



# Dinedor Newsletter

January 2017

A Happy New Year to all our readers! This time of year is challenging for many: some are resolved to change something in their life and many have already realised they have failed! There are still many ways to engage in village life at this time of the year and be part of the community and this newsletter aims to keep you informed about what's going on.

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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## VILLAGE BULLETIN

After a brief stay at Brockhampton Nursing Home, Mrs Mildred Carter from Calgary, died on November 22 at 85 years old. A celebration service was held at Holy Trinity Church and several from the village were able to attend. It was an uplifting and joyful occasion where Mildred was remembered by many for her kindness, cheerfulness and deep faith.

A date for your diaries: there will be another 'Big Lunch', held at the Laurels on **Sunday July 2**. Thanks to Ian and Suzanne for again hosting this and anyone from the village is invited. There will be more details in a future edition but book the date now!

We send our best wishes to Rees Greenow, who lived at Tarsmill. Due to failing health he has had to move to the Weir Nursing Home at Swainshill.

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

## DINEDOR PARISH COUNCIL

The parish council has met twice this month - the usual meeting and an extra meeting to consider two planning applications.

At the extra meeting on January 5, the council decided not to object to the planning applications for the Rotherwas garage and Upper Gatehouse at Dinedor Cross. The extra meeting was necessary because we had to respond before our next scheduled meeting. We have now agreed a process that ensures that extra meetings will only be necessary if there are particular proposals we want to comment on.

The scheduled meeting on January 17 was again well attended. Councillors really appreciate this and it makes our job much easier when people let us know their views. You can see the agendas on the parish notice boards before each meeting and on the website: if you cannot come, you can contact any councillor to give your views.

There is still concern about the mud and water on the road near the earthworks by Wye Farm Stud, and we will write again to Herefordshire Council asking for action. We will also ask again what action is being taken about the unauthorised earthworks. There is no connection to the mud on the road and the property known as Maes-y felin .

**Dinedor Camp** - the steering group has met with Historic England (see later in the newsletter for more details).

The Village Hall Committee has asked the parish council for a grant towards a small extension for storage at the back of the hall. Village hall committee members were at the meeting and after discussion, the parish council decided to defer decision until the next meeting, whilst making it clear that we wished to give strong support to the village hall.

**Precept for 2017/18.** This is the amount added to the Council Charge each year which is the parish council element. We agreed not to increase the precept, so it will remain at the current rate.

**Neighbourhood Plan** - we are frustrated at the slow process and the clerk was asked to follow this up with Herefordshire Council before our next meeting

The next scheduled Parish Council meeting will be on **Tuesday March 21 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 board

## DINEDOR HERITAGE GROUP

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday March 7 at 7.30 p.m and will feature an illustrated talk by Penny Platts on The History of Cider. This will be followed by an opportunity to taste, and appreciate, several different brands. Because of the extra costs involved admission will be increased to £5.00 (for this meeting only) – apologies for this!

The Heritage Group are actively involved in the Herefordshire Walking Festival this year and two of our committee will be leading walks. The festival will be held on 17 – 25 June. We will inform you of further details nearer the time or you can catch up on

[www.walkingfestival.com](http://www.walkingfestival.com)

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

**THE DEADLINE FOR  
THE NEXT EDITION IS  
WEDNESDAY MAR 22**

[www.dinedorheritagegroup.wordpress.com](http://www.dinedorheritagegroup.wordpress.com)  
Contact details: - Ian Stead on 07833137096

## DRAWN TO DINEDOR – Peter Houghton

Ever since the Garden of Eden, husbands have been blaming their wives. I am no exception!

What started off the stage of our journey through life which has resulted in us settling in this lovely part of England was the fact that my wife Joan did not fancy spending our retirement in Balham, southwest London. We had lived there all 40plus years of our married life, but almost 10 years ago, she got a job in Bedfordshire. So, instead of spending well over an hour each day in both directions on The Northern Line, we bought a little house near her work and she was able to drive to work through country lanes. After the wildlife of Balham (pigeons, squirrels, crows and foxes) she enjoyed seeing and hearing a much greater range of wildlife than she could see in the average tube tunnel or carriage (the occasional mouse running along beneath the rails).

