

Dinedor Newsletter

September 2017

DINEDOR PARISH COUNCIL

At the Parish Council meeting on September 19, all councillors attended, with David Summers our ward councillor and 3 parishioners.

Finances. The clerk, Liz Kelso, reported that finances were predicted to the end of the year within budget.

Roads. Whilst the road improvements across Hereford, including resurfacing, were welcomed, the ward councillor was asked to feedback concerns regarding timing and the disruption for local residents who had no option but to travel by car. Councillors agreed to look at the feasibility of restoring a mirror at the junction with the main road B4399 to improve safety.

Planning Applications. As reported in our last issue, the earthworks near Maes-y-Felin are not approved. At recent discussions with Historic England and Herefordshire Council it has been agreed that enforcement action must be taken to ensure the land is restored to its original contours.

Neighbourhood Plan. The Strategic Environmental Assessment has at last been received from Herefordshire Council and the Parish Council agreed to proceed to the next stage, which is consultation with residents and relevant organisations. The steering committee is to meet on **October 3** to agree the 6 week consultation timetable; details will be posted on the website and parish notice boards. This plan is important for the future of the parish, so please do have your say.

Dinedor Camp. Really good progress is being made to bring the camp area back to condition and thanks were given to volunteers and the Community Payback Team. The next volunteer working party is on **Sunday October 8 at 2.00 pm**. All are very welcome. Historic England will not allow any disturbance to the ground, so any tributes etc [for pets] will be removed.

Please do come along to the next meeting which is on **Tuesday November 21 at 7.30 pm**. If you have an issue to raise and cannot come, please get in touch with a parish councillor. Your feedback is warmly welcomed. A copy of all newsletters and full details of council matters can be found on the website.

www.dinedorparishcouncil.org.uk

DINEDOR SPORTS

It now seems quite a while since we were experiencing the joys of Dinedor Sports 2017 on the old school field. But looking back the day was, by and large, a great success. We were pleased to see so many helpers before and after the event as well as on the day! Thank You!

Tim Howson has kindly done the maths and it seems that an overall profit of **£1,344.46** was raised, although profit is not, nor ever has been, our main driving force. Distribution of monies will be agreed at our A.G.M. next year. The weather was kind to us for most of the day and we were pleased to announce the following trophy winners:

John Cleland Memorial Trophy - Robbie Gore

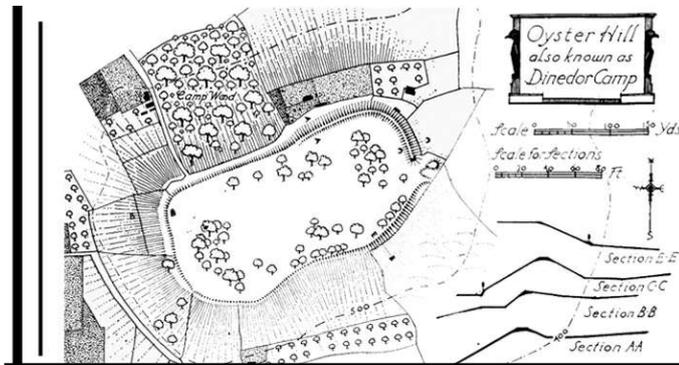
David Price Cup - Joint winners Maisie Lee & Robert Shepherd

Middleton Cup - Niamh Erwin

Ladies Cup - Jodie Goosen

Ladies Salver - Julia Over

Men's Pillow Fight - Matt Cleland



September marks the end of a long hot(!) Summer. The evenings are growing darker and more chilly and the landscape is changing. The trees on Dinedor Camp will be changing colour and shedding their leaves. Childhood memories of kicking through piles of beech leaves and strolling under the trees. Much work has been done recently to clear the ground and residents are encouraged to take a walk around up there to see the improvements and admire the views which have opened up.

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 also to our team of distributors who ensure this is delivered to your letterbox.

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.

MYSTERY OBJECT



At the bottom corner of Camp Wood near to the road is a mystery structure, can anyone cast light on it? There is a square mound with rounded corners about four metres square and 1.5 metres high with an access hole in the top. Could it be one of the lost military bunkers from the second world war or be the base of a lookout or a gun emplacement? If anyone has any knowledge of it or opinions please let lan know on **07833 137096**. Perhaps there is a future exploration project here!

