



## Friends of St David's Little Dewchurch

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

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

### Newsletter No 6 (August 2007)

Welcome to this latest edition.

For those with Internet access, we now have a church website: [stdavidslittledewchurch.org.uk](http://stdavidslittledewchurch.org.uk).

An excellent Preedy Trail leaflet was produced in March and there will soon be a churchyard leaflet as well.

Money raised by The Friends bought the new heaters in the church earlier this year. Now we are hoping to put in a secure door to the vestry. This would allow the church to remain open in the day for visitors to enjoy its peace, tranquillity and history. Thank you very much for your continued support.

It's **BONUS BALL RENEWAL** again, this time with new numbers - form below. *The churchwardens*

#### EVENTS in 2007

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|----------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>16 Sept</b> | Village Fete and Soap Box Derby |
| <b>13 Oct</b>  | Harvest Supper                  |
| <b>14 Oct</b>  | Harvest Festival Service        |
| <b>4 Nov</b>   | Memorial Service                |
| <b>8 Dec</b>   | Christmas Fair/Mulled Wine      |

#### Film Shows in the Hall

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| <b>21 Sept</b> | Miss Potter      |
| <b>19 Oct</b>  | Amazing Grace    |
| <b>9 Nov</b>   | The Painted Veil |
| <b>7 Dec</b>   | Casino Royale    |

### The Preedy Project

The main part of the project was completed in March with the Dedication of the restored panels by the Bishop of Hereford at a special St David's Day service.

The beautiful Preedy Trail leaflet was also completed in March and is now available at Information Centres, Museums and Libraries in Herefordshire and Worcestershire. And of course in all the nine churches on the Trail - six in Herefordshire, three in Worcestershire.

We owe a big thank you to Roy and Margaret Jones for their commitment and drive in this project, to Peter Mitchell for his work on the lovely photographs in the leaflet, and John Kinross for his input on all the historical aspects.

We are very grateful to the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Herefordshire Historic Churches Trust, the William Morris Trust and an anonymous donor for funding this project, together with the Friends.



*Conservators Ruth and Jevon with the Bishop*

### Friends of St. David's Bonus Ball Lottery

#### Applications for September to November - deadline 28Aug

The next quarter of this Lottery will commence on **Wednesday 5th September 2007** and continue until **Wednesday 28th November 2007** with new numbers for everyone drawn on 30 August.

**The prize:** £25 to the holder of the Bonus Ball Number in the Wednesday National Lottery - plus a **£25 bonus** in the first week if the winner has paid the subscription by 27 November

Your numbers remain the same and will continue to do so till the end of August 2008.

**To renew (for those who are not paying by bankers order or otherwise pre-paid), please send the slip overleaf with your cheque/ banker's order to Richard King.**

**Churchyard  
Conservation  
Project**



How lucky we were with the weather on our Churchyard Celebration Day - warm and sunny! It's not been like that again since. Around 80 adults and children enjoyed a variety of activities and talks linked to the churchyard and its history.

Tim Hoverd, the County Archaeologist, told us how centuries ago the village used to be centred around the church and old village green with the main Hereford to Ross highway passing along the road to Altwynt Farm and the path across Sunnybank.



The flowers were at their summer best then and were labelled with pictures, fascinating facts about their use in the past, local names and the wildlife dependent on them.



In mid July, we had a churchyard workparty to clear most of the long grass which had been left to allow the flowers to seed. The auto-scythe on loan from Weobley church did a marvellous cutting job. The efforts of the three volunteer youngsters in clearing up the grass were much appreciated. Thanks a lot to them.

We have now received our bird survey - 28 birds have been recorded there, and a pair of Nuthatches were seen nesting in the nest box on the big fir tree.

We have a **church website**, thanks primarily to Sally Beswick and Phyl King. It is looking very good and more pages are being developed: [stdavidslittledewchurch.org.uk](http://stdavidslittledewchurch.org.uk) **Please try it!**

A leaflet to help people enjoy the churchyard is at the draft stage - we hope it will be a worthy addition to the excellent Preedy Trail leaflet.

*Richard King*

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**The new church heaters** were installed way back last January and were an instant success for the congregation in the cold damp months. Many thanks to the Friends.

However, the clergy and organist were not so satisfied! They still felt rather cold. So we are upgrading the three heaters in the chancel from 1.5Kw to 2Kw before next autumn giving 33% extra heat. This takes us to the power usage limit of our electricity supply.

**New Bonus Ball Numbers**

From the record of winners week by week over the last four years:

- 19 people have won 2 times or less, 33 people have won between 3 and 6 times, and only 2 have won more.

- 22 numbers have been drawn as the bonus ball 3 times or less, while 25 numbers have come up between 5 and 8 times. One number (nbr 6) has come up 11 times!

It's a good thing we re-allocate the numbers each year!! Let's hope the new draw gives you a good number next time.

**Bonus Ball Application:**  
**5 September 2007 to 28 November 2007**

Please include me/us in the Friends of St.David's Bonus Ball Lottery

I/We enclose £..... (£13 for each person) - *make cheques payable to: -Friends of St. David's*

**OR please ask for a Banker's Order form** (to save filling further forms!)

Name(s) .....  
 (Capitals Please)

Address ..... Signed.....