



Dinedor Newsletter

July 2016

WELCOME!

DINEDOR PARISH COUNCIL

The Dinedor 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 an opportunity to share information with each other. We are grateful to our regular contributors but would love to hear from anyone who is willing to write about their story or has anything to share. This is your newsletter and we need your input for it to continue. Please tell us your ideas!

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www.dinedorparishcouncil.org.uk

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HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR VILLAGE?

1. What was the surname of the family who lived at Rotherwas House from 1400's to 1800's?
2. To which saint is Dinedor Church dedicated?
3. In which year was Dinedor Sports founded?
4. Who had Dinedor Rectory built and Dinedor School enlarged?
5. In which world war were munitions made at Rotherwas?
6. During the Second World War 6 resistance organisations were set up in Herefordshire as part of a countrywide initiative. One was based in Dinedor. These patrols were all named after Biblical characters. What was its name?
7. Which world famous family of architects rebuilt Rotherwas chapel in 1884?
8. Which nationally famous family owned Holme Lacy House for most of the 20's and 30's?
9. How many feet above sea level is Dinedor Camp? a) 597 ft b) 628 ft c) 688 ft.
10. Name the B road that runs through Rotherwas to Holme Lacy?

Answers on the back page, part two next month

THE DEADLINE FOR
THE NEXT EDITION IS
WEDNESDAY SEPT 21

On one of the warmest evenings this year, six parishioners were welcomed to the parish council meeting on 19 July in the village hall which all councillors attended. It was agreed that the parish council representative on the village hall committee will be Julia Over; Duncan Green is to continue as footpaths officer and as the representative on the Enterprise Zone group.

Everyone was pleased that the mattresses dumped on the road near Hollow Farm had finally been cleared.

The main topics of the meeting were the **community asset transfer (CAT)** of the Camp, the neighbourhood plan and the adoption of financial regulations. Councillors were concerned that Herefordshire Council had still not completed the legal transfer for the CAT. The clerk will write to the council to urge action, although there is a backlog of transfers. As we reported from the last meeting, there will be a management steering group, made up of councillors, Dinedor Heritage Group and the Outdoor Centre and parishioners. The draft terms of reference for the group were discussed, to be agreed at the next meeting. Horse riding is not permitted in and around the camp and there is concern that it is damaging footpaths.

The **Neighbourhood Plan** is at last nearing its final initial draft with good public involvement at the six meetings held this year. The plan is important to the parish as it will eventually become part of the planning regulations. It was agreed that there will be an **extra parish council meeting on Tuesday 23 August**, with two main items: the terms of reference for the Camp steering group and the **Neighbourhood Plan**. Both these documents will be on the parish website, along with the accounts, financial regulations and minutes of meetings etc.

The next scheduled Parish Council meeting will be on **Tuesday 20 September at 7.30pm**

Please do come along and have your voice heard

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

DINEDOR HERITAGE GROUP

The morning of 22 July saw a group of 8 members make the journey from Dinedor to Dorstone Hill. The purpose of the trip was to have a personal, guided tour of "The Halls of the Dead" a title given to an archaeological dig headed up by Professor Julian Thomas and students of Manchester and Cardiff Universities. This historically important Neolithic site has been under investigation for the past five years. Also involved were Dr Keith Ray and County Archaeologist Tim Hoverd. It was very interesting to have the site explained to us all and further details and images can be found on our website.

The following speakers and dates have been arranged for our winter programme.

- **Wednesday 12 October** ; Tim Hoverd;- Update on recent Herefordshire archaeological activity
- **Wednesday 16 November**; A.G.M. followed by Dr Keith Ray; Subject – Offa's Dyke
- **Tuesday 24 January**; Angela Williams; Subject - Holme Lacy House together with update on the Rotherwas Ordnance Factory project
- **Tuesday 7 March**; Penny Platts; Subject – History of Cider Making followed by a tasting session. Entrance fee will be a little more than usual to cover expenses.

www.dinedorheritagegroup.wordpress.com - Contact Ian Stead 07833 137096

OVER TO YOU – A VILLAGER’S LIFE

A thriving, caring and supportive community can enrich our lives in so many ways but all too often is taken for granted or even ignored by so many of us. We feel we can manage or we carry on our own lives oblivious to the needs around us. Sadly all too often we would rather find fault with our fellow man and criticise and judge rather than open our eyes and hearts and take time to show we care and that ultimately we all need each other.

