



Friends of St David's Little Dewchurch

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

Newsletter No 9 (Nov 2009)

Welcome to this latest edition.

Opening the Church

Having the church open this year has been a great success. A number of visitors left kind messages in our visitors' book. Thank you to all who helped to open up each week. Would anyone else like to help on the church opening rota next year?

New Organ

The new organ is **due end November** - see overleaf.

It's BONUS BALL RENEWAL again - form below.

Thank you very much for your continued support.

The churchwardens

Our Year in the Churchyard

A group from the Gwent Wildlife Trust visited us in May as did 15 people from St Eilo's church in Abergavenny in July to hear about our churchyard project and see how it had worked out. They were also very interested to see the Quiet Garden and the wildlife to be found in the churchyard.

During the year, we have done a number of tasks, on several occasions with the much appreciated help of the Caring for God's Acre's Churchyard Task Team - a group of up to 10 volunteers who go round helping churches with their churchyards.

With them we have completed the Quiet Garden

area, given the shed two coats of paint, and renovated a number of those graves which are bordered by kerbstones by clearing the grass and weeds and re-covering the surface with granite chips. There are still plenty of graves left to do.

There's again been lots of interest in the slow-worm mats and we've had a good population all summer, boosted we understand by ecologists who transferred slow-worms from the garden of Church Cottage before they started the clearance.

The new Interpretation Board was put up in the Spring by the path near the car park gate and it provides a good introduction to visitors about how we look after the churchyard.

EVENTS in 2009/10

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| 5 Dec | Christmas Coffee Morning |
| 13 Feb | Pancake Coffee Morning |
| 15 May | Christian Aid Coffee Morning
and Plant Sale |
| 21 May | Gardeners' Question Time with
Mike George and Reg Moule from
BBC Hereford & Worcester |

Film Shows in the Hall

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| 27 Nov | A Bunch of Amateurs |
| 22 Jan | Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day |

Friends of St. David's Bonus Ball Lottery

Applications for December to Feb - deadline 25 November

The next quarter of this Lottery will commence on **Wednesday 2nd December 2009** and continue until **Wednesday 24th February 2010**, continuing with existing numbers.

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 25 November.

Your numbers remain the same and will continue to do so till the end of August 2010.

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.

The Church Organ

Our new organ is due for delivery about the end of November. It is a digital organ (model CF-2A) from Allen Organs and comes well recommended. We hope it will be installed and in operation by mid-December.

We had high hopes in August that we had found someone



The 1904 Positive organ

who wanted to take our old 1904 Positive organ. We were in discussion with two groups who were interested in it as renovation projects in their local churches. Both were rather far away: one in Norfolk and one in Kent. Sadly, the Norfolk group withdrew in September, and now it seems that the Kent group are likely to withdraw also. If that is the case, we will have no option but to sell it for scrap.

This would be a disappointing end for an organ which has done St David's so many years' good service.

People have been very generous in their response to our appeal for the new organ. We are very grateful to the OK Chorale for their donation of £400 including the proceeds of their concert in June. We have also had donations from the Conus Trust which is a local charity, a legacy and the proceeds of Flicks-in-the-Sticks 2008/9.

An appeal letter was sent out in August and we were delighted with the £3255 plus the Gift Aid which has been given so generously. Together with a number of donations made by individuals earlier, all this gives us a total of about £5,600 which leaves a little under £1000 still to find, which will be met by the Friends of St David's Fund.

Thank you all very much - it has been marvellous.

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Friends of St David's Fund

Since the Friends of St David's Bonus Ball scheme started in 2002 we have raised £6400 net after all the prizes have been paid. From that the Friends have helped fund the following projects at St David's:

Porch window £600

New kneelers £110

Church carpet £400

Church heaters £1750

Churchyard wall £2075

Preedy paintings £100

This give a total of £5035. Money has also been used to maintain the churchyard, such as maintenance of our new mowers, materials for painting, paving slabs for the seat by the Quiet Garden, and renewing the Quiet Garden itself. In 2009 the money raised is to support the organ fund.

We are very grateful to everyone who contributes so much to the Friends.

**Bonus Ball Application:
2 December 2009 to 24 February 2010**

Please send to: Richard King
Woodlea
Little Dewchurch
Hereford, HR2 6PS

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.....

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