

# *The Friends of Kempley Churches*

*Registered Charity No. 1108735*

## **Annual Report and Accounts for 2015**

The Trustees met formally on five occasions to discuss business and plan activities. We also met with English Heritage representatives in March to discuss matters relevant to our management agreement for St Mary's church.

The financial statements show that during the year we received about £6,200 from our various activities: events brought in £4,000, donations for postcards, maps, etc in the Wallbox at St Mary's raised £1700 (similar to the previous year) and membership subscriptions raised £190. We spent £3,500, of which charitable donations and purchases amounted to almost £1,200, with a further £900 being the cost of putting on events; other costs amounted to slightly over £1,100. Our administration costs (insurance, postage, licences, etc) were slightly less than £240. At year-end, our balance of funds amounted to about £8,000.

The Visitor Book for St Mary's church recorded about 1000 entries, indicating that at least 2000 individuals plus numerous walking, cycling and other groups visited during the year. Although most were from the UK, we also had many visitors from 23 other countries<sup>1</sup> including many from the USA and Australia. We hosted three large group visits, two organised by Travel Editions and led by Dr Anne Anderson and one by another travel company; we also welcomed groups from several U3A and WI groups and an Arts & Crafts Group.

In March, we participated in the Kempley Daffodil Weekend, again providing the draw tickets and prizes and the Lottery Licence. Our events included a Concert by the Abertillery Orpheus Male Choir, a Folk Evening by May Thrill, a Christmas Concert in St Edward's Church by the Newent Scottish Singers, and Community Christmas Carols in the Village Hall.

Jointly with Kempley PCC we held four well-attended summer evening services at St Mary's Church. In June a traditional service of Evensong was led by the Rector, the Rev'd Tony Lomas; in July we had an inspiring Taizé Service led by the Rev'd Jill Bond; in August, a traditional service of Evensong led by the Rev'd Canon Richard Franklin and in September Evensong was led by the Rev'd Tony Lomas with the Archdeacon of Gloucester, the Venerable Jackie Searle, as the speaker. The Friends provided refreshments following the September service. We would thank Bob May and the choir of St Mary's church, Dymock, for their continuing support of our evening services at St Mary's church.

During the year Simon Hanes has taken responsibility for updating the Tardis website from the commercial web-hosts. David Clowes and Howell Rees continue to do sterling

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<sup>1</sup> Argentina, Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Holland, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iraq, Ireland, Malaysia, Japan, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Russia, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland, and the USA.

work on the history of those local men who gave their lives in both World Wars and in addition, Howell has been identifying and cataloguing the graves at St Mary's church to provide a new database on the last resting place of many former residents of Kempley. In addition, work has started to clear, clean and modify the 19C storeroom in the grounds of St Mary's to turn it into a small visitor centre where permanent displays of artefacts can be exhibited. Following the death of our oldest resident, Dolly Jones, I have received from her family the notebook in which she recorded her early memories of her life in Kempley. A (slightly) edited version of these memoirs will be posted on the web site, together with reminiscences of a niece of Canon Gethyn-Jones.

The Friends contributed to the cost of extending the car parking area within Kempley and to provision of a defibrillator at the Village Hall. We also funded a new altar frontal, designed and made by Margaret Brooke, Marjorie Jarvis and Sheila Molesworth, for the Lady Chapel at St Edward's church and provided a new Union Jack and a Diocesan flag for St Edward's church. In the late summer, we were pleased to receive back into St Mary's church the Bishop's Chair, now restored, that had been removed by English Heritage for safe keeping in the 1990's.

I would thank all Trustees for their support during the year and also, Geraldine Rees for her work as Membership Secretary and Kate and Will Blandford for their work as Key Holder for St Mary's church. Thanks are also due to the willing volunteers, especially Lynette Greenway, Geraldine Rees, Pauline Hawker-Bond and Marjorie Jarvis, who provided meals and refreshments for visitors and to those who attended our concerts and other activities. Finally, I would thank Marjorie for keeping the accounts of The Friends in such good order over the year.

Basil Jarvis  
8 January 2016

# Friends of Kempley Churches

## Statement of Accounts for 2015

### Income and Expenditure Account

	Note	2015	2014
<b>Income</b>			
St. Mary' Wallbox	1	£1,696.12	£1,705.11
Membership Subscriptions		£190.00	£445.00
Events	2	£4,055.75	£5,663.70
Donations		£260.00	£173.90
Sale of prints of the Churches		£0.00	£30.00
Bank Interest		<u>£1.42</u>	<u>£1.51</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<u>£6,203.29</u>	<u>£8,019.22</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Insurance of St. Mary's		£131.73	£111.79
Exhibition and Event Costs	2	£911.96	£1,708.70
Social History Project (Kempley Tardis)		£275.00	£908.50
Projects	3	£809.90	£1,997.01
Other Charitable activities	4,5	£426.00	£1,296.51
Printing of Booklets, Postcards, Programmes etc.		£877.10	£1,122.47
Lottery & Bar licences		£20.00	£41.00
Miscellaneous Expenditure		<u>£87.68</u>	<u>£92.81</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<u>£3,539.37</u>	<u>£7,278.79</u>
<b>Surplus(Deficit) of Income over Expenditure</b>		<u>£2,663.92</u>	<u>£740.43</u>

#### Notes to accounts

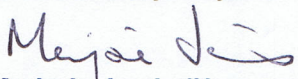
1. St. Mary's Wallbox income includes sale value of Guide Books, Post Cards, Maps etc.
2. Concerts, Visiting Group Lunches, Teas & Talks etc.
3. Window cleaning St.Mary's; cleaning St.Edward's; chairs for St.Edwards(2014)  
New Flag and Altar Frontal costs for Lady Chapel (2015)
4. Donations to Kempley War Memorial, Midlands Air Ambulance & Water Aid (2014)
5. Donations to Kempley Village Car Parking and Defibrillator Appeals (2015)

### Balance Sheet

	2015	2014
Opening Balance b/f at 1 January	£5,305.97	£4,565.54
Surplus(Deficit) for Year	<u>£2,663.92</u>	<u>£740.43</u>
Balance at 31 December	<u>£7,969.89</u>	<u>£5,305.97</u>
Deposit Account (31 Dec)	£2,814.22	£2,812.80
Current Account (31 Dec)	£5,155.67	£2,798.17
Uncashed cheque (31 Dec)	£0.00	<b>-£305.00</b>
Balance at 31 December	<u>£7,969.89</u>	<u>£5,305.97</u>

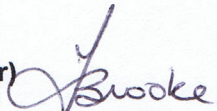
### Apportioned Funds

General Account	£6,923.01	£4,684.09
On behalf of St. Edward's Church	£0.00	£0.00
On behalf of St. Mary's Church	£302.84	£302.84
Social History Project	<u>£744.04</u>	<u>£319.04</u>
	<u>£7,969.89</u>	<u>£5,305.97</u>

  
Marjorie Jarvis (Honorary Treasurer)

I have examined the above accounts and from the receipts and supporting vouchers provided to me by the Treasurer, I can confirm that I found them to be a true and accurate record and proper statement of the financial position of the Friends of Kempley Churches.

Margaret E. Brooke A.C.I.B. (Honorary Examiner)

  
25.1.2016