



Dinedor Newsletter

November 2016

Christmas seems to have arrived in the shops even earlier than ever this year but as we approach the festive season we wish all our readers a very happy and peaceful Christmas and our best wishes for the New Year. There is still lots going on in Dinedor, even in winter so come along to the coffee morning you will read about in this edition and enjoy each other's company.

We are also celebrating the first anniversary of the launch of the newsletter in this format. Your feedback is always appreciated and new ideas will be warmly welcomed.

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

www.dinedorparishcouncil.org.uk

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.

VILLAGE BULLETIN

We send our best wishes to Mildred Carter, who lived at Calgary, who has taken the decision to move into Brockhampton Nursing Home. We will miss her cheerful face and always remember her spirited running at Dinedor Sports.

We also send congratulations to Matt and Jemma Cleland on the birth of Walter George who was born on October 29 weighing 9lbs 8 ozs, a brother for Dexter and future runners in Dinedor Sports!!

We also send good wishes to Jean Savage who continues to recover from her recent illness and short stay in hospital.

Do you feel in need of some training in IT skills? Please let the Editors know.

If there is other news that we should be sharing we would be very pleased to hear from you.

**THE DEADLINE FOR
THE NEXT EDITION IS
WEDNESDAY JAN 18**

DINEDOR PARISH COUNCIL

At the November parish council meeting, the Mayor of Hereford City, Councillor Jim Kenyon, was present to talk about a proposed road to link Rotherwas to Tupsley with a new river crossing. This is at the feasibility stage and he is visiting parish councils to keep them informed. There is the potential of a local referendum to gauge public support at some time next year.

Our clerk, Liz Kelso, reported on finance and councillors were pleased to note that the budget is on track, with a predicted small underspend at the end of the year. The precept for next year will be discussed at our January meeting.

It was agreed that a small parish fund would be established, to support local initiatives, to a maximum of £500.00 for each request. The total amount available each year will be agreed at the start of the financial year, so that people will be aware of what is available.

The formal transfer of the ownership of the Camp and associated land and buildings from Herefordshire Council to the parish council has at last been completed! The steering group, which will be a sub-group of the parish council, has had its first meeting and is undertaking a 'stocktake' of the area, It is hoped that community teams will help with the clearing of shrub etc.(see article later in this newsletter).

The responses to the informal consultation for the Neighbourhood Development Plan had been forwarded to Kirkwells, our consultants. Response is awaited. The next stage is for Herefordshire Council to undertake a strategic environmental assessment.

The very wet and muddy road at Maes-y-felin is causing concern and it was agreed that because it is a road safety issue, the police would be contacted.

The next scheduled Parish Council meeting will be on **Tuesday 17 January 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall**

We are very pleased to welcome all parishioners so 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

We have just held our AGM with the committee being re-elected to serve a further term. The meeting was followed by a very interesting presentation by Dr. Keith Ray concerning Offa's Dyke.

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday January 24** next year and will feature an illustrated talk by Angela Williams on Holme Lacy House. She will also update us on the Royal Ordnance Factory Project at Rotherwas.

Running until January 27, at H.A.R.C. is an exhibition entitled "The First Shell". This exhibition marks the centenary of the first shell produced at Hereford's Munitions Factory at Rotherwas and recognises the contribution of its workers. They have borrowed our Heritage Group display boards to help show some of the relevant documents in our collection.

Don't forget that there are still a few of our Dinedor books available at £10.00 each. A great Christmas present! **Contact Chris Over on 01432 870320 to order.**

www.dinedorheritagegroup.wordpress.com

Contact details: - Ian Stead on 07833137096

OVER TO YOU – A VILLAGER’S LIFE

Ros Morris remembers:

I was born in 1933 at Lower Raven Farm, Dinedor, being the youngest, with two sisters and a brother. It was lovely living on a farm even though it was wartime.

My Dad had a milk round and during the war covered Hinton Court.

At weekends I used to go with him delivering the milk in churns, first in the pony and trap and later a van. The ladies used to come out with their jugs to collect the milk.

My first school was in Bullinghope and then I went to Dinedor until the age of eleven when I moved to St Francis in Berrington Street, Hereford. I left school when I was fifteen.