After a successful career as a professor in the Department of Pharmacy Kings College London, I felt 'called by God' to take early retirement and become ordained, which happened in 2008. I spent four years working as a curate at our church in London but increasingly felt that I should move on. So Joan's feelings provided the impetus to pursue the possibilities.

I felt that I still had some years to go working as a priest in some way. In fact, soon after I started thinking about being ordained, a verse from the Bible about still bringing forth fruit in old age made a great impact on me. Together we made a 'wishlist' of where we would like to move to. This included being closer geographically to my brother and Joan's sister and their families (we were not able to have children ourselves), nice countryside suitable for walking and, most of all, somewhere we felt God wanted us to be.

The Shropshire Hills area ticked all those boxes and, after a visit there to have a look around, we felt a sort of green light to continue our search. We realised that the locality was in the Diocese of Hereford so wrote to the Bishop asking for a chance to chat with him to help us know the way ahead. He discussed various possibilities in Shropshire but, after some reflection, he said 'I see you in South Wye'. He then told us a bit about South Wye, especially the parish of St Martins with its problems. We looked at each other and as a Ghanaian friend of ours would say 'We pulled our inward faces'. So, what happened next? Wait for next time's exciting episode!

**'Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him and He will act' Psalm 37 v 5**

### Wendy McKie writes:

I look forward to January each year – not because Christmas is over, thank goodness, or that we can now get out the toboggans – but - because the Sevilles are on the shelves and I can restock my shelves with MARMALADE.

There is nothing quite like the taste of a jar of homemade Seville marmalade – unless you purchase a jar from the WI stall of course! The bitter Seville oranges, citrus aurantium, are around for a brief winter season. They have been used in traditional Chinese medicine to treat nausea, indigestion and constipation. The crushed fruit and macerated leaves will lather when mixed with water and is used as a soap substitute in the Pacific Islands. The peel when dried and concentrated contains a chemical similar to ephedra and has been used in many modern weight loss products.

If you cannot be doing with the phaff of making your own then try using marmalade as one of your cooking ingredients to add some extra winter zing.

A tablespoon to your bowl of porridge or muesli, added to apple pie instead of sugar or to a plain scone mix. Use as a glaze for a fruit cake whilst hot from the oven or instead of jam in a Queen's pud.

Marmalade also sharpens a pork chop when used as a glaze towards the end of cooking, mixed with mustard and spread over a ham joint before baking and added to a sweet and sour chicken dish for extra flavour.

Added to ice cream with stem ginger, Greek yogurt or added to microwaved apricots.

Even better on a slice of toast with a cup of tea!



## VARIETY

### DINEDOR COMMUNITY CHOIR



"VARIETY is the spice of life ... So come and grab yourself some spice! Shortly, Variety will reassemble after its Christmas singing exertions. The latter included a very enjoyable day singing in two retirement homes with a pub lunch in between. We were able to engage with the residents and cheer some up for whom Christmas is sad and lonely. We sang their requests, which even included an off the cuff performance of 'Singing in the Rain,' with the umbrella kindly produced by Peter Houghton. There were also performances at Holme Lacy village hall, Ballingham church and at St Andrew's, Dinedor. All in all a very busy time!

This **IS** the time for you to come and join us. If you are a shower or bath singer, Variety is just the place for you to show off your vocal talents. We won't ask you to face any sort of audition but it is essential that you enjoy very tasty biscuits when we break for a cup of tea! We welcome folk who don't live in the village. Spring 2017 will see us polishing up a few songs we already know, learning some new ones and looking for opportunities to perform for other people's amusement, and, let's hope, enjoyment! So come and join us! Perhaps you would like just to come and try us out. We won't be offended if you decide against us. We enjoy what we do and are trying to get better at it! Tempted? Give **Nick and Tricia Austin** a ring on **01432 870730** or just turn up at a rehearsal! We look forward to seeing you!

