



Dinedor Newsletter

May 2016

WELCOME!

Summer is coming and Dinedor is looking at its best!

This newsletter is published by Dinedor Parish Council and printed six times a year and provides up to date news of things happening in our parish together with details of local groups and events, and any other items that you would like to see included.

'Over to You – a Villager's life' is a feature 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! Our thanks go to Tim Howson and Mair Granthier for writing in this edition but we would love to hear from you if you have something you could write.

The Production Team would warmly welcome anyone who has skills in setting up and presenting publications such as this to join us. We are not experts in any way and getting the newsletter off the ground has not been easy at times! We are grateful to friends for help and advice but if you feel you can help out please get in touch with us.

We are grateful to our team of distributors who ensure this is delivered to your letterbox but it is now also available via the website.

www.dinedorparishcouncil.org.uk

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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

THE DEADLINE FOR
THE NEXT EDITION IS
TUESDAY 19 JULY

DINEDOR PARISH COUNCIL

There were two meetings held on 17 May in the village hall; the Annual Parish meeting followed by the Parish Council meeting. The Annual Parish meeting is arranged by the PC and is an open meeting for all parishioners. It is YOUR meeting. Duncan Green welcomed 16 parishioners and updated everyone on all the events since last year's annual meeting, including

- Co-option of Julia Over as a Parish Councillor and the appointment of Liz Kelso as the new clerk
- Progress on the Neighbourhood plan
- Dinedor Camp Community Asset Transfer which is expected to be completed by the end of this month
- Planning refusal for landscape changes at Maes-y-Felin and the requirement for the landscape to be restored
- BT broadband - the first house in the village has been connected
- Complaint to Herefordshire Council regarding the lack of consultation and the cost of the current Holme Lacy Road works
- The donation of £500 from the Parish Council to the Village Hall
- The new parish website and the re-instatement of the newsletter.

The Heritage Group work on footpaths and information boards was welcomed by parishioners; two walks around Dinedor are included in this year's walking festival.

Several people raised the need for mirrors at difficult road bends and in particular the junction with the B4399. Concern was also raised about the 'blind summit' on the road between Hollow Farm and Dinedor Cross.

After refreshments we progressed to the Parish Council meeting. Duncan Green was elected as Chair and Suzanne Penny as Vice Chair. The main part of the meeting was concerned with audit and compliance, risk management and budgets, ably guided by our clerk. She reported that the PC reserves were expected by the end of this financial year to be in line with the recommended amount of one year's precept.

Management of Dinedor Camp - it was agreed to adopt the updated management plan provided by the County Archaeological department and to set up a working party reporting to the PC, to include two councillors, Dinedor Heritage Group and a representative from the Outdoor Centre

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Tuesday 19 July at 7.30pm**

Please do come along and have your voice heard

Refreshments will be served before the meeting

The contact details of all councillors are on the website and the notice boards

DINEDOR HERITAGE GROUP

The Heritage Group are playing an active part in the Herefordshire Walking Festival in June. On Tuesday 21 June, Chris Over will be leading a 2 mile walk entitled **Rotherwas Explored**, a figure of eight walk and talk looking at some of the historical features of the Rotherwas Estate. On Friday 24 Ian Stead will be heading up a 6 mile walk – **Dinedor Explored** – from the Wye Inn over Dinedor Camp to the Village Hall and back with refreshments at the hall.

For more information contact www.walkingfestival.com

www.dinedorheritagegroup.wordpress.com

Contact - Ian Stead on 07833 137096

OVER TO YOU – A VILLAGER’S LIFE

Tim Howson writes:

Moving home 25 times in 30 years means that when afterwards you remain in one place – in this case Dinedor – for 11 years it feels both strange and wonderful. Our house moves were the result of my career in the Royal Air Force and also our joint decision that we would live together wherever possible and wherever we were sent. Shelagh was an Occupational Therapist and therefore worked in many different hospitals, although her career inevitably suffered. Our 2 children also had frequent school changes until we took the tough but necessary decision to send them to boarding schools for some stability. The life of those in the Armed Services and his or her family most surely has its drawbacks.

So was it worth it? Yes is the definite answer. For me professionally, the work was interesting and worthwhile, the working environment was mostly stimulating (if you exclude my time in a dull office in the Ministry of Defence), and the people fascinating. I’ve been in the company of some superb leaders at difficult times – and the reverse - as well as being around enthralling technical equipment, some of it capable of extraordinary destruction. We grappled with a range of challenging conundrums. Overseas travel off the beaten track was a bonus.