THE DEADLINE FOR
THE NEXT EDITION IS
WEDNESDAY NOV 22

Since January a BBC Hereford and Worcester campaign led by **Dinedor's Nicola Goodwin** together with the ROF Rotherwas project based at the archives and resource centre on Holme Lacy Road and the Rotherwas Munitions Group have been aiming to gain national and local recognition for the thousands of people who risked their lives and health working at Rotherwas and other munitions sites across the country. A plaque and black pear tree are now in place at county hall in Worcester to mark the workers at the Blackpole Munitions and, earlier this year, Herefordshire Council voted unanimously in favour of having a plaque or statue installed to mark the workers of Rotherwas. There will be some exciting news about that being announced in January and how we can all get involved. Nicola can bring us up to date with how the campaign is progressing:

On August 6 thousands of people at the Herefordshire Country Fair watched as 34 former munitions workers from Rotherwas were presented with a special badge to recognise the sacrifices they made during the Second World War. The crowd heard the stories of how many of them had been affected by the chemicals they worked with; suffering long-term health complaints due to toxic jaundice poisoning from TNT and the staining of their hair, skin and teeth after working with picric acid. It was this that led to the nickname the Canary Girls. It was a very moving experience and we are so grateful to BAE Systems who provided the enamel badges and to the county's First World War Committee who helped to organise the service complete with pipers, a bugler and the county's dignitaries. We were delighted that so many former workers travelled so far to be with us and share their stories. Since then we have also been contacted by another dozen former Rotherwas workers and we will be holding another badge presentation ceremony early in 2018.

In July, BBC H & W together with the South Wye Team Ministry held a ceremony at Rotherwas to honour the workers who were killed there on July 27 1942. After many hours of research I have found the names of 19 people who were killed and 26 who were injured but there are many, many people who were killed inside the factory whose names are still not known. Chris Over from Dinedor read a moving tribute to Ken Hursey, the only survivor from his family, and Elizabeth Semper O'Keefe from HARC read the following extract from the diary of Ruth Bourne:

"It was a misty morning. At 6 am we all heard planes about and the sound of the engines sounded like the enemy plane or planes – then suddenly the sirens wailed with this weird and fearful sound. A few minutes later a terrific rushing noise low down and close to this house – then a great explosion – 2 explosions.... We all felt that some terrible calamity had befallen the factory. Sure enough the death rate kept mounting up, in many cases some helpers were taken to hospital. Several people were buried under the debris. The inspector and his wife and children were killed – the boy sleeping in the garden escaped. The names of the dead were posted outside the Town Hall – it is a great shock for Hereford who has hitherto imagined the town and locality to be a fairly safe area. Everyone felt nervy and shattered. The danger is very close to us"

Flowers were also laid on the graves of former munitions workers at St Peter's Church in Bullinghope and on the unmarked mass grave where the remains of the bombing victims were buried. The South Wye Team Ministry are keen to mark this grave in the future and make sure that these people are not forgotten.

Our campaign continues and in October I shall be escorting a group of former munitions workers from both Rotherwas and Swynnerton in Staffordshire to meet the Prime Minister at Downing Street. We have also been invited to take part in the Remembrance Sunday Parade in London; a great honour. Together with the team at HARC we hope that the Government will release the documents for all of the munitions sites so that we can learn more about the men and women who worked at Rotherwas and other ROF sites and pay tribute to them.

I would love to hear from anybody who has any information about the munitions factory at Rotherwas or anybody who worked there.



Please get in touch – nicola.goodwin@bbc.co.uk 07711 348849

FRIENDS OF ROTHERWAS CHAPEL

The number of visitors on the Heritage Day Opening was quality rather than quantity. Committee members made lavender bags to add to their welcome as English Heritage have suggested this might deter the flies from invading this Autumn!

Advance Notice.

Words and Music Event Epiphany, Sat. January 6

VARIETY

DINEDOR COMMUNITY CHOIR

Variety has returned from its summer break and is already practising with Christmas in mind.