During the war my sister and I both caught scarlet fever from my eldest sister who was a nurse in a fever Hospital. We were sent to the fever hospital at Stretton. My sister was put in a different ward to me and I never saw her again until I came home. We were there for about six weeks and it was over Christmas too. Mum and Dad came to see us at weekends but could only talk to us through the window. When we went home, we had to leave everything there. I can remember Dad fetching us home and then having my hair washed and a bath by Mum.

I married Mike in 1957 and had three sons. We started married life in a farm cottage in Much Fawley, then in 1964 moved to the Cotswolds where my husband got a job as a tractor driver at £11 a week. We moved around to several farms in the Cotswolds, then in 1970 moved back to Herefordshire, returning to Dinedor in 1982.

During the whole period we lived away, we always came back for Dinedor Sports Day.

Jake Bharier writes:

I started doing something with apples in 2013 when I found a bumper crop on my trees on the Hill. I asked around, and found a farmer willing to press and bottle apple juice. So, with the help of friends, I harvested. Hard work, because the trees are near the bottom of the field, so everything has to be carried up. The harvest supper compensated. I wasn't sure what I would do with all the bottles of juice that came back, once I had given some as Christmas presents. However, people said it was very nice, so I started selling it. 2014 was not such a heavy crop, and my apples were blended with others.

However, last year I had another good crop.

And then this year, a bumper crop!

I have no certificates to say that the apple juice is organic. However, the land and the trees have had no treatment for at least the ten years since I moved to Fairview Cottage, and would probably qualify.

Each year's juice (Vintage? Pommage?) tastes a little different. You are, of course, very welcome to try some. And it has certainly made for good presents....



Barbara Ferris writes: Success for the Cultural Partnership!

In working towards the City of Culture, Herefordshire's Cultural Partnership went in for another bid – a joint Heritage Lottery Fund/Arts Council project called 'Great Place' – Herefordshire's expression of interest (for £700,000 funding) has jumped the first hurdle and we have been invited to submit a full bid in January 2017. Success would certainly help the City of Culture Bid.

It made me think, 'Great Place?' Dinedor!!! I feel privileged to live in Dinedor and tried to express why. Great community spirit and sense of heritage in a beautiful landscape? I wondered if others have a favourite place and would have a go at saying why.

The revised City of Culture Website is asking for expressions of interest and encourages short blogs. We are looking at ways of doing this, and as a start we are considering submitting a short video clip of a village event. We want it to capture village spirit: if there is anyone out there who is willing to develop this blog, please do let me know.

VARIETY

DINEDOR COMMUNITY CHOIR



Variety is currently meeting regularly to learn new material and brush up on songs and carols for the festive season. It is our busiest period in terms of singing engagements. On Dec 13 we visit Charles Court and Holmer Court where we hope to cheer the residents by sharing the Christmas message with them in song. For many of them Christmas is a sad time with many memories and we hope our singing makes a difference. It is always a worthwhile time as far as we are concerned. We are also singing at events in Holme Lacy and Ballingham and at our own Carol Service in Dinedor. We would welcome further voices, especially to sing parts and there's still time to learn the songs so please join us.

Ring **Nick and Tricia Austin on 01432 870730** for further information or join us for our next practice on Tuesday November 29 at 7.30 in the village hall.



Healthwatch is your champion for health and care services in Herefordshire. We collect your views and listen to your experiences, and feed that information back to service providers and commissioners to help improve services through what you've told us. Across Herefordshire and Worcestershire, health and care organisations are committed to providing safe and effective services, but the way some services are run may need to change. This is partly because of a growing population and rising demands on services, and making the best of the resources available.

Due to the size of the challenge, health and social care bodies in Herefordshire and Worcestershire (and across England) are working together on a plan to help make sure health and care services are safe and sustainable for the future.

Healthwatch has been working with local groups to better understand the needs and requirements of patients in a sustainable health and care system. It is important you have your say and you can do this by completing our online survey:

www.healthwatchherefordshire.co.uk/survey

Healthwatch will be feeding the information gathered from the survey and further engagement activity back to service providers and commissioners of services, so they are included in the shaping of plans for services going forward.

