



# ANNUAL REVIEW AND ACCOUNTS

Supporting Churches in Essex & East London

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2003

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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

2003 has been another year in which we have been able to help Churches to repair and maintain their structures. Money to enable us to give these grants has come from a variety of sources. We are very grateful that W.R.E.N. have been able to give us £60,000. We are aware that the Government may erode the money available from landfill for environment and community use, and are thankful for their support thus far. We also derive our income from our 650 members, from donations from parishes and from Gift Aid. Alastair Stewart keeps a very firm hand on all of this, and also manages to persuade Trusts like the Sherwood Trust and the Augustine Courtauld Trust to make generous grants to us; we are extremely grateful to Alastair - not much falls through his net! But all good things come to an end and Alastair is determined to retire from his post at the end of 2004.

The Events Committee and the Study Days have had another excellent year managing to raise money in most enjoyable ways and at the same time publicising our organisation.

Julia Abel Smith has galvanised the Sponsored Cycle Ride and reached targets beyond all expectations. Ray Clements (and family) handle the sponsor money with such enthusiasm that it would seem to be a pleasure!

The Southend Branch continues to flourish and also adds a significant amount to our coffers.

We were sorry to say farewell to one Bishop John, and are grateful for his patronage. We welcome the new Bishop John and hope to see him at the Annual General Meeting.

We congratulate George Courtauld on becoming Vice Lord Lieutenant and appreciate his hands-on support as our President.

During the year we have lobbied the County Council on their decision to axe the position of County Archivist. We have been assured that re-structuring will not mean a diminished service at our nationally renowned Record Office.

We also added our voice to the campaign for reduced rate of VAT for listed places of worship. Of all M.P.s and M.E.P.s approached only Jeffrey Titford M.E.P. of the U.K. Independence Party replied.

As I come to the end of my two year stint as Chairman, I realise, despite my doubts, I have actually enjoyed it thoroughly! This is due to the unfailing support given to me by the officers and committee members. I am convinced that we do a first-rate job in helping Essex Churches to maintain their rich heritage. I wish my successor as much fun as I have had.

We are responsible for the living history of England through the Cathedrals, Churches



George Courtauld, Anthea Speakman & David Wheeler  
at 2003 AGM.

and Chapels which properly belong to the whole community. It is significant that the Church of England cares for about half the Grade One buildings in this country. It could be said that they are probably in as good a state of repair now as at any time in the last 1,000 years, so we can all, especially the hard working Grants Committee, take great satisfaction from that.

Anthea Speakman

## DONATIONS FROM PARISHES

In the year 2003 I received donations totalling £15,967 from 199 parishes. Not quite as many parishes sent donations as in 2002 (210) an average donation at £80.00 and the total received was the second highest so far.

We are grateful to treasurers and church council members for their continued support with special mention to those nine PCC's who sent a donation for the first time.

Every penny of your gifts goes as a grant to a congregation in need somewhere in the county of Essex and the five East London deaneries.