"Singing has physical benefits because it is an aerobic activity that increases oxygenation in the blood stream and exercises major muscle groups in the upper body, even when sitting. Singing has psychological benefits because of its normally positive effect in reducing stress levels through the action of the endocrine system which is linked to our sense of emotional well-being. Psychological benefits are also evident when people sing together as well as alone because of the increased sense of community, belonging and shared endeavour."

So if you enjoy it why not come along to our next practice .



Details are available from
Nick and Tricia Austin on
01432 870730

VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

Saturday October 7 2017

Any time between 10.30 am and noon.

Another opportunity to meet with friends and neighbours! Do join us for our next village coffee morning, you will be most welcome!

Enjoy home baked cakes and a chance to relax and chat.

Bring along anything you have to spare:- fruit, preserves, books, magazines - what you don't need someone else may be delighted to have!



We are happy to give you a lift, so contact Suzanne (870170) or Mair (870593) if we can help you.



FOOTPRINTS MESSY PLAY

Footprints Messy Play will no longer be running. A big thank you to all who supported and regularly attended.

Jemma Cleland



DINEDOR AND HOLME LACY WI

The National Federation of Women's Institutes applied for a coat of arms to mark its Diamond Jubilee in 1975.

Green was chosen as the basic colour for the shield, to represent the country. The Bar Dancetty and the Pallet are ancient heraldic

charges which happily form the letters WI. The pierced suns are a pun on Lady Denman's maiden name of Pearson and also they are symbols of life and vitality. The lion in the crest is quartered in the Welsh colours and may be taken to represent England and Wales. Lions are traditionally associated with courage and determination. The lion holds a distaff – the longstanding symbol of womanhood. The heron supporters were thought to be elegant symbols of the countryside and are associated with all the elements, as they fish in the water, nest on the land and fly in the air. These herons stand among reeds.

Robin Thorndyke treated Dinedor and Holme Lacy WI to a tour of Breinton one hundred years ago, through the eyes of the young artist, Brian Hatton (1878-1916), bringing us up to date with his own pictures of the same view through his camera lens.

In October, members will have the chance to make their own poppy for Remembrance day when Tim Howson joins us to talk about 'The Poppy Factory'

The WI Annual Meeting will be held in November when we shall be voting in a new committee and President

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



HEREFORDSHIRE RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION

Please support Elliot Evans and who is entering the Cardiff Half Marathon on **October 1 2017** in aid of Herefordshire RDA at Holme Lacy.

Please help him raise his target of £5,000 by making a donation by either popping into the centre or by donating on line.

<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/elliotsleapoffaith>

DINEDOR CAMP MANAGEMENT STEERING GROUP

In recent weeks some real progress had been made in clearing the scrub from the Camp. A combination of the efforts of village volunteers and community payback teams has now opened up some views on the west and south west sides which have not been seen for many years. A number of the tracks have also been cleared and widened making access much easier and also some fallen trees which were blocking tracks have been removed.

Other work going on is to develop bids for possible grants for equipment and notice boards and we are also pursuing obtaining a felling licence to allow the removal of some bigger trees which may be dangerous or crowded.



Volunteer working parties take place at 2.00 pm on the second Sunday of each month, come and join us!

Please contact Ian on 07833 137096 or Duncan on 07974 447700 for further details.

DINEDOR VILLAGE HALL

Our next fundraising event will be a music evening to be held on **Saturday November 18** where you will be entertained by the local male singing quartet '**Compost Heap**'. As many of you will remember they performed for us last year and were very much enjoyed...so much so that we've asked them back! They will be singing folk songs and shanties and are happy for people to join in if they wish. As before, people will be invited to bring their own refreshments and sit back and enjoy the evening.

To hire the Village Hall please contact the booking clerk Marlene Kitto on 870628

Celebrated naturalist Nick Baker comes to Hereford

Best known as a TV wildlife presenter on shows such as *Autumn Watch* *Unsprung*, Nick Baker, is also an author and one of the UK's foremost naturalists. ***Building a Naturalist*** represents the development of a life-long biophile. Nick will touch on subjects as broad as how keeping caterpillars in a jam jar led to working with Britain's rarest butterfly, how playing with grass-snakes helped him tackle a cobra, the similarities between badgers and a black rhino and how the most endangered species in the world is a child playing free in nature. This talk explores why this is and suggests how we go about rewilding a young generation and in doing so - save the world!

