



Dinedor Newsletter

May 2018

DINEDOR PARISH COUNCIL

At last! Winter has finally ended and Dinedor has been transformed! We have all appreciated the clear blue skies and lush greenery and nature is slowly catching up after such a slow start to Spring! The road through the village is no longer running with water and the muddy verges and ditches are finally drying up.

VILLAGE WALKS

Wye,Wye,Wye we wandered!

Six energetic types enjoyed a lovely walk from Rotherwas to the Sustrans bridge then all along the river back to Sink Green, about three miles in total. The river and meadows looked beautiful and we saw a good variety of wild birds and flowers. The next walk will be on Saturday June 16, meeting at the village hall for a 10 am set off. If you are interested please let me know on ianstead20@hotmail.com or 873170.



On May 15 we held the Annual Parish Meeting with a good turnout and people able to ask questions and put forward their views. The parish council chairman, Duncan Green, gave an update on the year. The website and the village newsletter are proving to be popular and thanks were given to all those involved, not forgetting the village newsletter distributors who do a grand job.

He also gave thanks to all those involved in the maintenance of Dinedor Camp which has been vastly improved in the last year, since the transfer of ownership to the parish. Views have been opened up and it is now possible, once again, to see May Hill. Clearance work and any tree felling is being sensitively undertaken to ensure birds and wildlife are not disturbed. A member of the audience asked for his thanks to all the volunteers who have done such a good job be recorded.

There was a summary of the progress on the Neighbourhood Development Plan. The Section 14 consultation was undertaken last year and it is hoped to have the plan ready for the local referendum by the end of this year. It is a slow process but the parish council are keen to have as much local involvement as possible and are very pleased at the interest shown by local people.

David Summers, Herefordshire Councillor, gave a summary of the new cycle path proposed for Rotherwas and various other matters.

The annual meeting was followed by the parish council meeting. At this time of the year, the council has to elect a chair, vice chair and various other officers. Duncan Green was voted in as chairman for another year, Suzanne Penny as vice chair, Julia Over as village hall representative. Duncan Green also agreed to continue as footpath officer.

This is usually the meeting when the councillors sign off the parish council accounts, but this year there will be a special meeting in June to do this, as the accounts had not been received back from the auditors in time for the meeting. As an organisation with a small income, councillors could decide not to subject accounts to external audit. However, councillors decided to continue to do this so that parishioners could be assured that all council dealings are transparent and subject to scrutiny.

It was reported at the March council meeting that the Outdoor Centre had given notice that it wished to quit its tenancy. However, this notice has now been withdrawn, so councillors considered the request from the Outdoor Centre for a grant towards maintenance and development of the buildings. It was agreed that two councillors would request a meeting with the Outdoor Centre trustees to agree how best the council and the Centre can work together, including the grant application, lease and insurance arrangements

There were no planning applications to be considered. Councillors noted that Herefordshire Council had served an enforcement notice concerning a building change of use without permission.

A small working party has been set up to look at the implications and issues raised under the new Data Protection Regulations.

An extra parish council meeting will be held in June (date to be agreed) to sign off the accounts and other matters.

THE BIG LUNCH 2018

The Big Lunch is the UK's biggest annual get together for neighbours. It's a simple idea from the Eden Project: that as many people as possible across the UK have lunch with their neighbours annually on a Sunday in a simple act of community, friendship and fun.

Sunday July 15 at Suzanne and Ian's

house, The Laurels, Dinedor Hill, HR2 6PD. We will provide some food and drink and BBQ facilities. You bring some food and drink to share, maybe chairs and cutlery. We will start about 12.30 pm. Contact details for further information: **01432 873170 or 07833 137096 ALL WELCOME!**

The cost of producing the newsletter is borne by the Parish Council but if you are a local business and would like to advertise in future editions, the rates are very reasonable at £20 for the year and would help to offset the production costs. Please contact us via the details on the back page.

The regular July meeting of the parish council will be on Tuesday July 17 at 7.30 pm in the village hall. Please do come along if you would like to raise any topic, or do contact one of your parish councillors. We welcome your involvement and feedback. All details are on the website Dinedorparishcouncil.org.uk

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THE NEXT EDITION IS
FRI JUL 20



There were quizzes, songs and frolics on two occasions in April and May when Dinedor residents young and old, new and past, came to the village hall bringing and sharing sarnies, scones and cakes. Much fun was had by all and a request to do it all again next year!

A special tribute must go to Margaret Bircher for her inspirational song about Dinedor. Variety performed this on both occasions but if you fancy learning it, the words are printed below!



