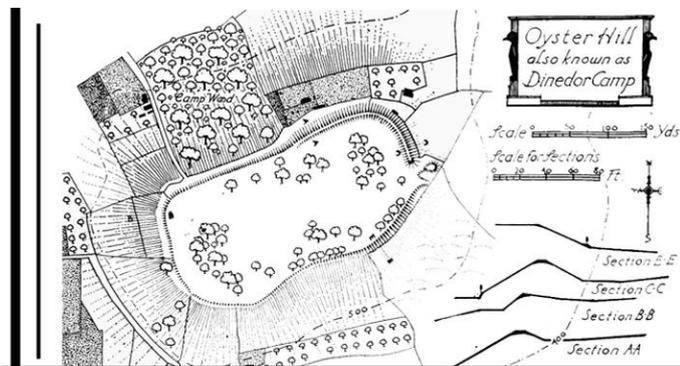


Dinedor Newsletter

March 2016



Spring is here and we have a yellow edition to celebrate!

The newsletter is printed six times a year and provides up to date news from the Parish Council together with details of local groups and events, and any other items that you would like to see included. We are grateful to our team of distributors who ensure this is delivered to your letterbox but it is now also available on the website.

'Over to You – a Villager's life' is a new feature we have introduced which is for anyone to write about their story, something interesting about an aspect of their life you might not know or just something they want to share. We would love to hear from you!

In this edition Margaret Bircher reminds us about those New Year's resolutions we made a few months ago and Jo Davies shares her first impressions of life in Dinedor.

If you are a local business and would like to advertise in future editions of the Parish Newsletter please contact us via the details at the bottom of the back page. The advertising rates will be very reasonable at £20 for the year.

DINEDOR ART GROUP

Dinedor Art Group members are working hard towards their Summer Exhibition which will be on the afternoon of Sunday 26 June in the village hall. As last year, entry will include Strawberries and Cream and a glass of Pimms and a chance to view/purchase local art at very reasonable prices. It will also be a very enjoyable social occasion and an opportunity to support your village hall funds.

Any enquiries to Margaret Bircher

FRIENDS OF ROTHERWAS CHAPEL

There will be an inaugural meeting at 7.30pm on 20 June at HARC. The Chapel will be open with displays from 4.30 – 6.30pm.

English Heritage Curator, Cameron Moffett, and Conservator, Mary Luckhurst, have already started the training of a cleaning team of volunteers.

Please contact Barbara Ferris if you would like further details on 01432 870696.

**THE DEADLINE FOR
THE NEXT EDITION IS
TUESDAY 18 MAY**

DINEDOR PARISH COUNCIL

The parish councillors were delighted on 15 March when twenty parishioners attended the parish council meeting; this is a record number for recent years. Since the January meeting, the parish clerk had resigned and a warm welcome was given to our new clerk, Liz Kelso. Liz has wide experience and is also clerk to Belmont Rural Parish.

Biomass Energy Station – the planning application is still not submitted. This is an important issue for the village because it is proposed for the rural area on Dinedor side of the relief road. A special parish council meeting will be called when details are received.

Superfast Broadband – unfortunately not so superfast, as there is no progress to report.

Holme Lacy Road – work has started but no clear response has been received yet from the PCs complaint to Herefordshire Council.

Salt Bins – some have been replaced, but not all and this will be followed up.

Community Asset Transfer of Dinedor Camp – legal transfer will be completed by the end of March. The next step is to agree how to manage it. This could be through a charitable trust or a sub-committee of the parish council. There was support from the audience for a charitable trust as this would make it easier to attract grants. At its May meeting the PC will decide the best way forward, taking into account local views.

Neighbourhood Plan – the next step is to identify the settlement areas of the parish where there could be some limited housing development, as required by the Herefordshire Council Core Strategy, which the PC will consider at its next meeting in May. There will then be public consultation with everyone encouraged to put forward their views.

Finance - The overall financial position is healthy. The PC considered the budget for 2016/17, but decided to delay approval until the next meeting to ensure that the detail was correct.