For more information about **Healthwatch** Herefordshire and our work visit

www.healthwatchherefordshire.co.uk or call the office on 01432 364481

Your local Healthwatch representative is **Ian Stead, 01432 873170**

COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

DINEDOR CAMP MANAGEMENT STEERING GROUP

The coffee morning is a great opportunity to meet up with neighbours and friends and enjoy each other's company, especially during the long dark days of winter.

The village hall will be warm and welcoming so why not join us for the next one on **Saturday December 3 from 10.30 a.m.**



You can enjoy a warm cuppa with an excellent display of homemade cakes to choose from. There is no charge but this event is sponsored by the village hall and you are welcome to make a donation.

There's an opportunity to share books or magazines you've finished with and even plants or any excess produce from your garden.

For your diaries the next coffee morning is due to be held on February 4

If you need transport or any assistance please ask Marlene 870628, Suzanne 873170 or Mair 870593 who will happily arrange this for you.

Following the acquisition of the Camp under the Community Asset Transfer the first meeting of the Steering Group took place on November 1. Members of the Group are: Duncan Green, Nick Austin (PC), Ian Stead, Brian Granthier (Heritage Group), Andy and Hazel Preedy (Outdoor Centre), Paul Davies (local resident) and Liz Kelso (Parish Clerk). Sandra Gilbert (resident) was unable to attend. Ian Stead was elected Chairman and Duncan Green as Volunteer Coordinator, other positions will be allocated later.

The first meeting was mainly concerned about the terms of reference and the structure and status of the Steering Group, whether it should be a sub committee of the PC, a charitable trust or a community company. A final decision will be taken at the next meeting. There were also discussions about the use of volunteers from the Outdoor Centre and possibly from Pay Back individuals on community service orders. It was agreed that future priorities were to assess the site and the work needed to fulfil the management plan which Tim Hovard, County Archaeologist, had prepared. Ian Stead will meet Tim to discuss the plan and the S.G. members will walk the Camp to assess the priorities for action such as scrub clearance and tree safety work. Concern was expressed about damage to the Camp through horse riding which is not permitted as the site is an ancient monument. Signs will be placed to clarify this.

The next meeting will be on December 6.

DINEDOR VILLAGE HALL

Management Committee 2016/17

Chairperson: Marlene Kitto

Treasurer: Tim Howson

Secretary: Margaret Bircher

Booking Clerk: Marlene Kitto

Committee Members including user group representatives: Phil Kitto, Patricia Lamerton, Caz Griffin, Bryan Edwards, Helen Roberts, Peter Houghton, Julia Over, Wendy McKie

By the time you read this a much-needed new boiler will have been installed in the Village Hall. The previous boiler had grown unreliable and expensive to maintain, and the new boiler and the associated improvements to the controls, pipework and radiators should improve the overall warmth of the building. This work has been part-funded by a grant from the Severn Waste Environmental Fund, to whom we are very grateful. We, in partnership with the Parish Council, are now looking again at the extension project to improve storage facilities.

The Hall has continued to be well-used, with the new tables proving popular. We also have a very good projector and screen that is also available for hire for a nominal sum – details from the Booking Clerk, details as above.

On Saturday 12 November we held a very enjoyable musical evening in the Hall which was well-attended. We were entertained by local male singing quartet "Compost Heap", who sang folk songs and shanties that were at differing times witty, a bit risqué, moving and romantic. But by far the most popular song of the evening was their finale when two ladies from the village were 'invited' to join the group. They performed with enthusiasm and good humour and got a round of applause from the appreciative audience.

DINEDOR AND HOLME LACY WI

With the November Annual meeting over and formalities, financial statements and annual reports 'done and dusted', it is time for feasting and partying!

December brings out the best in the WI and we certainly like to lunch and party in style, menus and venues are booked and the WI teacup has been dusted off in readiness for its presentation to some unsuspecting member.

The 2017 programme is packed with a varied range of interesting subjects thanks to our innovative programme co-ordinator and commences in January with 'Pots, Paints and Pansies.' A chance to try your hand at decorating your own plant pot with decoupage, only requirements - terracotta plant pot and paintbrush. It is amazing what you can do with a little know-how.

