



Dinedor Newsletter

March 2017

DINEDOR PARISH COUNCIL

The birds are singing and the lambs are in the fields - evidence to us all that Spring is here ! A great time of year to live in Dinedor and experience its beauty! There are lots of events to look forward to which you will be able to read about in the newsletters.

The Dinedor newsletter is published six times a year to enable you to keep up to date with Parish Council news, 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

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VILLAGE BULLETIN

After a brief stay at the Weir Garden Nursing Home, Rees Greenow from Tars Mill died on February 1 at 89 years old.

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!

LOST PROPERTY

A man's tweed cap was found on March 19 in the woods below Dinedor Hill. If it is yours please contact: **07971544889**

We are grateful to Mrs Doreen Roberts from Park Farm in pointing out the mistake in our previous issue. In the article about the bus service we stated that access to Foxwood Court was off the Rotherwas Relief Road. This is incorrect and you can only access this road by entering the industrial estate from the next roundabout towards Hereford into Netherwood Road.

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 MAY 17**

The parish council meeting for March was held on a particularly wet and cold evening, so we were pleased to have a good turnout of parishioners.

You may recall from the last newsletter that the parish council has received a request from the village hall committee for a grant towards the cost of extra storage space. It was agreed to give £2,500 from parish council reserves towards the overall cost.

Local groups can apply to the parish council for a grant and the process has been clarified for the new financial year.

Our local Herefordshire councillor was at the meeting and gave an update on developments on the land near Maes-y-Felin. The road is a hazard with run off mud and water and has been repeatedly reported to the highways authority. It was agreed to oppose a retrospective application for the unauthorised drainage work already carried out.

Dinedor Camp - The first Dinedor camp working group has had its first go at clearing the scrub to open up paths and is very pleased with the results. (See the steering group report later in this newsletter for the date of the next one).

Neighbourhood Plan - Comments have at last been received from Herefordshire Council regarding the Neighbourhood Plan. The steering group will meet in April to consider them.

The next scheduled Parish Council meeting will be on **Tuesday May 16 2017 in the village hall.**

The Parish Council AGM will commence at 7.00 pm, to be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting which is the chance to catch up with all village activities and future plans. We look forward to seeing you there.

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

DINEDOR HERITAGE GROUP

Our winter programme has now come to an end and we would like to thank all of those who supported us at our events. The talks on 'Holme Lacy House' and 'The History of Cider' were especially well attended. We will be planning our next winter programme during the coming months and if you have any suggestions please get in touch.

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

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.



www.dinedorheritagegroup.wordpress.com
Contact details: - Ian Stead on 07833137096

DRAWN TO DINEDOR - part 2 – Peter Houghton

The first part of our story concluded with the bishop telling us that he saw us in South Wye when we visited him in October 2012 to help us find out where God wanted us to be when we left London. His description of the urban bit of South Wye was not what we had dreamed of as a place to retire to!

The Bishop asked us to send him a sort of CV to help us and him focus our thoughts, so we did that. Although it was at odds with our 'dream', we couldn't get South Wye out of our minds, so we made some return visits to the area to have a look around and chat to some local people. On one of those occasions, having noted that the villages were not very 'chocolate boxy', we drove along a country road, and suddenly a beautiful view of the river Wye opened up to our left. 'This is more like it' we thought; 'It would be nice to live here'. The only snag was that it was the urban bit of South Wye that the Bishop seemed to have in mind

Then came a very pleasant surprise; one of the estate agents in the area in London where we lived came and quoted a price for selling our house! That made us think that we could probably afford to buy a small bolt hole somewhere near but more rural, like the Welsh coast, as well as somewhere in the South Wye part of the city. Then there was another surprise. We had a phone call telling us that, rather unexpectedly, a position was coming available for a 'house for duty' priest in the rural part of the South Wye area. (A 'house for duty' position means a house is made available for the priest, but no stipend is paid.) After another visit and more discussions, I decided to apply for the post, but then learnt that the diocese thought that the price being asked for the house in a village was too much. We thought we could buy somewhere anyway, so Joan began to indulge her love of surfing the web and seriously look for houses for sale in the area.

I was short listed for the job and the week before the interview, two houses came on to the market along that stretch of road where we had seen the lovely view of the river! So, while I was being interviewed on the morning of March 18 2013, Joan was having a look at those two houses.

I was offered the job, and took it. The houses Joan had seen were both attractive, but it was not until another trip down on Easter Monday that I had a chance to see them. That Easter Monday was not the most attractive spring day! We remember sitting outside a pub which was unexpectedly closed for lunch, while sleet blew around outside.

We decided to go for the larger house, the other was more attractive but on several different levels. This would not be so good for us as we got older or for older visitors. Kay and Andy who were selling it could not have been more helpful and accommodating and we quickly developed a strong friendship with them.

I had fixed the date of my licensing with the bishop, but a few hiccups with the sale of our house in London and with Kay and Andy buying another house meant that for several weeks we had to squat with them (at their invitation!).