Planning Application at Maes-y-Felin – the retrospective planning applications were considered. Serious concerns were expressed by parishioners and councillors on several aspects, including change of land contours, drainage, traffic and archaeological heritage. The PC agreed not to support the application and would inform the planning authority of its concerns, based on planning regulations.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Tuesday 17 May**. The Annual Parish meeting will start at **7.00pm**, with the hall opening at 6.45pm for tea and biscuits. The parish council meeting will follow at 7.30pm.

As you can see from the report above, there are a number of important things happening in the parish which will affect us all. Please do come along if you can to put your views forward and support your parish councillors or speak to any of us beforehand. Contact details are on the website and the notice boards

DINEDOR HERITAGE GROUP

As we go to press our next meeting is only a few days away! Heather Hurley is coming to share with us her presentation entitled; "TRADE & TRANSPORT ON THE RIVER WYE AND LUGG" The talk will feature barges, cargoes, bargemen and wharfs, from Symonds Yat to Glasbury. This will be held at Dinedor Village Hall on Tuesday 22 March at 7.30pm. Admission £3.00. Refreshments will be served.

This will be the final meeting of our 2015/2016 Winter Programme but we will be involved in The Herefordshire Walking Festival in June. Further details will be available nearer the time.

Contact details: - Ian Stead on 07833137096

www.dinedorheritagegroup.wordpress.com

OVER TO YOU – A VILLAGER'S LIFE

Margaret Bircher writes - As February tips into March and beyond, I'm wondering how many Dinedor residents are finding their New Year Resolutions fading into oblivion. Am I particularly weak-willed or do I just set the bar too high on 1 January? My ambitious resolve "to tidy a drawer/shelf/cupboard a day" bit the dust early and the virtuous intention "to eat healthily" ran into trouble with the end of the Christmas cake.

Tea-time crumpets are the obvious replacement at this time of year, but are they "healthy"? And while the new must-have ingredient of the healthy diet, Kale, is a pretty green, it's like eating bubble-wrap and is still not guaranteed to make you look like Gwyneth Paltrow. Sea-weed? Coconut oil? Chia seeds? Give me a few chips. They're vegetables, aren't they?

Which leaves Resolution Three: "A walk a day." This began badly on 1 January as by the time we were ready to sally forth it was raining. First amendment: "unless it's raining", a clause that has allowed quite a lot of dozy afternoons in front of the telly. Then, what exactly constitutes a walk? Thirty minutes is the recommendation. That's up the hill as far as Joe and Esme's and back. But what if it's really cold or windy? Well, it's surely still a walk if we just go as far as Dinedor Cross or Holywell kennels. Thirty minutes is only a recommendation, after all. Could shopping count? You can take a lot of steps trudging round Tesco. Maybe there's enough exercise in just walking round the house as long as one doesn't sit down too often.

Come to think of it, are Resolutions, with their high failure rate, such a good idea? A bit obsessive? Bad for self-esteem? I'll think again in January 2017.

Jo Davies writes - In October 2014 my family came to view a property for sale in Dinedor. We'd been house hunting for about a year, spending endless nights scrolling through the property pages on line and in local newspapers. Our task to find a house that could accommodate the needs of three generations in one family.

With a wish list as long as our arms, it was a tall order to satisfy and we'd reached a point where compromises would need to be made and wish items potentially struck off the list. We'd lost count of how many houses had been scrutinized, deliberated over, visited and decided against for one reason or another. As we made yet another viewing appointment our expectations were low – a tactic we'd come to adopt so as not to be disappointed when the viewing did not match the promise of the estate agents descriptions.

I arrived at the house first, with my son, followed quickly by my husband and mother in law. Amazed by the view that met us when we stood on the drive, I think we all felt our hopes rise and at long last a glimmer of 'Is this the one?' begin to creep into our thoughts.

So many people had said – you just know when you find the right house- it just feels right. Well this was it. Our long wish list was matched box for box. We didn't need a second viewing – it was a unanimous YES.



In April 2015 we moved into our new home, our son – who was 3 at the time relaxed straight away in his new room, with no anxiety or worry and even our dog settled straight away. Another sign that we were indeed home....