For further information about the WI meetings that are held at Dinedor Village Hall on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm (visitors welcome), please contact **Wendy McKie** on **01432 870582**



PARISH WALKS

In partnership with Dinedor Heritage Group, a number of local walks are planned that initially will start and finish at the Village Hall. It is planned that refreshments will be available and a small voluntary donation will be welcome on the day.

Ian Stead kindly volunteered to lead these walks and a number expressed interest in participating.

However Ian reports:

"The first attempted village walk on Saturday November 12 was abandoned by mutual agreement and with general delight as the weather was so bad and the footpaths very muddy. We will try again in the New Year when drier weather hopefully arrives"

If you want further information or are interested in being added to the list of contacts please ring or email as follows:

07833137096 or ianstead20@hotmail.com

NEWS FROM ST ANDREWS

Looking backwards

It was great to see the church full for the Harvest service on Sept 25 and to share the excellent food provided afterwards in the village hall. The church was decorated as beautifully as ever and we raised over £130 from the sale of flowers, fruit, vegetables, jams and chutneys. Thanks to all who contributed in so many different ways.

Looking forwards - Update on changes to the parish

Plans are in hand for the official 'merger' of the parish with Little Dewchurch, and responsibility for the accounts has already been taken over by Rev John Wilson, the treasurer for Little Dewchurch PCC. I would like to stress that Dinedor still has a completely separate account which is ONLY for Dinedor-related expenses. Particularly I would like to express my deep appreciation of all the hard work that the outgoing treasurer Robert Gorman has put in over a long time. Robert has also written to me saying that he wishes to step down as Churchwarden, but, under the new arrangement his duties could be taken on by churchwardens from Little Dewchurch. We are very grateful for the churchwarden-like tasks that others perform but if anyone else is interested in helping, please let me know.

Any formal decision to ratify the 'merger' cannot be taken until the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in April.

Our regular 9:30 congregation is quite small. If you would like to come to church but find that time inconvenient, please contact me for a chat to see if an extra service at a different time might be arranged sometimes.

Christmas events

A card giving details of our Christmas services is included with this copy of the newsletter and everyone is welcome, especially children, and part of both services will be aimed at them. At the Carol Service at St Andrew's on December 18 the Variety singing group will be helping at the service. On Wednesday December 14 we are holding a carol-singing event in Holme Lacy village hall, starting at 7 pm. Anyone from Dinedor who is willing and able to make the long journey!, is very welcome to come to that and, even if you can't, offers of mince pies are always appreciated!



Finally I would like to thank all who support us in prayer and practical ways and, on a personal note, I would like to say how touched I am by the number of people expressing appreciation for myself and Joan and your regret that I have to retire in 12 months' time. I will keep you updated as and when developments occur. If anyone has, or knows about, a house that might be given (miracles still happen!) or sold to the diocese for my successor, please let me know by ringing 840443 or by e mail at peter.houghton@kcl.ac.uk

FRIENDS OF ROTHERWAS CHAPEL

The enthusiasm of the public and English Heritage since setting up the Friends of Rotherwas Chapel has given the Committee much to think about. We are coming to terms with the significance of our task. The response to Heritage Open Day in September was very satisfying and included visits from English Heritage Conservator and Curator. They have some complicated logistics to sort as does Jenny McCracken, the administrator. We are dependent on her to agree our leaflets, website and publicity which all takes time – even agreeing important facts with new information that keeps turning up!

Days later, we joined Friends of Downside Abbey for the requiem mass for Henry Bodenham. He had been Head Boy before enlisting to become 'my best officer', blown up in the Battle of the Somme. The moving occasion brought home the quality of the family and the personal sacrifices that changed all our lives so drastically.

A top priority now is working with English Heritage to safeguard the building, improve publicity and access. Long term work on the tiles has started but gentle treatments are necessary so the results won't be visible yet. The number of flies swept up each month is perhaps going down and we hope to deal with the sealed door and cleaning the crucifix before the Spring. We now hold our own key with one also held at HARC. Meanwhile, due to fire regulations our next event, 'The Holly and the Ivy' on December 10 must be restricted to members and guests. There is however still time to join at just £10. Our e mail address is rotherwaschapel@gmail.com

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