



# Dinedor Newsletter

Sept 2016

## DINEDOR PARISH COUNCIL

Autumn is upon us and the Dinedor landscape changes dramatically. Gone are the lazy days of summer and as we approach the cold dark days and evenings of winter, this is a time when some feel lonely, or bored or fearful of going outside. There is still lots going on in Dinedor for you to be part of so join in and let's make sure we are looking out for each other

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.

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### THE DINEDOR QUIZ PART 2

Answers are on the back page

1. What is the name of the lane that starts from the road up to the Camp, past the The Laurels towards Rotherwas.
2. In which neighbouring village was there a nunnery (not a convent!)?
3. Which farm, in Dinedor, was once owned by a close relative of Horatio Nelson?
4. Dinedor was famous for two "D's" in the past. What were they?
5. List three locations in the village with the word "Cross" in them
6. What unusual item was stored in Dinedor Tunnel following the closure of the railways?
7. Which King of England once stayed at Rotherwas House?
8. The Straight Mile. Starting at the railway bridge this end where does a mile get to?
  - a) The pedestrian lights at the entrance to Thorn Park?
  - b) The railway bridge at the far end of the mile?
  - c) The Wye Inn?
9. In which year was Dinedor School finally closed?
  - a) 1951, b) 1953 c) 1955
10. According to the Ordnance Survey maps, name two brooks in the parish?

**THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT EDITION IS WEDNESDAY NOV 16**

There have been two Parish Council meetings in August and September since our last edition, both well attended. The council held the extra meeting in August to look at two items - the sign off of the first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan and management arrangements for the Camp following the Community Asset Transfer (CAT).

The draft plan neighbourhood plan was agreed and there will be informal opportunities to talk about it and find out more at the village hall coffee mornings on 1 October and 3 December. For the management of the camp, there will be a group with local people, including representatives from the Heritage Group and Parish Council and from the Outdoor Centre. Its first meeting is planned for October. Unfortunately, the CAT is still not finalised, but the management group meeting will still go ahead in October in anticipation of finalising the transfer soon.

At the September meeting, the councillors discussed finance and will begin planning for next year's budget and precept in good time for 2017/18.

There has been consultation about the next phase of the Holme Lacy road development and parish representatives attended.

There is concern about mud on the roads, particularly around Maes-y-Felin. Any concerns can be reported directly via the Herefordshire Council website or if you do not have Internet access, to Liz Kelso, our parish clerk.

One planning application was discussed for two detached houses at Hollow Farm land in Prospect Lane. This was supported.

The Village Hall committee has secured funding towards the replacement of the boiler. It was agreed that the Parish Council and the Village Hall committee would work together to ensure that the village hall is retained as an important local amenity.

There are currently three notice boards in the parish, but the one near Rotherwas is not in use. It was agreed to improve the appearance of the boards and consider whether the unused board should be moved to a more prominent position.

The next scheduled Parish Council meeting will be on **Tuesday 15 November 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

Our winter programme is now under way and you are warmly invited to our two meetings in 2016 with two more to follow in 2017 (details later!).

On **Wednesday October 12 at 7.30pm** there will be a presentation led by Tim Hoverd entitled "Recent Herefordshire Archaeological Activity". Tim is a great speaker and an enjoyable evening is assured.

Our A.G.M. will be held on **Wednesday November 16** commencing at 7.30. The short A.G.M. will be followed by a talk by Dr Keith Ray covering Offa's Dyke.

Annual subscriptions will be due at the A.G.M. of £5.00 per person.

Both meetings will be held at Dinedor Village Hall and will include light refreshments with admission to the talks at £3.00 per person.

[www.dinedorheritagegroup.wordpress.com](http://www.dinedorheritagegroup.wordpress.com) - Contact Ian Stead 07833 137096

## OVER TO YOU – A VILLAGER’S LIFE

**Margaret Bircher writes:**

One swallow doesn’t make a summer - but it’s a start. Our first arrived all on his own on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, a full week before being joined by another two, making a rather fractious and competitive threesome, followed by a fourth who restored romantic harmony. After that they arrived in large numbers, wheeling and twittering over the house and garden before taking over the barn and getting down to the serious business of procreation.

My excitement at the yearly return of a common bird is regarded as a weird but harmless obsession. At the end of March I open the barn window in readiness and start scanning the sky and when I see that unmistakably elegant shape and flight pattern, my heart sings. All through the summer we are blessed by our own stunningly acrobatic guests and when in late August they begin to gather on the telephone wires, noisily discussing the best route for their journey, I feel a corresponding melodramatic gloom. Sadly, my devotion is not reciprocated. They ignore us except when we dare to set foot in the barn, which they regard as their own exclusive property, shrieking abuse and dive-bombing, though they ought to know by now that we are their friends and protectors! In the past we have had a reasonably amicable arrangement by which I am allowed a small curtained-off area for my painting and they have all the rest, but this year a pair sneaked into my space and built a nest before I was aware, making it a definite no-go area. The mess is unbelievable and their opinion of my artistic efforts is expressed in the most discouraging manner. But like a doting parent, I still love them, despite their antisocial behaviour!