Not knowing much about Dinedor as a Village and assuming it to be a 'sleepy' village, we continued to settle into our new home and then saw a notice for the BIG garden party at The Laurels in June. We tentatively went along – not knowing what to expect and were overjoyed to be so warmly welcomed by all who were there.

With less than a year under our belt of being part of Dinedor, it is clear that village life is abundant in activity, with many clubs and social gatherings; it's a thriving community of warm and welcoming individuals. A community I'm excited to be a part of, in such an amazingly beautiful area. Definitely **HOME**.

VARIETY

DINEDOR COMMUNITY CHOIR



Variety is the spice of life! Well it is for some of us ...!

We have enjoyed our sessions this year – it has certainly helped to pass some of the long dark evenings of the winter singing and chatting.

Some new songs have been learned and some old ones refreshed. We have particularly enjoyed a haunting Negro spiritual song and "Dona Nobis Pacem" – Give us peace (somewhat appropriate) which we were able to sing at the Little Dewchurch Over 60's group on 3 March.

Still places for bashful basses, tentative tenors, aspiring altos and soaring soprs! Come and give us a try ... and the half time biccies are still brilliant!

For further details ring
Nick and Trish Austin, 01432 870730
or talk with any Variety member you know.
Non-villagers are very welcome



When is it?

Sunday 5 June at about 1.00pm

Where is it?

**The Laurels, Dinedor Hill HR2 6PD
(On the sharp right hand bend
just below Dinedor Camp)**

What is it?

The Big Lunch is a national event started in 2009 by the Eden Project, Cornwall. The idea is to foster community spirit and get to know your neighbours. This year's is the SEVENTH at The Laurels!

What happens?

You come to our garden, bring a seat, some food and drink to share, cutlery and plates - and enjoy it!

What else?

We will provide: some food and drink, barbecue and cooking facilities and the garden (or inside if it's wet).

Want to know more?

Ring us on 07833 137 096 (Ian) or 07971 544 889 (Suzanne) or e-mail us on ianstead20@hotmail.com

Please let us know if you can come - we'd love to see you - and please tell your neighbours!

COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

Our first village community coffee morning was a resounding success with around 32 people meeting up for a chat, a warm drink and enjoying the excellent cakes on offer! No one seemed to want to leave!



"The highlight of my year so far" - (Editors comment: but it is only January!)

There was a table full of unwanted books that were free to pick up and take away together with some WI produce available to buy.

Special thanks to Mair, Suzanne and Marlene for arranging it all!

Please do join us for the next one on 26 March from 10.30am onwards when there are suggestions to include a plant and seed swap and unwanted fresh fruit or vegetables that you can help yourself to. If you would like to bring some cake or biscuits to share please do.

**If you would like a lift please contact
Marlene 870628, Suzanne 873170 or Mair 870593**

DINEDOR SPORTS

The 2016 sports will be held on **Saturday 30 July** and is a key annual event in the Dinedor calendar.

The success of the sports depends on many helpers from the village playing a part and if you would like to be involved in the future please let us know.



The joint AGM and Planning Meeting will be held on Wednesday evening 25 May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Light Refreshments provided.

The present committee comprises of:

Chris Over (Chairman)

Tim Howson (Treasurer)

and Julia Over (Secretary)

IN MEMORIAM SONIA DEAR

Sonia Dear died on 11 February at the age of 86 and her funeral was held on Friday 26 February in St Andrew's church, which was full for the occasion. Sonia and her husband Derek moved to Dinedor from Surrey in 2001. They were about to celebrate their Diamond Wedding anniversary when Derek died in 2012.

Sonia was born and grew up in mid-Wales and was always proud of her Welsh roots. She studied English at Bristol University very soon after the Second World War and it was there that she met Derek, who was studying chemistry. Although Sonia loved drama and acting (she was offered a place at RADA) she chose to become a teacher of English at schools in Surrey, her last job being at a Sixth Form College.

When Sonia came to Dinedor she played an active part in the life of the village and was an enthusiastic member of the Women's Institute and social events, as well as the parish church, where she was still a member of the PCC at the time of her death. Sonia and Derek enjoyed gardening and their garden was a glorious mix of flowers and fruit trees. Chutneys and jams made from the fruit regularly fetched good prices at the auction held after the annual Harvest Festival, when Sonia was also an enthusiastic bidder.