Many in the village will know that I have had an anxious few months being diagnosed with cancer and facing an operation not knowing what the outcome would be. I did not keep this to myself to shoulder the burden just within my family but found strength in sharing this and can testify to the amazing outpouring of love and care that ensued from this village. At some of our lowest points friends had the insight to know we needed company or produced food for us spontaneously at just the right moment. I received numerous texts and e mails and phone calls with offers of help. People dropped in to visit and didn't mind seeing me looking my worst or even kneeling down by the side of my bed. I received a massive number of cards. The house took on the appearance of a florists and was festooned with flowers. The most gorgeous sweet peas were left on the doorstep. I arrived home from hospital to find strawberries and cream hanging on the door handle. I had lovely warm scones dropped in just in time for mid-morning coffee and two freshly cooked portions of chicken casserole delivered just when we were wondering what we could have for dinner.

Chris and I can only say thank you which somehow doesn't seem enough but we have been truly overwhelmed.

Happily I am now recovering well and my prognosis is good. The worst is over it seems. But what has it taught us? for unless it impacts us in some way it seems pointless, I know and have experienced the power of people praying for you. I have been lifted by the expressions of love and care through hugs and holding hands and encouraging me. I don't think it's because of anything that I have done or feel I deserve but this is what community does. Many of you don't know me and that doesn't matter. But know this. You can make a difference in someone's life at just the point they need it most. Don't think about doing something to show you care, just do it! The lesson brought home to me that finds its roots in the Bible is that we reap what we sow.

Julia Over

Since coming to Dinedor and sharing the exploration of its Heritage, I have come to feel so much more open to life's possibilities. I arrived bereaved, but so fortunate that the Village Hall had just been built and that I now feel rooted in the community.

Joining the activities, I have come to admire individuals such as Alfred Watkins and his humble dedication to exploring his roots and developing his wide ranging talents. One of his inventions - the Bee meter – was named thus because of his wonder at this creature's worth. That light meter was responsible for the first polar photographs. The bee has been round pollinating from the beginnings of flowers but is now under threat; as is so much of our way of life.

I'm glad there is the prospect of the City of Culture bid. The people working towards it recognise the position of Hereford in relation to the countryside and our common heritage. Dinedor was inhabited long before Hereford.

Hereford was founded in the cauldron of the Marches in 1st Century AD - the town charter from 1189 granted by Richard I of England describes it as "Hereford in Wales". It was a centre of trading and pilgrimage. The markets have changed site according to the latest governance – the Saxons had to give way to the Normans, the New Market is now the Old Market and the cattle market is now near to Stretton Sugwas, the seat of the Romans.

The King may have banned speaking Welsh and imposed higher taxes for reasons of culture or religion. Roads, rail and water ways change their course. Fortunes and population shift dramatically. Whatever the name, the current religion or tax collector, this countryside has formed its population. May our City of Culture bid embolden us to celebrate our worth.

Let Dinedor share its experience and enthusiasm. See www.herefordcityofculture.org and join in.

Barbara Ferris

VARIETY

DINEDOR COMMUNITY CHOIR



Variety is now in its summer recess but will be back in September vivace and with a fortissimo crescendo!! We will then be looking to polish up our performance repertoire and to find the odd (!) place to show it off. We will, of course, be picking up on carols for Christmas and will be brushing up some old favourites and checking out some new ones to bring a bit of Variety (!!).