I’m puzzled by the assumption that swallows return to their birthplace to breed. They can’t all do this or there would be an invasion of Hitchcockian proportions. I counted 38 youngsters on the wire one morning preparing for departure - and that was only one peer group. The parents are still here, producing more and more offspring so I guess we have seen up to a hundred new birds this year, of which perhaps a dozen will return. What happens to the others? I suppose that, sadly, a lot don’t make it but do the others decide on a new holiday destination each year? “Why don’t we give Croydon a go, my dear, or maybe Grimsby?” It’s a mystery why they don’t make life easy and pleasant for themselves by just stopping off in the Med and staying there. But I like to think that for some, their months under African skies are spent dreaming of Dinedor and those are the ones I shall be looking out for next April. But before that, there’s a mammoth cleaning up job waiting in the barn!

### PREPARATIONS

It’s Friday night and 6.00 pm., and the lads turn up, well OK, mature men!  
They report to Phil at the end of the field to see what the Sports Day store will yield. Out come tents, tables, chairs and the bar, and then the skittle alley, the heaviest by far.  
Onto the trailer but the weight is hell, but lighter than last year – the wood worm’s worked well!  
It’s all on the trailer and we’re just about alive, then there’s a cheer for the treasurer, his moment to arrive!  
Matthew’s tractor takes the trailer near the hall so we can unload it – oh what a ball!  
Sort out the bags for the gazebos; a cheer arises as up one goes!  
Some have done this for years and years and soon the usual Sports Day layout appears.  
By noon on Saturday it’s all as smart as you like and Chris Over’s even tested out the mike!  
One joy remains as in years before – by Sunday noon it’s all got to be back in the store!

**By Yu No Hu (aka Nick Austin)**

### RECIPE SHARE

Suggestions have been received that a feature with a seasonal recipe would make an interesting addition for future newsletters. All contributions will be gratefully received and can be e mailed to the editors. There are always spaces to fill so please start searching!

## VARIETY DINEDOR COMMUNITY CHOIR



Variety has had a summer recess but started back in September vivace and with a fortissimo crescendo!! We are looking to polish up our performance repertoire and to find the odd (!) place to show it off. We already have bookings for the church carol service and a Christmas evening in Holme Lacy. 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

### FRIENDS OF ROTHERWAS CHAPEL

#### Great start for Friends of Rotherwas Chapel

Friends of Rotherwas Chapel was formed at a meeting at HARC in June. We have agreed to help the chapel guardians – English Heritage – to conserve and care for this lovely little historic church, and to open it regularly to welcome visitors. We meet one afternoon in every month to vacuum, dust and polish, and take note of any repairs needed to be made by English Heritage.

We have made a good start on our aims – our first event was a beautiful and well-attended Mass celebrated on Assumption Day 15 August led by the Abbot of Belmont. On Saturday afternoon 10 September, as part of the national Heritage Open Days, we opened the chapel with displays about Rotherwas House, the Bodenhams and the Munitions Project. The following Saturday a Requiem Mass was held at the chapel, in memory of Henry Bodenham who died in the Battle of the Somme in 1916. The Mass was arranged by the monks of Downside Abbey in Somerset where Henry was Head Boy at the school.

We now have an email address: [rotherwaschapel@gmail.com](mailto:rotherwaschapel@gmail.com) if you would like to contact us.



We would very much like help with our monthly chapel cleaning for an hour or two, and also with the open afternoons – when we look forward to introducing our beautiful, unique chapel to visitors from far and wide.

## COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

As we move into autumn and the chores in the garden don't find us outside so much and the dark, cold evenings force us indoors, why not take the opportunity to keep in touch with each other and join us for a warm cup of coffee or tea and excellent homemade cakes. The next community coffee morning will be held in the village hall from 10.30 on **Saturday October 1** and there will be an opportunity to discuss the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

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 will be on **December 3**.

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



## 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, Julia Over

We are pleased to welcome Julia Over on to the committee as the representative for the Parish Council.

Those of you who have struggled with the tables in the hall will be pleased to hear that the committee have purchased some new tables which are much lighter to carry. Although the old tables are still available to use, as Dinedor Sports have bought them from the Village Hall, they will remain in the store room for those stronger amongst us to use if they wish! Plans are also in place to replace the old central heating boiler.

Our next fund raising event is planned to be a music evening to be held in November. Details have not yet been finalised but will be advertised by posters nearer the time. As before, people will be invited to bring their own refreshments and sit back and enjoy the evening.