### FRIENDS OF ROTHERWAS CHAPEL

Housekeeping afternoons will be held at the Chapel on Thursdays Jan 19, March 2 and April 6 starting at 2pm. Please let me know if you are interested in helping – or just want to know what is involved

#### Advance notice

Open Chapel Event Saturday April 8 1pm – 4pm

More details when it is known if English Heritage have opened the side door in time!

Advance notice – the AGM will be held on Monday June 19 at HARC

**Barbara Ferris 870696**

### DINEDOR ART GROUP

Dinedor Art Group continues to meet on Thursday mornings in the village hall between 10 a.m. and 12.30 This term (8 weeks) begins on February 9 and ends on March 30. The culmination of our artistic efforts will again be on show at our Summer Exhibition in June which has become a popular annual fund-raising event for the village hall.

We are very happy to welcome new members and would stress that absolutely NO experience or skill is required. The emphasis is on social enjoyment rather than artistic merit, though we do strive towards this as well! Since we do not have a tutor, the cost is very modest - generally in the range of £12-£16 per term, dependant on numbers .Come and have a "taster session" without any commitment.

**Further information from Margaret Bircher on 01432 870587**

## COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

## DINEDOR CAMP MANAGEMENT STEERING GROUP

**There is another Community Coffee Morning on Saturday February 4.**

Do come along and join us at Dinedor Village Hall from 10.30 -12 noon. Drop in at any time - you will be most welcome!

There is always a 'Swap table', an ideal way of disposing of unwanted Christmas presents or books/magazines which other people may appreciate a chance of reading. At this next coffee morning Robert Gorman will be bringing along some scrapbooks to display which contain lots of memorabilia and archived information of past church and village events for you to peruse.

This is a chance to chat together in an informal setting and maybe meeting 'neighbours' you have never spoken to before!  
Coffee/ Tea and delicious cakes will be available during the morning and any donations will go to the village hall.



The date of the following coffee morning will be **April 1.**

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

The Steering group, which is a sub group of the Parish Council, held its third meeting on January 5.

The main activities since the previous meeting were that a number of aerial photographs of the Camp and surrounding area were taken by drone just before Christmas. These pictures, combined with a number of ground level photographs, will provide us with a base line record for the future so that any work we undertake can be compared with the starting point at the present time.

On January 4 a site meeting was held with Ms Imogen Sambrook, area representative of Historic England supported by Tim Hoverd, Herefordshire county archaeologist. We walked the site and discussed our plans for scrub clearance and opening up the views on the sides of the hillfort. We also discussed wildlife impacts, protecting the archaeology and various options for funding. Because the site has not been well maintained it is likely to be put on HE's 'at risk' register. This will enable us to get their support for our future improvements and ensure that the environment is better protected in future.

The steering group also discussed signage to advise visitors about the importance of protecting the Camp and that horse riding, fire lighting, bike riding etc. should not be carried out.

We will now be setting out a detailed work plan for the future months and years and will investigate sources of funding to enable this to happen.

**Ian Stead - Chairman**

## DINEDOR VILLAGE HALL

### Management Committee

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

Now the Christmas festivities have passed it's time to turn our thoughts again to Village Hall matters. As you know, last autumn a new central heating boiler was fitted with the help of a grant from Severn Waste Environmental Fund. This year our efforts will be concentrated on securing grants for the extension project to provide improved storage facilities. This will be of benefit in so many ways...not least to those who have to climb the ladder to get chairs out of the loft for our various functions! This is becoming an issue...we're not getting any younger! As always, grant providers like to have evidence of support so if anybody would write a letter supporting the project or donate some of the proceeds of a fund raising event (no matter how small) that would be wonderful.

On the fund raising subject...our next event is the ever popular Quiz Night to be held on **Saturday March 25**. These evenings are always well attended, great fun and not to be missed! As usual, to be sure of a table, tickets can be bought before the event. There will be food provided and you bring your own bottles. Look out for the posters for further details!

Also, to be held in June, there will be the Art Group's Exhibition with Pimms and Strawberries & Cream! Another not to be missed event.

