

Friends of Messing Church Report to the Parish Council AGM

The Friends have had a steady year as regards fund raising. We have organised a Strawberry Fayre, a Market in Sept and a Christmas Fayre, all tried and tested events. In October we also took over the organisation of the Harvest Supper for the first time with pleasing results. We were happy with our change of approach and propose to organise the next Supper on the same lines.

Through the Parochial Church Council we have used some of our funds to install hand rails in the church which have made access easier. We have tidied up the churchyard and cemetery and replaced the two lawnmowers. Also last June, at no cost to us, broadband antennae were installed on the church tower by Buzcom and these became active in July. This was the culmination of about two years of work with the Diocese and Buzcom. Many villagers have signed up to receive much improved broadband speeds. Permission to decorate the nave and chancel in the church was obtained recently and we hope to see this completed in the Autumn.

All this has only been made possible by our committee and many other villagers. I would like to thank the committee for their continued support, hard work and time that they give to events. Also thank you to all those other people who help at events, who donate and attend. Everything you do is much appreciated and I also hope you have some fun and will continue to enjoy our forthcoming events.

Jan Barker
Chairman