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

## DINEDOR AND HOLME LACY WI

August is the month when the WI arranges an outing and this year the members stayed in the locality and paid a visit to the Hereford Archives and Records Centre in Rotherwas. They were treated to a full and intimate tour, guided by Philip Boucher and information about the eco properties of this new building, with invitations to join in workshops along with their many volunteers. A very worthwhile and interesting afternoon.

The meeting in October is about Painted Furniture from Bringsty Vintage Living, maybe a new lease of life for that old chair sitting in the shed?

November is the month of our Annual Meeting and a time to reorganise and renew membership with a full programme arranged for the coming year. Alongside of this we are holding the WI alternative to Bingo - WIngo. Eyes down for a bit of fun.

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**



## DINEDOR SPORTS

Once again Dinedor Sports was an enjoyable day mainly thanks to all the helpers who worked so hard to make it so. The weather was kind and we had many contestants for the various races and events. Indoors, the men's cookery had the most entries and caused a great competitive spirit.

An amazing amount of over £1,300 was raised on the day. The majority of this will go to various charities in due course.

This year the following trophies were won by:-

The John Cleland Memorial Trophy – Matt Cleland and Peter Eames (Joint winners).

The David Price Cup – Melissa Sithaka

The Ladies Cup – Mandy Lloyd

The Ladies Salver – Wendy Mackie

The Middleton Cup – Freya Smart

The Men's Pillow Fight Perpetual Challenge Cup – Phil Kitto

**Further details available from Chris Over on 01432 87032**

## PARISH WALKS

There have been suggestions about organising some short walks around the parish, initially not more than 3 miles.

Ian Stead is happy to lead the first one.

If you are interested in joining this first walk please contact him on 873170 or at [ianstead20@hotmail.com](mailto:ianstead20@hotmail.com).

A date will be arranged when it is known if anyone is interested and future dates will be notified via this newsletter.

This is yet another great way to stay in touch and get some exercise at the same time.

It is hoped we will be able to end up at the hall to enjoy some home made soup and bread.

## NEWS FROM ST ANDREWS

### *Looking forward to harvest*

Many of us in this part of the country are fortunate enough to enjoy eating produce from our own gardens. If you are like me, there are always failures with some things (at least I was encouraged that the outside tomatoes on Gardeners' World got blight as well as mine!) but also bumper crops when you have more than enough (this year my runner beans have flourished and also some type of round squash that has a very nice flavour). Some readers of the newsletter are of course farmers and, unlike those of us who grow and rear things as a hobby, crop failure or animal disease is a much more serious matter. The Bible encourages us to 'give thanks in all circumstances' so we have the opportunity to do that in our annual Harvest Thanksgiving, auction of Produce and Lunch on Sunday September 25. The service at St Andrew's Church starts at 11:15 and lunch will be at about 1 p.m. Tickets are £9 for adult, £4 for child from Robert Gorman 870243 or Jean Savage 870322.

This is always one of the highlights of the church – and village year – and we are grateful to all those who put the traditional harvest display together, provide stuff for the display and make and serve the fantastic lunch we are all looking forward to!

### *Update on the future for St Andrew's PCC*

Over the past few weeks there has been quite a lot of discussion about what will happen. The consensus amongst parishioners and PCC members of both Dinedor with Holme Lacy and Little Dewchurch with Ballingham is that the formation of a single benefice, with one PCC but two separate accounts, is the best way forward. This is also supported by other benefices in the Hereford Deanery, the Rural Dean and the Archdeacon of Hereford. Services at St Andrew's will continue as they have been, although it would be great if we could increase them due to popular demand! The next step is a formal proposal to be drawn up called a Pastoral Measure, which will go to consultation and, if agreed, would create the new benefice 'legally' as far as the Diocese is concerned. A challenge is the provision of a House since the priest's position would be a 'House for Duty' appointment i.e. the priest receives no stipend but gets accommodation provided. That is formally the situation as far as I am concerned although we own the house in which we live so receive housing allowance instead. We do not intend to move once I retire but the financial position of the diocese is weak so that we have been told that they have no funds to buy a suitable house. So, if you know anyone giving one away, you know what to do! Possibly a better option is to pray to 'the God who provides'. We will keep you informed of developments.



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](mailto:peter.houghton@kcl.ac.uk)

### THE DINEDOR QUIZ PART 2

#### Answers

1. AXFORD LANE
2. ACONBURY
3. HOLLOW FARM
4. DONKEYS & DAMSONS
5. DINEDOR CROSS; BARRYS CROSS; UPPER CROSS
6. CONTAMINATED SOIL FROM THE SITE OF HOLME LACY SAWMILLS
7. JAMES 1ST
8. THE PEDESTRIAN LIGHTS AT THE ENTRANCE TO THORN PARK
9. 1951
10. TARS BROOK ; RED BROOK

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