The talk will be held at the Kindle Centre in Hereford, beginning at 7.45 pm, on **Wednesday October 18**. It follows Herefordshire Wildlife Trust's Annual General Meeting which runs from 6 pm to 7 pm, though the bar will be open from 6.30 pm for those coming just for Nick's talk. Tickets cost £12 and are available through the Trust's website:

www.herefordshirewt.org/NickBaker or by calling **01432 356872**.

All funds raised during the evening will be invested in wildlife conservation and the sustainable management of traditional orchards in Herefordshire.

DINEDOR HERITAGE GROUP

Our winter programme has now been agreed and we are pleased to announce the following events.

Tuesday October 24 - A presentation by Penny Platts entitled, "Secrets of Hereford"

Tuesday November 28 - Our A.G.M. followed with a talk by David Whitehead on "Lost Gardens of Herefordshire".

Tuesday January 30 - Philip Bouchier, an archivist at HARC will discuss the activities and services of that organisation.

Tuesday February 27 - Dr Keith Ray will give a talk on Neolithic History, which will include interesting local sites.



All meetings will commence at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall and costs are: - Members £3.00 Visitors £5.00. For your interest a programme sheet is included with this newsletter.

NEWS FROM ST ANDREWS

Forthcoming Programme :

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

SEPTEMBER 24: 11:15 am Harvest Thanksgiving – followed by auction of produce then lunch in the Village Hall. Lunch tickets £8 from Jean Savage 870322 or Ann Edwards 870461

OCTOBER 8: Holy Communion

OCTOBER 22: Holy Communion

NOVEMBER 12: REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - Holy Communion including an Act of Remembrance

TWO SPECIAL SUNDAYS at St DAVID'S LITTLE DEWCHURCH

OCTOBER 29 11 a.m. What's happening in Tanzania? A special service with Bishop Michael Westall giving us an update on the links that Hereford Diocese has with two dioceses in Tanzania.

NOVEMBER 5 4 p.m. A meditative service of songs, readings, prayers and silence in the Taizé tradition.

Special Songs of Praise Celebration

It was great to see at least 60 people at our afternoon service on July 30 at St Cuthbert's, the former parish church of our sister village Holme Lacy. The peal of bells was rung to welcome everyone on a fine afternoon. Enthusiastic congregational singing was accompanied by John Eden and Mark Johnson. Variety, Dinedor's own singing group, sang four numbers and Chris Over's little poem Betty's Prayer was also enjoyed. A good afternoon concluded with great cakes and tea.

St Andrew's Churchyard

We are grateful to Bryan Edwards for his commitment and hard work in keeping the churchyard in good shape.

However, unfortunately, one of the graves was damaged recently, probably by some sort of mowing machine or strimmer. Quite understandably this has caused distress to the family in question, but enquiries have given no clue as to who did it. To reduce the risk of this happening again, would anyone wishing to use a machine in the churchyard please check first with Colin Jones 344984 or Peter Houghton 840443.

Wedding Congratulations

We don't have many weddings at St Andrews, so we congratulate Peter Eames and Anna Watts who got married there on Saturday September 9. Prebendary Jane Davies, took the service as she has family connections with the couple.

Our prayers are with Peter and Anna for much joy in their marriage.

What future for St Andrew's

I am hoping to hold a discussion with anyone interested in the future of St Andrews. Everyone whom I can think of that would be interested will be getting a letter from me shortly, but if you don't get one and would like to take part, please let me know as soon as possible and I will include you in the invitation.

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 Associate Minister South Wye Team Ministry



VILLAGE WALKS

And finally....

The vicar found a new way of keeping cool at the Dinedor Sports Day!



The second village walk took place in August and six energetic types enjoyed a lovely walk of about five miles from the village hall, over the Camp, down to Holywell Farm and back to the hall. It was a hot clear day with lovely views and as well as enjoying the walk there was plenty of interesting conversation and a chance to get to know each other better. I am about to have an operation on my knees so won't be able to lead another walk for a while but another volunteer leader would be most welcome. **Ian Stead**



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