As a family we’ve lived in corners of the UK that we would have never seen otherwise, and we’ve also lived overseas. Our daughter was born in Germany and some years later we lived in the Middle East in one of the fastest-growing capital cities in the world in a completely different culture. We’ve made many very good and lasting friends on the way, and have also been able to move on from those whom we did not find – or they did not find us - so congenial.

Now we live here in this lovely corner of Herefordshire. We felt warmly welcomed when we arrived in 2005, and getting involved in Dinedor Sports and other village activities helped us incomers become integrated. Our house was previously owned by the Cleland family, and is named after the RAF College at Cranwell in Lincolnshire where Albert and Ralph Cleland (Dudley’s uncles) learned to fly in the 1920s and 30s. The fact that we lived at RAF Cranwell twice in my service career is a strange coincidence. Now that we have stopped moving for a while at least, Shelagh has qualified as a counsellor, and I am now trying to give something back to the Armed Services community through my work with the Herefordshire Branch of SSAFA – The Armed Forces Charity and other organisations. I’m first to acknowledge that my time in the service was largely during the Cold War and those personnel who saw action in more recent hot wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and indeed other conflicts, sometimes need help. Their commitment deserves our lifelong support.

A Royal Occasion



Mair and Brian Granthier were privileged to receive an invitation to a garden party at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday 10 May. The surprise invitation came as a result of the work we have been doing with clubbers at Night Shift at Hereford Baptist Church for the last 13 years.

What a special day it was! We were among 8,000 guests who were all delighted to be enjoying afternoon tea in the Queen’s garden. Hats, fascinators and umbrellas were in abundance! The Queen wore a bright pink outfit and stood out in the crowd. She was accompanied by Prince Andrew and Sophie, Countess of Wessex.

Yeomen of the Guard were on duty and we were entertained by two military bands. Tea was served from a line of huge marquees at

the side of the garden - delicious tasty sandwiches and cakes.

Even though it was a wet afternoon, we had time to walk around the Royal gardens and enjoy the oasis of peace and calm, right in the centre of London. We met with people who all had interesting stories to tell from all over the UK. It was altogether a great Royal experience, one we will always treasure!

VARIETY

DINEDOR COMMUNITY CHOIR



We have continued to meet regularly over the last couple of months and enjoyed learning new songs to extend our repertoire!

We benefit enormously from some expert tuition on occasions and our thanks go to Alison Holbrooke for her patience with us and her invigorating sessions!

There are always places for any part to swell our numbers but we do particularly lack male bass singers so if there is anyone out there, please consider joining us. We have lots of fun with the occasional bring and share evening as light relief!

Come and give us a try ... and the half time biscuits are worth coming for!

For further details ring

Nick and Trish Austin, 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

The monthly coffee mornings are proving a success, and are a great way to meet up with friends and neighbours in a relaxed way. The next one is on **Saturday 28 May at 10.30am to 12 noon**. No pressure, just coffee (or tea!) and cakes and friendly chat.



There is also the opportunity to swap books and similar items such as plants cuttings or seeds.

For the future we are looking at perhaps extending the time and range of things to buy and sell. More on this later in the year.

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

If you would like to bring some cake or biscuits to share please do.

**If you need transport and 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 help with preparations or be involved on the day please let us know. There are always jobs to be filled!



The joint AGM and Planning Meeting was held on Wednesday evening 25 May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall when we distributed donations to various national and local charities. Further details on any aspect of the Sports and contact details if you want to be involved are:

Chris and Julia Over on 870320

DINEDOR VILLAGE HALL

Management Committee 2015/16

Chairperson: Pam Hill

Treasurer: Tim Howson

Secretary: Margaret Bircher

Booking Clerk: Marlene Kitto

Members: Phil Kitto, Suzanne Penny, Patricia Lamerton, Caz Griffin, Bryan Edwards

We are market testing new tables with a view to having them in the hall by the end of the summer. This news will be a joy for those who have wrestled with the current very well-built but heavy tables. We're hoping for some external funding to help with this purchase. We've also applied for funding to help with the replacement of the heating system which is now beginning to show signs of wear and tear.

Our next fundraising event is the Art Exhibition on **Sunday 26 June at 2pm**. The Dinedor Art Group will be exhibiting their works, and there will be an opportunity to enjoy strawberries and cream, a glass of Pimms and/or a cup of tea whilst enjoying their work. Some of the art will be for sale – what better present could you buy anyone?