Tune: The British Grenadier

Some talk of Hampton Bishop and some of Woolhope Dome.
Of Putson and Holme Lacy that other folk call home.
But of all these fine communities, you'll find no people kinder
Than those who live and work and play in our own dear village, Dinedor.

Oh, Dinedor's packed with history wherever you may look,
With ramparts from the Iron Age and its name in Domesday Book.
And though the Rotherwas Ribbon is sadly three feet under,
To Dinedor folk it still means more than a fifteen-minute wonder.

The social life of Dinedor is very hard to beat.
The village Hall is cosy, a perfect place to meet
For Bowls, for Art, for W.I. for Parties, Sports and Celebration
And if you're lucky, you may find Variety in operation.

From Bullinghope to Bogmarsh, from Fownhope to Sink Green.
From Ballingham to Mordiford there is no lovelier scene.
From Malvern to Black Mountains you won't need a reminder
That the one and only place to be is our own dear village, Dinedor.

RALPH & ALBERT CLELAND

Albert Cleland, a young man from Glebe Farm, Dinedor (in fact Dudley's uncle) joined the RAF and was killed in a flying accident in Africa in 1932. His obituary was put into the Order of Service for the RAF100 Service a few weeks ago in Hereford Cathedral. It illustrated the forgotten sacrifices made by real people who served in the RAF between the wars. Albert's brother, Ralph, was also in the RAF and there is some fascinating information available; not least the letter written by Ralph to his father (also Albert) at Glebe Farm telling of the visit he made in 1937 to Albert's grave in Gedaref, Sudan. Ralph tells of flying over southern Sudan looking for the place and the "the ground rose up slightly to form a knoll less than half the size of Dyndor Hill" and goes on very movingly

about the whole experience of visiting the grave shown below. Ralph died in 1947 as a result of war service in the Second World War and is buried in Dinedor churchyard



SONGS OF PRAISE SERVICE

for everyone in Holme Lacy, Dinedor, Ballingham and Little Dewchurch

On Sunday June 3 at 3.30 pm

**in the former Parish Church of St Cuthbert, Holme Lacy
followed by refreshments**

You choose the hymns!

**Send the names of your favourites by May 27 to
peter.houghton@kcl.ac.uk**

or leave a message on 01432 840443

Everyone welcome! - from any church or none

Mr Mick Cheshire of Hill View, Dinedor, has recently been in hospital and is recuperating and we have been looking after his dog, Whisky. He is a middle-aged border terrier who absolutely loves to go for a walk, but Mick is not able to take him. We would like to go away on holiday and we also have commitments with our family in June and July and we wondered if there was anyone who would like to take Whisky out for a short walk, usually somewhere over the Hill, at least once a day. Contact Bully on enidpat.bullock@gmail.com or phone **01432 870 413** if you are able to do any or all of the walks to give us a break.

FRIENDS OF ROTHERWAS CHAPEL

Working with English Heritage to care for this special chapel and open it to the public

Readings & Remembrance April 21

Our Remembrance event in April was significant, with readings from words of the time. Red poppies for soldiers from our area and yellow for munitions workers were laid on the altar as the names of those who lost their lives in WW 1 were read out.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at

**The Forge, 161 Holme Lacy Road, Hereford HR2
6DG at 6.15 pm on Monday June 18.**

The room still has traces of the old manor and we will be able to see the original chapel and altar. A welcome is extended to any would like to know more about us. The meeting is efficiently short and informal, but do let us know if you would like to come as seating is limited. For more information please phone Barbara Ferris on **01432 870696**.

**Advance Notice - Mass at the Chapel will be held at
2.30 pm on 15 August, the Day of the Assumption.**

OPEN FARM SUNDAY

LEAF *Open Farm Sunday* is the farming industry's national open day. Visit a farm on **Open Farm Sunday on June 10 2018** and discover the world of farming. The Greenow family are participating again in this event this year and Dinedor Cross Farm is open on this day from 11 am-4 pm.



Put the date in your diary. There is lots going on! Visit the animals, watch live demonstrations, join in with some craft and hopefully there will be an opportunity to buy some of the home grown pork.

There will be hot food and cakes for sale but there is also a picnic area so feel free to bring your own food and enjoy the lovely views.

VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

Is Saturday June 2 in your diary?

Between 10.30 am and 12 noon you will be most welcome to call into the Village Hall for a cup of coffee or tea, with a choice of homemade cakes too!