Eventually, after a few tense days wondering if the sale of our house in London was ever going to happen, we legally moved in in late August 2013.

The rest, as they say, is history!

OUR STORK

Most of us who have enjoyed a rural upbringing are used to seeing a variety of wildlife. So we were more than a little surprised to have spotted our recent visitor who has spent most of the winter months in the fields around Dinedor Court. Yes, we have been blessed with a visit by ciconiidae (Latin for stork), who, through investigation of the identity rings on his leg, had his origins in Gdansk, Poland.



Recently, however, he had been released from a wildlife centre in Norfolk following treatment and repatriation. Due to his origins he has been given the nickname of Polski but seems to have, at last, moved on to pastures new. Thanks to Geoff and Jean Loosemore his full history makes a very interesting read - but much too long to recount here. If you would like to find out more please get in touch with me on **01432 870320**.

Chris Over

VARIETY

DINEDOR COMMUNITY CHOIR



Variety continue to meet regularly to enjoy singing together. We are grateful to Alison Holbrooke for coaching us from time to time and inspiring us to get better. Our repertoire is expanding and we trust our sound is improving too.

We are always happy to welcome new members so if you would like more information please ring **Nick and Tricia Austin** a ring on **01432 870730**

We look forward to seeing you!

FRIENDS OF ROTHERWAS CHAPEL

SPRING OPEN EVENT

At

ROTHERWAS CHAPEL

Chapel Rd Hereford HR2 6LD

Saturday April 8 2017

Doors open 1.30 to 4.30 pm

Family friendly indoor and outdoor trails
Displays inc Rotherwas Park

Light refreshments Donations to our Chair Fund
Welcome

GREAT NEWS!

Herefordshire Cultural Partnership (HCP) has been awarded £748,000 for its project called Herefordshire's a Great Place

The Great Places scheme is a separate fund from the City of Culture initiative, but is part of the belief that culture/heritage activity can make a significant contribution to the well-being and economic activity of an area. It will enable a programme of events, activities, competitions, promotion and research, for communities to work together with artists, arts and heritage organisations to celebrate and promote the things that make where they live special.

Dinedor can celebrate being part of this success as the development of our own Heritage Group was part of the evidence which gained us this recognition of our own particular culture!

Barbara Ferris

VILLAGE WALKS

Ian Stead is organising a village walk, planned for **Saturday April 22**. The walk will be a maximum of four miles over easy terrain. Please meet at the village hall at 10 a.m. If you require more information please ring Ian on **07833137096**.

GARDENER WANTED

Several people have mentioned that they need someone for the garden. If you can provide these services or if anyone has details of someone they use already please call **07971 544889** and we will be able to pass this information on.

COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

DINEDOR CAMP MANAGEMENT STEERING GROUP

There is another Community Coffee Morning on Saturday April 1.

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 books and magazines which other people may appreciate a chance of reading or you may have plants or cuttings to share as we all venture out into our gardens.



This is a really pleasant way to chat together in an informal setting and maybe meet 'neighbours' you have never spoken to before!

There are always delicious home made cakes to enjoy with a cup of tea or coffee. Any donations will go towards boosting the village hall funds.

The date of the following coffee morning will be **June 3.**

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 has been meeting monthly working on arrangements which will enable improvements to be carried out to the Camp environment. There has been some frustration and delay caused by difficulties obtaining approval from Historic England for the work we want to do. The original HE representative verbally approved our plans but then left the organisation. We have now submitted forms and are awaiting approval, however on the basis that our intended work is mainly scrub clearance and within the HE guidance, we have agreed to start some remedial work.

The first of planned monthly Community Volunteer sessions was carried out and six parishioners made a significant improvement to an overgrown area in the southwest corner of the Camp which had previously given lovely views. The group were able to clear a large area of scrub and bramble once again allowing the view to Aconbury hillfort.

Our thanks must go to the volunteers who worked very hard.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Steering Group please contact Ian Stead or Liz Kelso.



DINEDOR VILLAGE HALL

A good crowd enjoyed our latest fundraising event at the Village Hall... 'Professor Peter's Quiz Night'. The Hall continues to provide the social centre for the community and the bi-monthly coffee mornings are a great way to meet, mingle and exchange books.

The Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall will be held on **Thursday May 25 at 5.30 pm.** All will be very welcome - and of course if you would like to join us to help in any way you would be especially welcome! The next fundraiser is the Art Group's Exhibition with Pimms and Strawberries & Cream. This will be held in June, the date to be confirmed nearer the time....look out for the posters.

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

HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO BE AN EXPLORER?

Twice a month on Wednesday evenings, starting on April 5th, we are holding a series of discussions called 'Exploring Life'. These will be very informal and will consist of videos to stimulate discussion about life and what it is all about. Although the discussion starters take a Christian viewpoint, there are aspects of life and faith which we all feel need to explore more and so we invite you to join us as we do this short course. We would stress that the course would not be a 'hard sell' and we welcome a questioning attitude, taking everyone's point of view seriously. Some from Dinedor have already expressed interest in coming along so can offer lifts to anyone who would like them. If so, please contact **Chris and Julia Over 870320 or Brian and Mair Granthier 870593.**

The course will be held in the Village Hall and will start at 7:30 and finish by 9 pm. Hot drinks and a biscuit or two will be available.