Sonia was well-read and well-travelled and even during her last year of life she went on a cruise up the coast of Norway to the North Cape. One year Derek sprung a surprise trip to the Galapagos Islands, thus fulfilling one of her long time ambitions. She was also interested in natural history and took great pleasure watching (and feeding!) the birds in her garden. Although Sonia's physical health deteriorated in the last years of her life, she retained an acute and active mind and I was one of the many who enjoyed wide-ranging discussions and chats with her on all sorts of topics.

Sonia was always extremely grateful for all those who, in her last few years, visited her and gave her lifts to various events, but was especially thankful for all the love and support of her two daughters, Helen and Rowena and their families. They in turn would like to thank everyone who especially visited their mother in the last few months which for her was a very difficult time.

Our thoughts and prayers are with them as they get used to life without her.

DINEDOR AND HOLME LACY WI

At the February meeting, Gordon Mather gave a rare insight to members, husbands and friends into the planning, preparation, undertaking and aftermath of the Falklands war. Thanks to those who helped make it a profitable evening supporting our raffle. An 'Undercover Experience' at our meeting in March, gave members the chance to look at a wide selection of brassieres, displayed and modelled by Harts of Monmouth along with a 10% discount. They were also shown how to choose the correct fit and style suitable for themselves.

Our fundraising event on 23 April is celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday and St George's Day with an afternoon tea preceded by a glass of bubbly and slice of celebration cake. We will be singing, 'Happy Birthday' and 'Jerusalem' alongside a selection of songs given by a local children's choir.

The 10 May meeting at Dinedor Village Hall has been cancelled and we shall now be joining Wye Women

WI at St Martins Church hall, Ross Road at 7.30pm that day when there will be a talk and demonstration by Linda Fisher from House of Colours

Happy Birthday Your Majesty

Saturday 23 April 4pm – 6pm

Dinedor Village Hall

Afternoon Tea Party with the WI

Entrance £7

Tickets available from

Ann 01432870461 or

Wendy 01432870582



with tips on colour, how to dress to look good without necessarily following fashion and scarf tying. Charge £5 including supper. Contact Wendy by 1 April. We shall also be discussing our two resolutions, 'Avoid Food Waste, Address Food Poverty' and 'Appropriate Care in Hospitals for People with Dementia'

**For further details about the WI
contact Wendy 01432 870582**

News from St Andrews

Our church life in the last few weeks was overshadowed by the death of Sonia Dear; see the separate obituary for her in this Newsletter. However, as Christians 'we do not grieve as those who have no hope' and at Easter we celebrate the reason for our hope, the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, after being crucified.

EASTER

There will be an Easter Day Holy Communion service at St Andrews at 9:30am. All are welcome, including children and I will aim to lead at least a part of the service in a form to which they can relate easily.

Those wishing to attend a Good Friday service of meditation and readings are very welcome at St David's Little Dewchurch on 25 March 2-3pm.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Our Annual Parochial Church meeting, to which anyone living in the parish is invited, is at 7pm on Monday 25 April in St Andrews. This is the occasion on which we report on what has happened in 2015 and elect the Parochial Church Council. There are also some important discussions to be had about changes in our financial support to the diocese and about what may happen when I retire in 2017. Please come along if you possibly can.

If there is any matter that you would like to discuss with me, or would just like a visit, please contact me on 840443 or email me at peter.houghton@kcl.ac.uk

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Dinedor with Holme Lacy parish
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Dinedor Parish Council

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A WARNING

FROM THE POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER

Police forces have become aware of a fraud circulating targeting elderly and vulnerable members of the community. Some older people have received telephone calls from a caller who purports to be from the GP surgery and is asking for an appointment to discuss the person's mobility needs. During the appointment, the older person is persuaded to buy mobility aids which are either unnecessary or inappropriate and always expensive.

If you receive a call like this, please check with your GP surgery first before agreeing to a visit.

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