...And this is where YOU come in! Fancy a bit of a sing? Come and join us; we are a community choir and have no auditions and simply welcome all new voices. We are very social and sociable and another opportunity for members of the community to get together. It's all for fun and must be worth a try!

Want more details? Ring **Nick and Tricia Austin on 01432 870730** for a chat about it. As they say – we await your call. Non villagers are also very welcome

F Forgive you
R Respect you
I Inspire you
E Encourage you
N Nourish you
D Defend you
S Support you

From Mair and Brian Granthier:

A familiar figure doing a variety of gardening jobs around our village sadly died at the end of June.



'Jones Garden Services' has had to be closed down following Steve's death. Steve lived in the village for nearly two years and many people in the village became customers of his.

Grass cutting, hedge cutting, fencing and pruning were all jobs which Steve undertook with his huge amount of strength and energy.

Last November Steve was able to move to his own flat in Lower Bullingham, but still kept his Dinedor customers and was a familiar sight in his white van. He will be missed by many.

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. If you've not been before, please join us! The next one is on **Saturday 6 August at 10.30am to 12 noon..** Come and enjoy a cuppa and delicious homemade cakes



There is also the opportunity to swap books or magazines 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

As we go to press Dinedor Sports is only a few days away and, according to the long range weather forecast, we are in for a great time. All the usual attractions will be there manned (or womanned) by our great team of willing helpers. There are also some fantastic prizes for the raffle.

The proceeds for last year's event saw us able to donate £100 each to the following charities :- Riding for the Disabled; S.S.A.F.A.; Midlands Air Ambulance; Mercia Accident Rescue Services; Macmillan Cancer Support; Little Princess Trust; Dinedor with Holme Lacy P.C.C.; St Michaels Hospice; Wye valley NHS Trust Special Care Baby Unit; and Acorns Hospice. We also sent £200 to the U.G.I. Dept. at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham. So, as you can see, your spending supports some very worthy causes. If you can help with the set-up on the Friday evening that would be greatly appreciated; there is then always the clear up on the Sunday morning! The date is Saturday 30 July, in the school field starting at 2.30 p.m. **For further information ring Chris Over on 01432870320**



DINEDOR VILLAGE HALL

Management Committee 2016/17

Chairperson: Marlene Kitto

Treasurer: Tim Howson

Secretary: Margaret Bircher

Booking Clerk: Marlene Kitto

Members: Phil Kitto, Patricia Lamerton, Caz Griffin, Bryan Edwards, Helen Roberts, Peter Houghton

At our last AGM Pam Hill and Suzanne Penny stepped down from the committee, although Pam has said that she is still happy to help with fund raising events. So those of you who have enjoyed the wonderful food Pam has presented at our memorable evenings such as Downton Abbey don't have to worry! Also, we were very pleased to welcome two new members Helen Roberts and Peter Houghton onto the committee. If you are interested in supporting the Village Hall in any way, whether by becoming a committee member or just helping out at fundraising events we would be pleased to hear from you. Just contact any of the above committee members.

We are happy to report that we have been successful in securing a grant to help towards the cost of replacing the now obsolete central heating boiler in the Hall. It is hoped the work will commence within the next couple of months and be finished in good time for the winter. Our recent fundraising event, the Art Exhibition, proved to be another successful and very enjoyable afternoon despite the weather doing its best to put people off! Our thanks go to Margaret Bircher of **Dinedor Art Group** for organising this event and all those who helped.

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

DINEDOR AND HOLME LACY WI

A wide range of original, historic letters and documents were on display at a talk on Hereford's postal history given by Mr Frank Bennet. Members brought along their own letters, one being a marriage proposal!

A visit to Elgar's birthplace in Worcester made an enjoyable outing shared with fellow WI's.

The outdoor life was preferred by our July speaker Lewis Goldwater, employed by Herefordshire Nature Trust and managing Herefordshire Parklands project. He spoke about his fascination for green - woodworking techniques and gave some practical demonstrations using his tools. He also talked about the Women's Timber Corps formed in 1942, women and girls recruited as young as fourteen and affectionately known as 'lumberjills'.

