

Dinedor Newsletter

November 2017

Winter is upon us and dark evenings mean some feel shut in and unable to see as many in our village as usual. The coffee morning is an excellent way to catch up and spend a short time together which can make such a difference. If any would like help getting to this event please get in touch.

As we head towards the festive season, we wish everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.



As all those Christmas cards come through your letter box please consider donating the used stamps to Canine Partners, an Assistance Dog Charity. The stamps will help fund a dog through Advanced Training. To give your stamps or for more information on the charity please contact **Delyth at Bodenham House, Dinedor. Tel: 07768645041**

There have been lots of new faces in Dinedor recently and it was lovely meeting some of them at the recent bonfire.

You are warmly welcomed into the village and we look forward to getting to know you. A great way to introduce yourselves would be via this newsletter as others have done before.

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.

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THE NEXT EDITION IS
FRIDAY JANUARY 18

DINEDOR PARISH COUNCIL

On a windy and wet evening last Tuesday we were delighted to welcome four residents to the meeting.

The clerk, Liz Kelso, produced the financial report, showing the expenditure to date and the expected end of year position in March 2018. Councillors considered the draft budget for 2018/19 and decided to make a final decision about the precept at the next meeting which is in January.

Even as a very small council, Dinedor will be subject to the new General Data Protection Regulations, which come in to effect next year. The clerk will advise on the essential steps we need to take at our next meeting.

Several planning matters were considered - a new build house in Prospect Lane and Herefordshire Council Travellers site consultation. It was agreed to raise no objection to these.

Councillors were pleased with the report from the Dinedor Camp Steering Group and the progress with scrub clearance. The bonfire evening had been very successful, with over 40 people. Thanks to Dinedor Outdoor Centre for supporting this.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan consultation has started, with every household receiving a copy of the newsletter. The first drop in session of the consultation was just before last Tuesday's meeting - the other one is at the next coffee morning at the Village Hall on **Saturday 2 December at 10.30 am.**

Please do come along to the next meeting which is on **Tuesday January 16 at 7.30 p.m.** when we will decide on the precept for next year and the outcome of the Neighbourhood Plan Consultation. All are warmly welcomed.

A copy of all newsletters and full details of council matters can be found on the website.

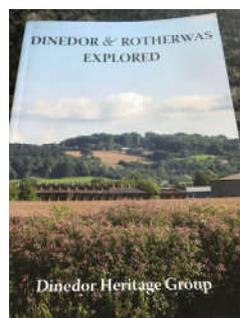
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DINEDOR HERITAGE GROUP

We have recently held our A.G.M. which was followed by a most interesting presentation by David Whitehead entitled 'Lost Gardens of Herefordshire'.

Our next event is on **Tuesday January 30 at 7.30** when Rhys Griffith will be sharing with us information from H.A.R.C (Herefordshire Archive and Records Centre)

Rhys will be taking the place of Philip Bouchier who was originally intending to join us but has now moved to a position elsewhere!



There are still a limited number of our books "Dinedor & Rotherwas Explored" available. To secure your copy, at £10.00 only, contact **Chris on 01432 870320**. A great Christmas present!

Part One - The Pain

During two weeks in October this year we visited these two countries which lie close to the equator in the centre of Africa. It's a long way! We left Birmingham airport at 06.05 and, travelling via Brussels to board a bigger plane, we arrived at Kigali International Airport Rwanda at about 20.15, having touched down at Entebbe in Uganda.

We were travelling with five longstanding friends including Sally whose first contact with this area was as an undergraduate on a gap year spent teaching in Kabale in South West Uganda. She and friends she made then, now support projects to enhance the lives of subsistence farmers who live and work around Lake Bunyonyi. Her Rwanda connection is through Pastor Philbert Kalisa who was born to Rwandan refugee parents living in Burundi where he spent his childhood. Sally met Philbert in the UK and he explained his vision to work in Rwanda to bring together the perpetrators and victims of the Rwanda Genocide in 1993 (800,000+ people killed in three months!). They have been working on this ever since and now have a large organisation carrying out various projects in this respect.



