

FRIENDS OF
ST. WENEFREDE'S CHURCH
BICKLEY

NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends,

As the second year of the Friends of Saint Wenefrede's Church comes to a close the committee of the Friends is looking forward to planning events for the next twelve months. I want to take this opportunity to inform you all of one of these upcoming events in particular.

For the summer of 2016 the Friends are organising a Parish Garden Walk around the Bickley and Hetherson Green area. I have been thrilled by the enthusiasm of some of our local residents who have already generously offered their assistance as garden hosts. I know that preparing gardens for these events requires a huge effort and each of the host's support is received with enormous gratitude.

Twelve months may appear to be a somewhat enthusiastic notice period; I am however reliably informed (as someone who digs holes and moves turf only under explicit instruction and careful supervision) that this is the absolute minimum time required to ensure that gardens are in their perfect state on the day. I am certainly looking forward to seeing the result of our hosts' efforts and to welcoming any and all of the Friends who can join us. The Friends committee will confirm the dates as soon as we are able.

In addition if you feel you can help us on the day by opening your garden, helping with refreshments, providing plants or running the plants stall please do contact Jill Wyndham Lewis on jill@wyndhamlewis.co.uk or 01829 720 503.

In my last letter I reported that the Friends has set up and was operating the Saint Wenefrede's Church website on behalf of the church at <http://www.stwenefredesbickley.org>. I am delighted to advise that the website is serving its purpose with a number of contacts already received as people research their family histories and find the resting place of lost relatives. We also ensure that service times are advertised and have started to bring together some photo galleries of recent Church events. Please do take the time to have a look. As always, any and all comments and suggestions for content would be most welcome and appreciated.

Our Annual General Meeting is fast approaching. We hope to welcome you at the Coronation Hall in Bickley on Friday 5th June 2015 from 19:00 for a 19:30 start. The meeting will be preceded by cheese and wine. An agenda for the meeting will be issued with this newsletter and will, of course, also be available on our website.

Finally I would like to thank Brenda Parker for supporting us over this last year as Trustee. Brenda has decided that, due to other family and volunteering responsibilities, she will unfortunately have to step down from the committee. Brenda's experience and advice have proven invaluable in our meetings and, while she will be missed, we wish her the best for the future.

David Wyndham Lewis
Chair



CONTACT DETAILS

We would love to hear from you. Whether you would like to discuss potential projects for Saint Wenefrede's Church, suggestions for events or anything else the Chair and Secretary can be contacted by either of the means listed in the section below.

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