*Alastair Stewart*

Abbey Lane URC	5.00	Fingringhoe	50.00	Little Chesterford	80.00	South Hanningfield	30.00
Aldborough Hatch	75.00	Fobbing	100.00	Little Chishill	25.00	South Ockendon	50.00
Aldham	50.00	Galleywood	60.00	Little Clacton	50.00	South Shoebury	220.00
Alphamstone	25.00	Goldhanger	20.00	Little Dunmow	138.00	South Weald	200.00
Althorne	30.00	Goodmayes All St.	30.00	Little Waltham	50.00	Southchurch H.T.	50.00
Ardleigh St. Mary	500.00	Gosfield	10.00	Little Yeldham	36.00	Southminster	5.00
Arkesdon	50.00	Grays North St. John	100.00	Littlebury	110.00	Springfield All Saints	197.00
Ashdon	50.00	Great Bardfield	75.00	Maldon St. Mary	20.00	Stapleford Abbots	25.00
Barling Magna	50.00	Great Braxted	25.00	Manningtree/Mistley	10.00	Stebbing	100.00
Beaumont Cum Moze	20.00	Great Canfield	50.00	Manningtree Methodist	40.00	Steeple Bumpstead	25.00
Belchamp Otten	75.00	Great Clacton	100.00	Manuden	100.00	Steeple	25.00
Billericay URC	50.00	Great Dunmow	100.00	Margaret Roding	45.00	Stifford	50.00
Birdbrook	50.00	Great Hallingbury	50.00	Margaretting	25.00	Stisted	50.00
Black Notley	200.00	Great Ilford St. Mary	100.80	Matching w Matching Green	50.00	Stock All Saints	250.00
Blackmore	70.00	Great Leighs	50.00	Messing	25.00	Stow Maries	10.00
Bocking St. Mary	62.50	Great Parndon	50.00	Mistley	160.00	Strethall	50.00
Boreham	50.00	Great Saling	25.00	Moulsham St. John	185.00	Takeley	25.00
Boxted	25.00	Great Wakering	30.00	Mount Bures	50.00	Terling	25.00
Bradfield	30.00	Great Warley Christchurch	50.00	Navestock	110.00	Thaxted	60.00
Broomfield	40.00	Great Warley St. Mary	50.00	Nazeing	100.00	The Five Parishes	500.00
Bromleys The	560.00	Great & Little Wigborough	35.00	Newport	50.00	The Sampfords	50.00
Bulmer	50.00	Greenstead Green	50.00	North Ockendon	75.00	Theydon Bois	100.00
Chadwell St. Mary	60.00	Hadstock	50.00	North Shoebury	150.00	Thundersley/Dawes Heath	400.00
Chappell	67.00	Halstead	75.00	North Weald	90.00	Tilbury-j-Clare	10.00
Chelmsford Cathedral	150.00	Hatfield Broad Oak	125.00	Panfield	10.00	Tillingham	100.00
Chignals	25.00	Havering	10.00	Pebmarsh	15.00	Tollesbury	75.00
Chigwell Row All Saints	50.00	Helion Bumpstead	25.00	Pentlow w. Lyston	10.00	Tolleshunt D'Arcy	100.00
Chigwell S. Mary	100.00	Hempstead	50.00	Potter St. Baptist	50.00	Tolleshunt Major	200.00
Chingford St Peter/Paul	200.00	High Easter	12.50	Prittlewell St. Mary	10.00	Toppesfield	40.00
Chipping Ongar	50.00	High Ongar	300.00	Prittlewell St. Peter	50.00	Twinstead	50.00
Chrishall	10.00	High Roding	100.00	Purleigh	50.00	Upminster	150.00
Clavering	50.00	Hinckford Deanery	120.00	Radwinter	50.00	Upshire	25.00
Coggeshall	55.00	Hornchurch	43.58	Rainham	25.00	Wakes Colne	67.00
Colchester St James etc	54.05	Horndon-on-the-Hill	50.00	Ramsden Bellhouse	25.00	Wltham Abbey	50.00
Colchester RC St James	20.00	Hullbridge	25.00	Rayleigh H.T.	75.00	Walthamstow St. Peter	25.00
Copford	100.00	Kelvedon	30.00	Rettendon	100.00	Walthamstow St. Saviour	25.00
Corringham	25.00	Lamarsh	50.00	Rickling	40.00	Wanstead St. Mary	180.00
Cranham	250.00	Lambourne	75.00	Rivenhall & Silver End	50.00	Wendens Ambo	110.00
Cressing	20.00	Langford	40.00	Rochford	500.00	West Hanningfield	25.00
Danbury	440.00	Langham	25.00	Romford St. Edward	100.00	West Hanningfield 2nd	50.00
Dengie	50.00	Layer-de-la-Haye	150.00	Roxwell	120.00	West Horndon	25.00
Doddington	50.00	Layer Marney	50.00	Roydon	20.00	Westcliff St. Saviour	525.00
East Donyland	75.00	Leigh-on-Sea St. James	22.60	Runwell	5.00	White Roding	45.00
East Hanningfield	25.00	Little Baddow	100.00	Saffron Walden St. Mary	250.00	Wickford URC/Methodist	70.00
East Mersea	114.00	Little Baddow URC	100.00	St Mary/Latton	50.00	Wimbish	50.00
Elmstead	50.00	Little Bardfield	20.00	Salcott & Virley	15.00	Woodham Mortimer	20.00
Epping St. John the Baptist	80.00	Little Bentley	50.00	Shalford	106.70	Woodham Walter	50.00
Fairstead	30.00	Little Burstead	50.00	Sheering	50.00	Wormingford	50.00
Felsted	390.95	Little Canfield	10.00	Shrub End	10.00	Writtle	15.00
Finchingfield	100.00						