Dates for the course are:- **April 5 and 19, May 3 and 17 and June 7 and 21.**

Peter and Joan Houghton

DINEDOR AND HOLME LACY WI

Three voluntary members of Longtown Mountain Rescue came to the aid of the WI in March, giving a most informative talk, presentation and demonstration. It was quite enlightening to see and hear about the various types of rescue: land, floods and air that they are equipped to handle.

In April, Collette Gray will be talking about the Lives of Pedlars and Hawkers and members are encouraged to bring along their own doll for show.

The May meeting will be for discussing the WI 2017 Resolutions, 'Alleviating Loneliness' and 'Plastic soup: Keep microplastic fibres out of our oceans.' These resolutions will then go forward to the NFWI meeting to be held in Liverpool in June.

Coffee and Cake morning

Saturday May 20 10-12

Dinedor Village Hall

Funds to go towards speakers for the 2018 WI programme

Please join us for a cuppa, a munch and a chinwag

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



VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The next planned volunteer day for Dinedor Camp is to be at 2.00 pm on Sunday April 9.

Volunteers are welcome, appropriate safe clothing and footwear must be worn, full details will be contained in posters and notices to be circulated. Ian Stead and Duncan Green have received strimmer safety training and will advise volunteers about risks and safe working.

Other activities of the group have been to investigate possible sources of grant funding and to look into management of the trees to ensure safety and a sustainable growth pattern.

Contact Ian Stead for further information
Chairman Dinedor Camp Management Steering Group
T: 07833137096

NEWS FROM ST ANDREWS

A stay of execution for the vicar!

I am pleased to report that I have accepted an offer from Bishop Richard to stay for another 12 months after I should have finished in November this year. I am even more pleased that many people have told me that they are glad that this is happening. I will have to be re-licensed by the Bishop at some stage before November 2017 and I will let you know details in due course.

Does a modelling career lie ahead for you?

Some readers of the Newsletter will have seen the cardboard model of St Andrews Church which Robert Gorman brought along to the February coffee morning. This had been constructed by Jenny Williams who lived in the village until the early 2000's and was a church warden. We have managed to obtain the original template for the model and have made copies on to thin card. These are available for those of you who fancy a bit of modelling – perhaps we can have as prize for the best one at Sports Day in July! They would also make a different sort of gift for those of you with crafty children or grandchildren. The cost is only £5 and all proceeds will go towards church funds.



Programme for the next months

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held at on Tuesday March 28 at 5.30 p.m. in St Andrew's Church. An important matter for discussion will be the proposed formation of a joint PCC with St David's Little Dewchurch.

SUNDAYS AT 9:30 am at St Andrews (unless stated otherwise)

MARCH 26 Mothering Sunday service with Holy Communion, suitable for families

APRIL 2 3 pm at Village Hall, Little Dewchurch. An informal service of praise and prayer with report of some amazing recent happenings in the church in northern India, with Les and Mary Wade.

APRIL 9 PALM SUNDAY Holy Communion

APRIL 16 EASTER SUNDAY Family Holy Communion

APRIL 30 Holy Communion

APRIL 30 3 pm at Village Hall, Little Dewchurch. A special informal service. TOPIC 'Celebrating and caring for Creation' with Prof Jonathan Reid from Bristol University.

MAY 7 11 am A service of healing at St David's Little Dewchurch

MAY 14 Holy Communion

MAY 28 Holy Communion

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 e mail me at Peter.houghton@kcl.ac.uk

Peter Houghton

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

GRUFFALO'S SPRING PICNIC

Saturday 8 April 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A spring celebration community event with the Gruffalo at Queenswood! On offer will be art and music workshops, live music, local food producers, stalls, face painting and wildlife encounters. WildPlay activities in the arboretum will include an egg hunt, woodland art and den building. Bring along your own picnic. There will also be a **SPRING BAKE OFF** competition - see the website for more details. Venue: Queenswood Country Park and Arboretum, Dinmore Hill, Nr. Leominster, Herefordshire, HR6 0PY
Cost: £3. There will be a small charge for some of the activities
Visit the Queenswood and Bodenham Lake website for the full programme, including transport details – www.queenswoodandbodenhamlake.org.

DINEDOR SPORTS

The weather is picking up and thoughts go to the great outdoors! One of the highlights of the summer is always Dinedor Sports and this year it will be held on **Saturday July 29**.



We do, however, need your help on the day and so a planning meeting will be held at the Village Hall on **Wednesday May 24 at 7.30 p.m.** This will be preceded by our AGM. If you are unable to attend but still would like to help on the day please contact our secretary **Julia Over on 870320**. Thank you!

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