



## Friends of St David's Little Dewchurch

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Dedicated to the preservation of this lovely old church building and its churchyard

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Welcome to our latest newsletter.

Thank you for all your support over the last year. The wet year meant we were not able to do as much as usual, including hay making, with the grass only cut in September. We did progress on two things - see below. We wish you a happy Christmas and New Year.

### Preaching Cross

The faculty to repair the Preaching Cross was granted in August, and work started in September. However, the contractor, once he had uncovered the stone base beneath ground,



found them in a very different state to what he had been told by English Heritage and the Archaeologists. As a result he has had to review the work specification with English Heritage. This has been done, and he should re-start work in mid November. In fact, he found more old stone in the plinth under the cross than expected, and as this is a listed monument, detailed conservation work is necessary to build up all the partially broken stones to their full size, but without damaging or affecting what is still there - an intricate job!

### French Drain

The French Drain was dug and installed in three days in June during a month of rain, meaning the work was done in very muddy conditions. The drain goes round the tower, and then the soak-away is taken across the churchyard downhill from the shed near the churchyard wall. This was not the original plan! Originally, the soak-away was to go across the graveyard north of the church running between the lines of graves. But the archaeologists on site advised that there was not enough room between the graves, and remains could get disturbed, so the alternative route was used. The result looks very smart - we wait to see how effective it will be in keeping damp down in the tower.



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Herefordshire Historic Churches Trust (£750)  
The Allchurches Trust (£200)  
The Garfield Weston Foundation (£500)  
The Listed Places of Worship Scheme (£508)  
A local parishioner (£500)

### EVENTS in 2012/3

8 Dec	Christmas Coffee Morning
10 Feb	Pancake Coffee Morning
13 April	Loop and Soup Walk/lunch
18 May	Plant sale for Christian Aid

### Flicks in the Sticks

- films in the village hall:

18 January	)
22 February	) films yet to be chosen
22 March	)
19 April	)



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