Our purpose in travelling to Rwanda and Uganda was to see some of these projects in action and also to visit a game park and see something of the two countries. The morning after our long flight we went to the Rwandan Genocide Museum, a specially built memorial museum and gardens in Kigali, the Rwanda capital. The museum has a number of rooms mainly showing photographs of the events of those three months and these photographs do not back off telling the truth of the horrors and we all emerged

somewhat sombre. The grounds contain a number of large anonymous tombs as well as lecture rooms where, typically, school children are introduced to this awful episode.

For the rest of that day and the next we visited communities in rural Rwanda where these reconciliation projects were taking place. We witnessed a ceremony at which a small house built by volunteer genocide perpetrators was handed to a young man and his mother in the presence of the man who killed his father. The volunteer perpetrators were hunched and drawn and were very humble and guilt ridden. We attended the end of a course at which victims and perpetrators underwent a process through which the one sought to forgive the perpetrators who in turn were encouraged to relieve themselves of their guilt. We heard people standing up and talking of the traumas they had undergone and how the course had helped them. On both occasions, perhaps surprisingly to us, there was some of that wonderful African harmony singing and some dancing.

Then we travelled to Uganda where we joined the last morning of a marriage enhancement course. The topics covered included family planning, taking responsibility in the marriage, household finances, and child rearing. Again course participants stood up and talked about what benefits they thought they would gain from the course. We were also shown examples of rabbit and mushroom production in sheds, both of which take up small areas of the farmers' very small acreage, but which can generate much needed added income for the household. We looked on as course participants were given their attendance certificates and were then entertained by men and women performing authentic Ugandan songs and dances.

Contact with these projects and their participants raised with us moral questions about the distribution of wealth and the inability of the great economic powers in the world to help these countries without self-interest or high levels of profit!

Space doesn't allow for any more at this point but we will continue with part two in the next edition. However if you can't wait that long we would be pleased to share our experiences and photos with anyone interested or indeed if they would like to visit

Nick and Tricia Austin

**FRIENDS OF
ROTHERWAS CHAPEL**

rotherwaschapel@gmail.com



**TWELFTH NIGHT
CELEBRATION
'KINGS & THINGS'**

at Rotherwas Chapel, Hereford HR2 6LD

Saturday 6 January 2018 2-3pm

All welcome - bring your own chairs
Donations to the 'chair fund'

VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

Saturday December 2 2017

Any time between 10.30 am and noon.

Another occasion to meet with friends and neighbours and at this event copies of the draft Dinedor Neighbourhood Plan will be available and there will be opportunity to ask questions about the plan.

Do join us - you will be very welcome.

Why not search out your old (complete!) jigsaw puzzles and board games to put on our swap table. Someone else may well enjoy what you no longer need.

Coffee/tea and home made cakes as well as a relaxing time chatting with friends and neighbours may well set you up for the next few busy weeks leading up to Christmas.



Everyone is welcome - we look forward to seeing you.

We are happy to give you a lift, so contact Suzanne (873170) or Mair (870593) if we can help you.



DINEDOR AND HOLME LACY WI

The Annual Meeting of Dinedor and Holme Lacy WI was held in November, rounding up a year of creative, interesting and varied meetings.

The Committee and President stood down leaving a healthy balance on the books to

provide a programme of events for 2018.

The new Committee were re-elected, to be headed by the President, Mrs Ann Edwards who also co-ordinated the 2018 programme. The Great Dinedor Bake Off was sampled and judged by all, the winning entries being Oriel Coburn, Maureen Joynt and Marjorie Hardwicke.

Points will go towards the WI teacup that is awarded at the Christmas lunch, to be held at The Pilgrim on 19 December.

The first meeting of the New Year will be on January 9, a Floral Fantasia, just the ticket to escape on a wintry evening.

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.**

Annual membership subscription of £44 includes speakers and WI Life magazine plus monthly Federation newsletter

DINEDOR CAMP STEERING GROUP

Work is continuing clearing scrub and opening up the views with the help of village working parties and the community payback teams. It is now possible to see the Black Mountains and Aconbury hill clearly after the accumulated work of the past few months.

Village volunteer groups continue to work on the afternoon of the second Sunday of the month, all are very welcome.



The Steering Group is researching equipment needed and prices with a view to putting in a bid for grant funding. A tree felling licence is also being applied for to allow some larger trees which may be dangerous to be removed.

A bonfire celebrating the first year of steering group activity was also planned (see separate report)

Ian Stead

DINEDOR VILLAGE HALL

By popular demand, Compost Heap performed again at the Village Hall on Saturday November 18, and again, were a great success, everyone saying how much they enjoyed the evening.