In September, Rayeesa's Indian Kitchen comes to Dinedor and she will be demonstrating some of her recipes for us to sample.

For further information contact Wendy 01432 870582

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INSPIRING WOMEN

FRIENDS OF ROTHERWAS CHAPEL

Monday 15 August at 11 am

The Mass of the Assumption

Possibly the first time since 1914 that Mass has been celebrated in Rotherwas Chapel. All welcome at Rotherwas Chapel, Chapel Road, Hereford HR2 6LFD
Celebrant: Abbot Paul Stonham of Belmont Abbey



The Bodenham family owned the Rotherwas estate, house and chapel for over 460 years until 1912. The beautiful Rotherwas Chapel is now cared for by English Heritage, who are in charge of the Chapel's fabric. Friends of Rotherwas Chapel (FoRC) is working with EH to take care of the inside, and bring people together to help preserve and open up this lovely spiritual centre. The Mass on 15 August at 11am will be the first of regular special events.

Come and join us for Mass of the Assumption at Rotherwas Chapel on 15 August at 11 am

For details of
FRIENDS OF ROTHERWAS CHAPEL
contact: barbaraferri@uwclub.net



NEWS FROM ST ANDREWS

Songs of Praise at St Cuthbert's Holme Lacy

As the 'twin village' in our parish we occasionally hold services in Holme Lacy. To help celebrate HM the Queen's 90th birthday we held a special Songs of Praise celebration at St Cuthbert's, the former parish church, on the afternoon of Sunday 12 June. The sun shone, the bells were rung and the interior of the church was beautifully decorated with flowers.

We had previously organised such a service on Palm Sunday last year and it is good to have these times when Christians living in the two villages can come together to show that, though buildings might close, Jesus' church is still present, and indeed active.

It was very encouraging that at least 35 people came, from both villages, and nearly all the hymns we sang had been chosen by those attending. Mark Goodman provided splendid keyboard accompaniment and everyone sang lustily!

In addition we had reports from Mair and Bryan Granthier of the work they do in serving others at Night Shift in Hereford, and also from Ruth Waterfield in what she and others do in Bath University, where she is a student.

Last but not least, there was the usual (for Herefordshire) amazing spread of home-baked cakes and savouries to choose from whilst having a cup of tea together.

A lot of copies of the special book 'The Servant Queen', especially produced as a souvenir of the Queen's 90th birthday were sold. If you would like a copy (a bargain at only £1) please contact Peter Houghton.



What future for St Andrew's PCC?

For the past two or three years, the PCC at St Andrew's has not been functioning as well as it could because of a shortage of people willing and able to take on some necessary jobs, such as treasurer. Appeals to those on the church electoral roll to join us have met with no real success so we have to think what to do next. **I would like to stress that in no way are we thinking of closing St Andrew's.**

In some ways the church is in a healthy position. Although it would be nice to see a few more at regular services, we have good congregations at 'festival' services like Harvest and Christmas, and the church has been able to pay its full share to the diocese for several years. I know that the presence of the church in the village enjoys wide support amongst the community, and I am very grateful to all those who value it.

However the situation cannot continue and some of us met recently to discuss what we might do. The most favoured idea amongst us was the possibility of having Dinedor and Little Dewchurch as one parish/ 'benefice' with two churches but having only one PCC. There would be no change as far as the regular services and other events at St Andrews are concerned. It is probably possible for a separate 'Dinedor' account to be set up to ring-fence money raised by Dinedor for local events. My thanks to those who have already written to me about this possibility but I invite comments from anyone else.

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

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Peter Houghton

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

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR VILLAGE?

Answers

1. BODENHAM
2. ST. ANDREW
3. 1936
4. REV. MUCKLESTON
5. BOTH
6. CALEB PATROL
7. THE PUGINS
8. W.D. & H.O. WILLS
9. 597 feet
10. B4399

Another ten questions will follow next month

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