# FEC GRANTS 2003

Boxted St. Peter Braintree St. Paul Castle Hedingham St. Nicholas Chappel St. Barnabas Fingringhoe Methodist Harwich St. Nicholas Horndon on the Hill Ss. Peter & Paul Hutton All Saints Little Canfield All Saints Little Dunmow St Mary the Virgin Little Totham All Saints Little Wakering St. Mary Manningtree Methodist Ridgewell St. Laurence Strehthall St. Mary the Virgin Tillingham St. Nicholas Wrabness All Saints Heybridge St. Andrew	Flooring Roofing & Windows Essential Electrical Roof Repairs Window & Door Repairs Tower & Spire Repairs Ceiling Repairs Roofing General Repairs General Repairs Window Repairs Belfry Repairs Window Repairs Timber Work & Lead Repairs General Repairs Tower & Roof Repairs Damp Eradication General Repairs	10,000 5,000 2,000 2,000 1,000 2,000 10,000 5,000 2,000 6,000 1,500 5,500 500 1,000 3,000 10,000 4,000 6,000	10,000 5,000 2,000 2,000 1,000 2,000 10,000 5,000 2,000 6,000 1,500 5,500 500 1,000 3,000 10,000 4,000 6,000	<b>WREN</b>  Aldborough Hatch St. Peter Chignal Smealy St. Nicholas Chigwell Row All Saints Fyfield St. Nicholas Hatfield Broad Oak St Mary the Virgin Hutton All Saints Matching St. Mary Tye Green St. Stephen	Roof & Porch Repairs General Repairs General Repairs Roof Repairs Flooring Repairs Roof Repairs Door Repairs Roof Repairs	10,000 3,000 1,500 10,000 2,000 10,000 1,500 6,000
				<b>£44,000</b>		
				<b>£76,500</b>		

### BUDGET NEWS

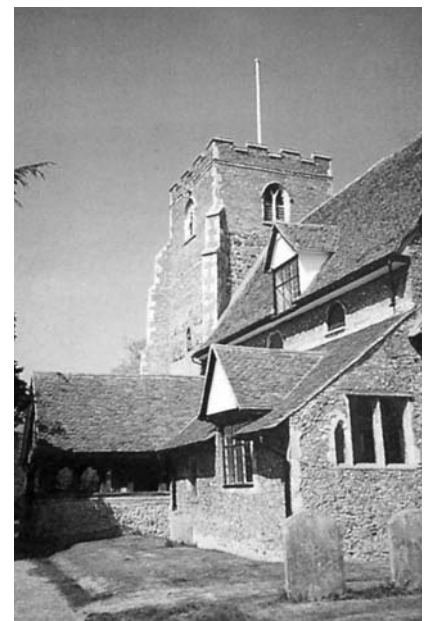
**NO VAT** will be payable on repairs to listed Church buildings until March 2006. Welcome news to those parishes currently fundraising.