## DINEDOR AND HOLME LACY WI

Dinedor and Holme Lacy began the year with a craft class, painting and decorating plant pots with decoupage work. Members were amazed at their own achievements giving such a professional finish, thanks to Marjorie Hardwicke's guidance and instruction.

The next meeting on February 14 at 7.30 pm in Dinedor village hall is open to anyone who is interested to hear about 'Dinedors' Secret Army' from David Seeney. Husbands and partners are very welcome so please let us know if you would like to attend; a small charge will be made to go towards WI funds. There will also be light refreshments and a raffle.

Longtown Mountain Rescue is the subject for the March meeting with Len Harbottle. Members will be having a bring and buy with proceeds going to the Longtown Mountain Rescue.

In April, Collette Gray is giving a talk on the 'Lives of Pedlars and Hawkers' and Victorian Dolls, members have been invited to bring along their own dolls or photos to show.

**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), contact Wendy 01432 870582**



## CAMP VOLUNTEERING

We plan to hold regular voluntary help sessions on the first Sunday of each month to clear scrub and strim paths etc at Dinedor Camp. All abilities welcome. Further details will be given later.

**Ian Stead**



## VILLAGE WALKS

Following the December washout, I plan to start the village walks again in March. Please contact me for further details: **Ian Stead Tel: 07833 137096 or e mail me at ianstead20@hotmail.com**

## NEWS FROM ST ANDREWS

**Christmas – gone but not forgotten** - The carol service at St Andrews on December 18 was well-attended and the church was beautifully decorated as usual. We are grateful for the contribution in songs made by Variety singers and also for Mark Goodman in helping on the organ. At the end of the service a presentation was made to Robert and Gail Gorman as they will be leaving the village early in 2017. Robert has served as Churchwarden and Treasurer for over 15 years and we are extremely grateful for all that he has done.

On Christmas Day it was great to see several children with us for a family communion and, although we had no musical accompaniment, everyone had a good time remembering what Christmas is all about.

On the evening of Wednesday December 14 we held a carol service in our sister village, Holme Lacy, in their village hall. Over 30 people attended and most of the carols were chosen by the congregation. Once again Variety was a great help in singing a couple of their own pieces, and Dawn Waterfield read a couple of thought-provoking poems. It was good to meet people who had come to the 2015 event as well as some new faces.

**Future plans** - Plans are moving forward with the idea of combining the PCC with that for St David's Little Dewchurch. The date of the Annual Church Parochial Church Meeting in the spring is yet to be set but it is important that as many as possible are present to make important decisions relevant to that.

**Howdy partners!** There is a Country and Western evening to be held at Dinedor Village Hall in aid of church funds on Saturday February 11 at 7.30 p.m. - Midnight. There is live entertainment from Phil's Complete Package and a hot supper will be provided but please bring your own drinks! An opportunity to dress country and western style. Tickets are available from **Vall Cleland 870254** or **Ann Edwards 870461**.

**Confirmation service in July**- Bishop Richard is coming to St David's Little Dewchurch at 11am on Sunday July 23 for a Confirmation service. Some have already expressed a desire to be confirmed and we will be setting up ways in which they can prepare for this. If you would like to be confirmed, or if you know someone who might like to be, please let me know.

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)

**Peter Houghton**

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



### **Do you dislike driving into Hereford? Does paying parking charges annoy you!**

There is now a bus service that runs into Hereford from Foxwood Court on Rotherwas industrial estate and parking is available there for you to leave your car.

To find Foxwood Court, take the exit from the roundabout on the Straight Mile on to the Rotherwas Relief Road. Take the first exit to the right and Foxwood Court is immediately on your left,

Space does not allow us to print the timetable in this edition but the service is operated by Yeomans Canyon Travel and known as 78X. The first bus is at 8.55a.m. and runs every 30 minutes. There is no service on Saturday and Sunday.

More detailed information is available on line at [bustimes.org.uk](http://bustimes.org.uk) and search for 78X Rotherwas.

If you have already used the service and have any comments that would be helpful to know, please let the Editors know

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