The Village Hall AGM will be held on **Thursday 16 June at 7.30 pm. All are welcome.** We will review the work we have done, our finances and our plans for the future. We will also be appointing our new committee. A couple of members are stepping down, and now is a great opportunity for you to join the management team. If you are thinking of joining us, we can assure you that this is not a commitment for the next 20 years or so! Quite the reverse: the committee is welcoming, the effort required is not too demanding and it is very worthwhile. Membership of the committee is also fun, and is a lovely way to get involved and help our village. If you want more information please do get in touch with any committee member, or just come along to the AGM.

To hire the village hall for your event please contact the booking clerk, Marlene Kitto, on 01432 870628

DINEDOR AND HOLME LACY WI

The ins and outs of running a Bed and Breakfast was the subject of a light hearted talk given to the members at our April meeting.

Also in April, an afternoon tea party to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday was held at Dinedor village hall with a substantial spread of sandwiches and cakes produced by our local WI members. Following a sing-along of vintage songs, a glass of bubbly and piece of celebration cake rounded off the afternoon in style.

Our May meeting joined Wye Women WI at St Martins with a talk given by Lisa of House of Colours. Members were advised on personal colour and styles with fashion tips and tricks.

Resolutions to be put forward at the National Federation Conference in June have also been voted on.

Hereford's Postal History is the subject of our June meeting, given by Mr Frank Bennet and members have been encouraged to look out any interesting letters or postcards.

On 9 August an introduction and tour of Hereford Archive and Records Office has been organised with Phillip Bouchier, the Archivist.

For further details contact Wendy 870582



FRIENDS OF ROTHERWAS CHAPEL

On Monday 20 June

FoRC Inaugural Meeting

7.30pm at nearby

Herefordshire Archives & Records Centre (HARC),

Fir Tree Lane, Rotherwas, Hereford HR2 6LA.

Please join us!

Rotherwas Chapel will be open 5-7 pm

In July - Mary Luckhurst of English Heritage will be at the Chapel for several days, conserving the Crucifix high-up in the wooden hammer frame roof space, and FoRC members will be there to help and to show visitors around.

Contact: barbaraferis@uwclub.net or phone 870696

NEWS FROM ST ANDREWS

EASTER

The church was beautifully decorated by Wendy, Val and Jean for our Easter Day Holy Communion service and we had a joyful time celebrating the glorious truth of our Lord Jesus' victory over death.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Our Annual Parochial Church meeting was held on Monday 25 April in St Andrews. It is good to report that our financial situation is healthy, and thanks are due to our Treasurer Robert Gorman for his hard work in keeping the books balanced and organising fund-raising events like the successful Valentine's Day dinner last year. A new scheme will be in operation from next year for our giving to diocesan funds. At present we are told by the diocese how much we should give, but as from 2017 it is up to us to decide how much we can afford. This different approach has worked well in several other dioceses and giving has increased. If anyone would like to see the report that I presented in my capacity as the priest responsible for the parish, please contact me and I will send it to you peter.houghton@kcl.ac.uk or by post to the Team Office, 89 Ross Rd, Hereford HR2 7RJ.



90 YEARS AND STILL GOING STRONG! LET'S CELEBRATE!

As far as the church parish is concerned, we are joined with Holme Lacy. Many will know that St Cuthberts, the parish church there, was closed over 20 years ago as far as regular services are concerned. However we can still hold occasional services there and so on **12 June** (note NOT 5 June as mentioned in the last Newsletter!) we are holding a Songs of Praise event at 3.30pm, with tea afterwards. There will not be the usual 9.30 service at St Andrews that day and we will be using the service to help us celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. Intrepid souls who wish to venture south into this neighbouring village are very welcome to join us. A very nice little book called 'The Servant Queen and the King she serves' has been produced as a souvenir. It is full of pictures, stories and quotes from the Queen and costs only £1. It will be on sale on the day but please contact as above if you would like a copy.

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

Peter Houghton
Associate Minister responsible for
Dinedor with Holme Lacy parish
South Wye Team Ministry

DINEDOR SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

Dinedor Short Mat Bowls Club concluded their season at the end of April after what has been another enjoyable eight month long season; the attendance has been high throughout adding to the enjoyment and increasing the sense of competition along the way.

We only played two competitive matches during the season, one last September when we entertained Fownhope and a second played away to Little Dewchurch in March, a third match is due to be played out of season in May.

Our club is now one of the best supported clubs in Herefordshire, having said that we would not be able to raise a team to play in the league since the majority of our players prefer to play socially; even so rules and protocol are adhered to.

The new season starts on the first Monday in September, and although our membership is high if anyone in Dinedor would like to join we will make every effort to fit you in.

Please call Ann on 870461

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