*Castle Hedingham: St. Nicholas*



*Manningtree: Methodist Chapel*



*Boxted, St. Peter*



## 2003 BIKE RIDE & WALK

As I write, we have raised £122,000, which is £9,000 more than last year. Cheques are still drifting in, so perhaps we will increase the increase. Saturday 13th September 2003 was the perfect day for cycling or walking; warm and sunny with zephyr to keep us cool. In fact, I enjoyed last year's Ride more than any other. This was, in part, due to the support I received from members of the FEC committees. Marisa Petre did a wonderful job in publicising the event with BBC Essex and many of the local papers. She organised a successful launch at Little Baddow, St. Mary, where Nasser Hussain kindly did the honours by presenting a prize for the 2002 Ride to participants from Navestock, St. Thomas. Afterwards, members of the press, FEC and friends, went back for coffee to the home of our Membership secretary, Alastair Stewart. On the day, our President, George Courtauld raised £3,000 for us by cycling in and around Halstead, for which I am incredibly grateful, although he tells me "Never again!" Ray and Beryl Clements, the Bike Ride Treasurer and Gift Aid Organiser, visited 50 churches and cycled 57 miles from Chelmsford to Billericay; their afternoon included singing at a wedding at Ramsden Bellhouse. The Chairman, Anthea Speakman, visited churches in Maldon and Alastair and Patricia Stewart raised morale in the Saffron Walden area. Jim Bettley, in charge of Study Days, cycled for the appeal fund of Little Braxted, St. Nicholas and Vanessa Watson, of the Events Committee, raised over £1,000 for Little Waltham, St. Martin. Many other committee members visited local churches, flying the flag for the FEC, for which grateful thanks. I cycled with my family from Little Leighs, via Terling, and Ulting to Maldon, and back via Witham,

Faulkbourne and Fairstead. With a wry smile, we noticed that the only wedding we encountered was taking place on a Thames barge on the quay at Maldon, where we had our picnic lunch.

I am always intrigued by the ingenious methods by which people raise funds for us, and I include below some of the comments we have received: *Little Hallingbury, St. Mary*: David Roberts decked his little grey Ferguson tractor with union jacks, hitched a trailer to it then loaded it with two exercise bikes, a blanket-covered hay bale, picnic bags to sustain us through the day, and last, but not least, us: Mel and Kath. Off we went to St Mary's to book in, have our photos taken and enjoy a good laugh with everyone which was a great start to the day. We called at thirteen churches and raised £385; a wonderful day full of laughter, sunshine and exercise!

*Walthamstow, St. Peter-in-the-Forest*: Rev. Steven Saxby and eight riders cycled 25 miles and visited 24 churches. "It was pretty exhausting but an excellent way to enjoy the diversity of our borough and to see the various ways in which each of the churches we visited is making a significant contribution to its local community." *East Tilbury, St. Catherine*: We opened Tilbury Fort Chapel and received nine visitors, only four outside our parish, unfortunately. Better luck next year as the news spreads.

*Sible Hedingham, Baptist Fellowship*: Thought you might like to see photo of participant, David Wright, in his pony and trap.

*Black Notley, SS Peter & Paul*: The money raised came from the sale of refreshments at our Flower Festival held on the Day.

*Cressing Evangelical Church*: One strange occurrence was when, off my intended route, I

went to Hoe Mill Lock (Chelmer/Blackwater navigation) near Ulting and saw and assisted a couple who were making their way on the church "ride" by boat.

*Shrub End, All Saints with St Cedd*: Our two cyclists, Dave Miller and John Coleman, started at Norwich Cathedral and cycled via Diss, Ipswich and Manningtree, arriving back at All Saints at 5 o'clock. 74.5 miles in 6 hours 35 minutes. Between them they raised £1,006. Last year they cycled from Ely Cathedral to Shrub End, what will they do next year?!

*Wrabness, All Saints*: Our cyclist visited churches in Suffolk and Essex and at one, he noticed the signature of a friend, who he was at school with 50 years ago. This friend was sitting in a pew having a drink, so they spent 1/4 hour reminiscing. All but two churches were open and he found everyone very friendly.

*Elsenham, St. Mary*: David Coleby and friends did a sponsored run round the local churches and raised £200.

*Frinton-on-Sea, St. Mary Magdalene*: Simon Gill and Diana Cobb rode for our church. Mrs. Cobb said, "I am now hopefully cured from cancer and I have had just a year to get over it. I wanted to do this to say thank-you to people who have prayed for me, as well as my friends and family".

In conclusion, many local organisers mentioned how much they appreciated hearing the Song Cycle sing in their churches. This is a group of four riders from Brentwood St. Thomas choir, who sing a motet in each church they visit on Bike Ride & Walk Day. They kindly support us each year and in 2003 they raised the most money of any place of worship: £2,947.

*Julia Abel Smith*



*Nasser Hussain at Little Baddow launch (Photograph courtesy Essex Chronicle)*



*David Wright (see above)*

# DON'T FORGET LONDON OVER THE BORDER!

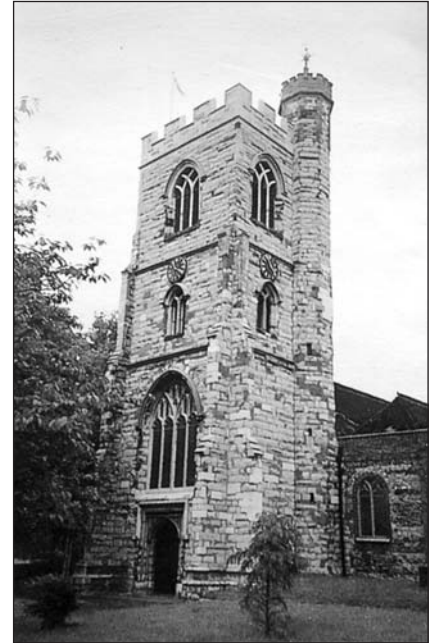
Quite naturally, to many living in Essex today the title Friends of Essex Churches could make people think that we are only concerned with supporting our old, historic buildings that lie beyond the clutches of the M25. So perhaps as Archdeacon of West Ham - and yes, West Ham does lie in the Diocese! - I might be allowed to say a few words about our history both as a county and as a Diocese, just to remind you of the heritage which belongs to us all and which the Friends generously support along with their concern for those shrines deep in the Essex countryside, or indeed in the great tracts of urban growth, especially in the south of the county, which have happened over the last hundred years.

As a child I grew up in Barking. Our postal address was Barking, Essex, as indeed was true of Ilford, Romford, Hornchurch or Rainham. We knew the old county boundary was the River Lea. Of course we recognised that those places between the Lea and the Roding were London postal districts, whether it was East Ham E6 or Chingford E4, but they were still part of us, very much Essex people. That's why some years ago, when I wrote in the Diocesan magazine "East Window" about Essex and East London, I received a flurry of letters saying that I of all people ought to know that we are Essex and not East London. The generation who grew up before the GLC had a very different outlook to many East Londoners today. Not surprisingly, when the Diocese (the old county of Essex) came to consider the Archbishop's Commission on Diocesan Boundaries, published in 1967, with its proposal for making a Diocese of Barking, the overwhelming reaction of the people of the five London boroughs was to say,

"No, we want to say with Chelmsford."

Thirty five years later the picture is very different. A generation has grown up in Newham, in Waltham Forest, in Barking & Dagenham, Redbridge and Havering, where most would describe themselves as Londoners, with their mayor, their regional government and a motorway which makes the politicians think London as a world city has really very little to do with the rest of its hinterland in the south-east. Perhaps one very important contribution the church can make is by emphasising that its boundaries cross that divide and highlight the extent to which it is the people who live outside the motorway ring who contribute to and take from London's economy, to such a degree that they have to be thought of in all the decision-making that takes place in the mayor's office, and indeed in Downing Street. So I am delighted that the Friends of Essex Churches are friends of churches throughout Essex and East London and that in consequence it has proved possible for the London Over the Border Fund, whose area of benefit is the five London boroughs plus a little bit of Thurrock, to confidently say to the landfill site operators, "Yes, we will provide 11% of the total capital you will be prepared to release to the Friends to help churches throughout Essex and, of course, in the process to benefit some of those churches which lie in the five London boroughs". And it is not just grant-giving that can remind the church in Essex and East London that it is one. The Cycle Ride doesn't stop with country lanes. The number of those who take their life in their hands on London's roads is substantial and I would love to see it growing. Indeed, in time past I have myself cycled round up to fifty churches on the September day. Now that the church nationally has recognised the environmental value of pedalling, rather than polluting, by giving to all clergy a cycling mileage allowance, not just a car or motorcycle one, there is even more reason to celebrate the friends' initiative in this way and to help in making the setting of many of our urban churches a little more wholesome, like so many of our rural ones.

*Michael Fox*



*One of the wonderful churches to be proud of in East London  
West Ham All Saints*

## REPORT FROM SOUTHEND BRANCH

Our membership remains buoyant, and, for 2003, we had near maximum bookings for the outings enabling a four figure donation to central funds.

Special thanks must go to those in the Branch who encourage friends and family to take advantage of the coach outings, thereby bringing into membership folk who would probably not otherwise hear of The Friends.

We are especially looking forward to the A.G.M. at Felsted School, for an insight into this historic place. Other trips for 2004 are to Great Canfield, our A.G.M., Little Horkesley, across the border into Suffolk for Lavenham, and lastly, to Dedham.

Our thanks again for the welcome received at every venue, and for the trouble taken by Ministers, Church Wardens and parishioners to make our days so enjoyable.

Wish to enquire about joining our Branch? Mrs. Betty Garrod on 01702 557 466 would be delighted to hear from you.

*Don Waracker*

# USEFUL ADDRESS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## HON. SECRETARY

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## EVENTS

Wednesday 7th April	Antiques Workshop Little Baddow Village Hall with Trevor Cornforth - 10am
Wednesday 5th May	Study Day
Tuesday 11th May	Annual General Meeting Felsted School - 3pm
Thursday 27th May	Talk by George Courtauld at Layer Marney
Saturday 19th June	Garden Party Little Waltham Hall - 3.30pm
Saturday 11th Sept	Cycle Ride
Saturday 2nd Oct	Study Day
Saturday 9th Oct	Concert at Thaxted Church by Chelmsford Singers - 12 noon
Wednesday 13th Oct	Autumn Fair Reid Rooms, Margaret Roding

For further details ring:

Mrs. Clare Cottrell 01206 330790  
Mrs. Marion Scantlebury 01279 731228

All the social events are organised by a separate committee, chaired by Clare Cottrell. The members of this committee give most generously of their time and expertise. They provide the food for these events, which has become well known for its excellence. In 2003 their efforts produced an income of £8400, and in the process helped to publicise F.E.C.

# TREASURER'S REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

## Summarised accounts for the year ended 31 December 2003

### Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 December 2003

Total 2002 £'000		2003	2003	2003
		Restricted Fund £'000	Un-restricted Fund £'000	Total £'000
112.5	Landfill tax credits	70.0	0.0	70.0
20.6	Subscriptions	0.0	20.9	20.9
29.2	Donations	0.0	29.9	29.9
0.5	Legacies	0.0	0.0	0.0
57.8	Fund Raising - Bike Ride	0.0	60.2	60.2
7.9	Fund Raising - Other events	0.0	8.4	8.4
14.6	Interest and dividends	1.6	12.3	13.9
0.9	Gazetteers sold	0.0	0.4	0.4
<b>244.0</b>	<b>Total income</b>	<b>71.6</b>	<b>132.1</b>	<b>203.7</b>
(4.7)	Administration costs	0.0	(3.4)	(3.4)
(1.1)	Fund raising/publicity costs	0.0	(1.0)	(1.0)
(0.3)	Gazetteer Expenses	0.0	(1.0)	(1.0)
(247.0)	Grants payable	(44.0)	(75.5)	(119.5)
(9.1)	Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	27.6	51.2	78.8
(33.8)	Gains/(losses) on investments	0.0	(14.8)	14.8
(42.9)	Net movement in Funds	27.6	66.0	93.6

### Summary balance sheet as at 31 December 2003

2002 £'000		£'000	2003
127.8	Investments - market value		150.1
422.4	Cash and deposits		427.3
1.9	Sundry debtors		3.2
1.0	Gazetteer stock		0.0
<b>553.1</b>	<b>Total assets</b>		<b>580.6</b>
(218.0)	Undrawn grants		(152.0)
(1.3)	Creditors		(1.2)
<b>333.8</b>	<b>Net assets</b>		<b>427.4</b>
	Represented by:		
318.2	General fund (unrestricted)		392.3
8.5	Gazetteer fund (unrestricted)		0.4
7.1	Landfill tax credits (restricted)		34.7
<b>333.8</b>			<b>427.4</b>

### Statement by the Trustees

These summarised accounts are a summary of information extracted from the unaudited annual accounts. The full report and accounts are in the process of being examined by the charity's auditors, Edmund Carr, and have not been submitted to the Charity Commission. These summarised accounts may not contain sufficient information to allow for a full understanding of the financial affairs of the charity. For further information the full accounts, the auditor's report on those accounts and the Trustees' Annual Report should, once available, be consulted. Copies of these will be available from The Association of Friends of Essex Churches at 45 Riffhams Drive, Great Baddow, Chelmsford, CM2 7DE.

### Treasurers Report

During the year we received payments of £70,000 from Waste Recycling Environmental for which we continue to be extremely grateful. Income from Members Subscriptions and Donations together with the fundraising activities of our Events Committee and the Sponsored Bicycle Ride continue to grow resulting in unrestricted income of £132,108. Five ears ago we were just managing to raise £100,000, so we have seen considerable growth over that time. Expenses are very modest and we have managed to achieve cost savings in both bank charges and insurance.

With our grants programme we have experienced a downturn in the number of applications and as a result we did not spend the allocated budget.

These factors have resulted in a dramatic change in our net income moving from a deficit of £9k to a surplus of almost £79k, added to which, for the first time in four years, our investments rose in value.

For 2004 the Trustees have decided that we must raise our grant allocation to £175,000. There is also £34,724 available in grants for churches within the WREN restricted area.

In summary, we can be confident that our net unrestricted income can be maintained at around £125k and we should budget at this level for the time being. The indications are that WREN income will fall as their sites reach capacity but I think we ought to consider this income a major bonus during the past couple of years.

*Ian Dudley*

# SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS FOR 2004 ARE NOW DUE

## GIFT AID DECLARATION

Name .....

Post Code .....

This declaration confirms my wish that all my donations to the Friends of Essex Churches from 6th April 2002 be under the Gift Aid Scheme.

I understand that I must pay an amount of Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax in the relevant tax year equal to any tax reclaimed by the Friends of Essex Churches in that period.

I confirm that I am a UK tax payer, resident in the UK for tax purposes and that I will advise the Friends of Essex Churches if the situation changes.

Signed .....

Date .....

The recommended minimum subscription is a very modest £15.00 (Family membership £25).

If you do not pay by banker's order we urge you to apply to the Membership Secretary for a form. (Orders can be discontinued any time by notifying your Bank or Building Society).

Those members who pay Income Tax can benefit the Friends by completing the Gift Aid declaration.

If you are in any doubt as to whether you have already made the declaration, do not hesitate to fill in another one; I will check and make sure I do not claim twice!

If circumstances do not permit you to make the declaration please write "No" across the form and I will record this in my files.

**Please send your subscriptions to:  
The Hon. Membership Secretary, Walters Cottage,  
Little Baddow, Chelmsford CM3 4TQ**

A warm "thank you" is due to all those members who pay their subscriptions by Banker's order; this saves your Membership Secretary both time and the charity money.

An especial thank you to our builder colleagues Lodge and Bakers for their generous support during the year. Thanks also go to the Augustine Courtauld Trust and The Col. Sherwood Trust for their continued magnificent support, and a number of private trusts and associations and lastly to the Chancellor for Gift Aid!

*Alastair Stewart*

## PLEASE REMEMBER THE FRIENDS IN YOUR WILL

The following wording is recommended for legacies or for residue:

- A. **LEGACY.** I give free of tax a pecuniary legacy of .....Pounds (£) to the Charity known as The Association of Friends of Essex Churches for their general charitable purposes and I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of the said Association shall be a full discharge to my Executor(s) for this legacy.
- B. **RESIDUE:** Subject to the payment of my just debts funeral and testamentary expenses I give devise and bequeath all my estate both real and personal whatsoever and wheresoever (not by this my Will or any Codicil hereto otherwise disposed of) unto the Charity known as The Association of Friends of Essex Churches for their general charitable purposes and I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of the said Association shall be a full discharge to my Executor(s) for this gift.