

## **THE NEW LEAF PROJECT**

The Chair worked with the Steering Group of the New Leaf Project, composed of Probation staff, prison Chaplains, a former prison Governor, and members of other voluntary organisations.

New Leaf is a mentoring scheme for short-term prisoners, who are not supported by Probation on release.

BACO was the conduit for grant applications to many Trusts and official bodies and the Project was launched by Countess Howe in November, 2010, and was taken under the umbrella of Thames Valley Partnership in May 2011.

BACO was pleased to have been able to help to establish this worthwhile Project.

### **SEMINARS**

An Annual Seminar held at the University of Buckingham was introduced in 2004. Many well known speakers have taken part as panel members debating issues such as

- Myths and Realities of Crime and Criminals
- Who are the Victims of Crime?
- Children and Young People in Custody
- The Crisis in the Prison Service

### **ANNUAL REPORTS AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

An Annual Report was introduced and is now prepared by the Chair and printed by Aylesbury College.

The AGM had a greater significance when it moved to the Judges Lodgings in Aylesbury.

Over the years there have been many high profile guest speakers, including

- Sir David Ramsbottom
- The Prisons and Probation Ombudsman
- The Head of the Probation Service
- HM Chief Inspector of Prisons
- Director of the Prison Reform Trust
- Director of the Howard League for Prison Reform
- The General Secretary of NAPO
- The Director of Offender Management South east
- The Honorary Recorder of Aylesbury
- A prisoner from HMP Springhill serving a life sentence