Good news! We are very pleased to be able to tell you that we have been successful in our application for a lottery grant to help build the extension and Awards for All have generously given us £10,000. Although we had already secured some monies this is a huge boost to the project and also means that we are now able to approach funders who require us to have already raised 50% of the costs.

As many of you visiting the hall will have noticed, there has been some ground work being done in the car park. This is a section of the footings for the extension which was started to preserve the planning permission. It is hoped that the main building work will commence in the new year when we have secured further funds. As we now have nearly 70% of the money needed we are very optimistic that we will be successful in raising the balance needed.

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

VARIETY

DINEDOR COMMUNITY CHOIR

Variety is in full swing practising for Christmas! We will be singing at Charles Court and Holmer Court Nursing Homes, together with events in Ballingham, Holme Lacy and at our own carol service in Dinedor.

We will be singing a variety of traditional and more modern carols and some old Christmas favourites like Winter Wonderland, White Christmas and Mary's Boy Child for folk to join in with.



Details are available from **Nick and Tricia Austin on 01432 870730**

BONFIRE NIGHT

To celebrate a year of the existence of the Camp Steering Group it was decided to have a community bonfire at the outdoor centre on Saturday November 4. The event was a great success!

It was a cold clear moonlit night and about forty people attended plus uncountable children. There were a number of young new arrivals to the Parish who were very welcome and got the chance to be introduced to the longer term residents.

Many thanks to Andy and Hazel Preedy for allowing the use of the outdoor centre and for the work they put in, also big thanks to Duncan Green who was in charge of the bonfire which he managed with no mishaps. The warmth of the fire was appreciated when the temperature dropped as the evening wore on.

A big bonus of the evening was a perfect view of the Hereford Race course fireworks display! Here's to next year...



Harvest Celebration

A good number of people turned up on 24 September to celebrate harvest. There was the usual colourful display of fruit, veg, flowers and produce. This was auctioned afterwards and made at least £140. The offering at the service was in aid of the Hereford Food Bank and the Tanzanian ordinand whom we support.

Lunch in the Village Hall was a superb spread of cold meats, salads and naughty-but-nice homemade puddings.

Thanks to Jean Savage, Ann Edwards, Val Cleland, Wendy and Bill McKie and everyone else who helped put on such a great occasion.

Christmas - the Christmas Carol Service will be held at St. Andrews on Sunday December 17 at 6 p.m.

St Andrew's – the way forward

Twelve people met with Joan and I on October 29 to share ideas about how to increase attendance at St Andrew's and ways in which we can engage with the village in a greater way. There was some good and lively discussion and several useful and interesting points were made. I have prepared a summary of these and proposals to take things forward such as :-

- * Continuing the 9:30 Holy Communion Service on 2nd and 4th Sundays in the month
- * Having members of the congregation read lessons
- * Having coffee afterwards
- * Holding a shorter service at a different time, e.g. 4pm about every other month, suitable for with families and using multimedia for hymns and songs, telling stories and other things.

This document is available to anyone interested. Please contact me by phone 840443 or email peter.houghton@kcl.ac.uk

I welcome comments and any other ideas people might have. Let's pray that 2018 is a good year for St Andrew's!



The bad news - Peter's licence to practice as a priest in the parish expired on November 11– but he has not been arrested by the diocesan equivalent of the police because...

The good news - As reported earlier this year Peter accepted an offer from Bishop Richard to stay as priest for another year. His new licence, backdated appropriately will be issued to him in a special short service in the Chapel at the Bishop's Palace at 12 noon on Thursday 7 December. Please let Peter know if you would like to attend by **November 30** at the latest.

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

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

Wildlife Watch Club: Christmas Crafts Sunday Dec 3 12.30-2.30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS! Using natural materials - and just a little bit of glitter!

Wildlife Watch is Herefordshire Wildlife Trust's monthly nature club for young enthusiasts who are aged 7 to 14 years, and usually meets on the first Sunday of every month.

Venue: Queenswood Country Park and Arboretum, Dinmore Hill, Nr Leominster, Herefordshire, HR6 0PY

Cost: £2 per child

Booking: Book your place online at www.queenswoodandbodenhamlake.org/wildlifewatch or call 01432 356872



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