaurant bill. He and Joyce will always be remembered by the "Friends" as being particularly good company at these events.

He was an all round sportsman, but was particularly passionate about rugby. and liked telling you about a good match. He was a member of Bradford RUFC where he became captain, and was known as "Legs" Bentley, so nicknamed because he could run 100 yards in 10 seconds. When speaking to him on the phone once he told me because of health issues he missed coming on our trips and attending events at the Cathedral. He was equally missed by us, and will be remembered for being the perfect gentleman and not least for the permanent twinkle in his eye.

Pat Clare



# A visit to Carlisle

13th May 2015

So much of our visit was such that I am in danger of over-using a word:

The Weather	–	<i><b>magnificent</b></i>
The scenery on the Settle-Carlisle Railway	–	<i><b>magnificent</b></i>
The guide on the train	–	<i><b>magnificent</b></i>
The Cathedral	–	<i><b>magnificent</b></i>
The welcome	–	<i><b>magnificent</b></i>
The lunch	–	<i><b>magnificent</b></i>
The afternoon's guide	–	<i><b>magnificent</b></i>



Eighteen members of the Friends gathered on the Settle-Carlisle train in lovely sunshine. We had a group of seats and were joined at Settle by a keen and knowledgeable guide from the Friends of the Settle-Carlisle Line. Without being intrusive or over-stated, he distributed some leaflets - and kept us regaled with anecdotes, facts and features of our journey.

On arrival in Carlisle, we made our easy way to the Cathedral, where we were warmly welcomed by a number of people who were all expecting us and who put themselves about to make sure our visit went well.

## **Extra seating needed!**

We joined a celebration of the Eucharist in the very truncated Nave. It seems extraordinary to note that the arrival of our group meant they had to provide extra seating! That's because the ancient nave was demolished during the Civil War by the Scottish Presbyterian Army so they could use the stone to reinforce Carlisle Castle. What's left is now a Regimental Chapel.



Lunch was taken in the delightful Prior's Kitchen and we were then treated to an excellent tour of the Cathedral by a most knowledgeable guide.





The main space in the cathedral is the splendid choir, with its stunning barrel-vaulted ceiling, intricate east window with its mediaeval glass and ancient carved misericords.



There was a wonderful carved triptych where we had a privileged close-up look



A couple of hours to do our own thing in Carlisle - and then back onto the train for a (somewhat somnolent!) trip back to Yorkshire.

(And, look! I wrote all of that without mentioning "magnificent" once!)



See some more photos on our new website at [www.bradfordcathedralfriends.org.uk](http://www.bradfordcathedralfriends.org.uk)



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## Events for 2015

21st June **Visit Holy Trinity Church Skipton** plus refreshments and evensong. Meet at the church (at the top of the High Street, beside the Castle) at 3.30pm.

30th September **'Day at the Cathedral'** due to popular demand!

11th October **Annual Lunch** at the Midland Hotel Bradford

*Details for both of these events will be circulated nearer the time*

### Contact the Friends!

You can contact the Chair of the Friends by email or phone:  
chair@bradfordcathedralfriends.org.uk 01535 634526

See our *new* website at [www.bradfordcathedralfriends.org.uk](http://www.bradfordcathedralfriends.org.uk)

## A Prayer for The Friends of Bradford Cathedral

**God, our heavenly Father,  
we thank you for the presence and witness over many centuries of the  
Cathedral Church of St Peter, Bradford.**

**Give your grace and wisdom to those who serve and minister there  
to the congregation, the diocese, the city,  
and everyone who enters its walls day by day.**

**Bless all Friends of the Cathedral in our fellowship  
with the living Lord Jesus.**

**Inspire us by your Holy Spirit as we work and provide together  
in helping the building to speak of your harmony, truth and beauty.**

**May we ourselves, in word and act, tell the wonder of your power,  
to save and to transform,  
that others shall be led into the experience and joy  
of belonging to the Friends of your Kingdom.**

**This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen**