



# FRIENDS NEWS

From St Peter's Wellesbourne

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**As our founding Chairman is moving on to pastures new I asked the Editor of WWN to write this introduction. Kate is moving to the Scargill House Community in the Yorkshire Dales, in Wharfedale north of Skipton, for a year.**



It is home to about 35 Christians who offer fantastic hospitality through Christian holidays, courses and retreats in the most beautiful countryside.

"It will be", as she said, "a year of learning, refreshment and discernment and an opportunity to explore some things I really care about and an opportunity to meet a lot of people from a wide range of all backgrounds and of all ages."

Over the past year or so the Friends have hosted several of their popular brunches. Of course everyone is used to seeing this advert in WWN

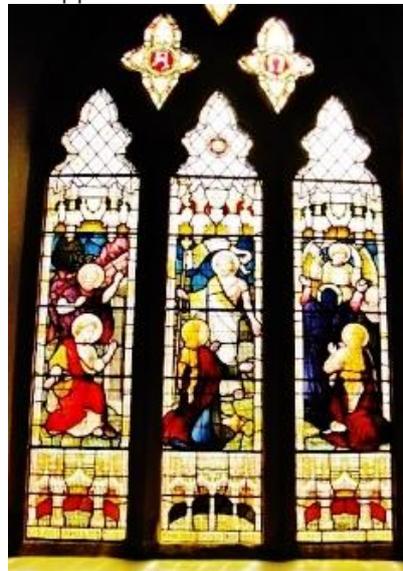


every month or so when Brunch is served in the Church Centre. Many people are regular attenders coming along to meet old acquaintances and chat.

What you may not know is that this is just one of the friends' ventures for it's more widespread than many realise. We have friends near and far. Whilst the money raised goes to many different aspects of care for St Peter's for it's the largest meeting place in the village so it is used for big meetings, concerts, U3A meetings school services or village social events. We even hosted the Parish Council on one occasion.

St. Peter's gets no public funding from any government body so we are entirely dependent on donations and that is where the Friends come in. The very first project we became involved with was the memorial wall in the Garden of Remembrance to record the names of those whose ashes are buried there. Since then we have updated the toddler corner in church to make it more welcoming and attractive, and more recently we discovered a photograph of a former Vicar from long ago, the Rev'd. Lord Charles Paulet, (1840-1870) which we have had framed.

Apart from this small donation the Friends have given £3,500 towards the new heating system which has much improved the comfort of worshippers



## Calendar

### Brunches

These are held at 10.30 am in the Church Centre. The next three are on Saturday **22<sup>nd</sup> July**; **9<sup>th</sup> September** and **21<sup>st</sup> October**

### Afternoon Tea

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2017** at 3.30 pm  
Come and meet the other group of volunteers those who deliver the Wellesbourne and Walton News all round the village



Our most recent project was to assist with the restoration costs of a South Aisle stained glass window completed in the early part of 2017. Those who are local or go to our website to see the Wellesbourne & Walton News will have seen this in the May edition. It doesn't cost a fortune to become a friend; the annual subscription is only £10 minimum and this together with the profit from our Brunches helps to fund specific projects. And as a Friend of St. Peter's you will be invited to occasional social events like afternoon tea jointly with the Wellesbourne & Walton News Team at 3.30 pm on 30<sup>th</sup> July. It should be a very friendly event, all the friends and helpers together. You'll also get an occasional Newsletter to help keep up-to-date.

You can also keep in touch via our website which has a wealth of useful information

[www.stpeterswellesbourne.org.uk](http://www.stpeterswellesbourne.org.uk)