This provides a relaxed opportunity to chat to friends and neighbours and new people too! The more that come the better for our whole village community.

Looking forward to welcoming some new faces on 2 June!

If you have surplus plants, bring them along to put onto our swap table.

Lifts can be provided if that helps you to be included. Ring Suzanne 873170 or Mair 870593.



DINEDOR SPORTS



In the last couple of days we have held our annual A.G.M. This was followed by our planning meeting for Dinedor Sports 2018. The event will be held on **Saturday July 28** in the school field by courtesy of the Cleland Family. At our A.G.M. we agreed, once again, to make donations to several local charities. The total of these gifts amounted to £1,000.00 and full details will be displayed at the Sports. Your help and support on the day is essential and we appreciate the many offers of help that have been forthcoming. Further details from **Chris on 01432 870320**. Thank you!

SKY DIVE

Dudley and Vall Cleland, together with Vall's sister, are doing a sky dive and raising funds for the Birmingham QE Hospital and Midland Air Ambulance, two charities that they have benefited from as a family.

This will take place at Shobdon on **June 7 2018**.

Please visit their fundraising page to support them or see Vall to donate directly.



<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/VallCleland>

HEREFORDSHIRE WALKING FESTIVAL

Herefordshire Walking Festival takes place from June 16-24.

On **Saturday June 16** Chris Over will be leading a walk around



Rotherwas looking at the Munitions Factory and also exploring Rotherwas Estate and the Bodenham Family. On **Sunday June 24** Ian Stead will head up a walk covering much of the locality. Booking is essential and details can be found on:

walking@walkingfestival.com

SUMMER ART EXHIBITION

Dinedor Art Group's popular Summer Exhibition will be held in the Village Hall on **Sunday June 24** from 2.30 to 5.30. Come and bring your friends and enjoy a glass of Pimms, a bowl of strawberries and cream (included in the entry price) and the chance to view/purchase original works of art by local artists. This year there will be an additional feature of a BARGAIN BOX with "Sale" items at ludicrously low prices – your chance to pick up a masterpiece for under a tenner! All proceeds from this box will be donated to Village Hall funds as well as 10% of other sales. Entry is £5 for Adults and £3 for children. We look forward to welcoming you. Further information is available from **Margaret Bircher 01432 870587**



DINEDOR WI

Members have been busy creating clay pots that were fired and glazed by Erica Pinney, short poems about eyes and boxed, hand decorated greetings cards to send.

In July our speaker, Pam Singer will be telling us about 'The Mysterious Forest' and in August members will be visiting a members garden.

Dum de dumm de dumm de dumm, yes Paul Broderick will be telling us about writing an everyday story for The Archers, in September. Open to all, non members £3, please let us know if you would like to attend so that we don't run out of tea and cakes!

For further information about the WI meetings that are held in Dinedor Village Hall on the second Tuesday of each month at 730pm, (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 has continued to clear scrub and sapling growth from the perimeter of the Camp and to clear the footpaths within the hillfort. Many thanks to the stalwart village volunteers who turn up in all weathers to improve the appearance of the area, we even enjoy it! There is now a lovely view of May Hill, another Iron Age hillfort, between Ross and Gloucester. Also the community payback teams continue with similar work and have done a great job clearing the scrub from the embankment at the side of the road near the parking area, thanks to them. The work we currently carry out is restricted by the need to ensure that nesting birds and wildlife are not disturbed so we will now be concentrating more on keeping down re-growth in areas previously cleared.

We continue with our efforts to raise funds for equipment, this is slow and frustrating, but we are sure we will eventually succeed in raising funds. Thanks to all the committee for their hard work.

The next volunteer day is Sunday June 10. Contact Ian Stead on **01432 873170 or 07833 137096** for more information.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

We had an encouraging turnout on April 18 and elected a new PCC. We have 53 people on the Electoral Roll. If you would like to be included please contact Joyce Nicholls 01432 356240 or email joycenicholls@sky.com

The members of the new PCC are:- Peter Houghton (ex officio as local priest), Colin Jones (Churchwarden), Joyce Nicholls, Tim Howson and Bill McKie. Please bring any matters and concerns that you have about the church building and activities to us. Repairs were recently done to the roof but it seems likely that further work is needed.

New Notice Board – thanks to the Jumble Sale

For some time we have been aware (and ashamed) of the sad state of our notice board. We hope to have a new one erected within the next few weeks, helped by the funds raised (£193 plus) at the recent Jumble Sale organised by Joyce Nicholls. Special thanks to Joyce and all who helped her.

Ralph Cleland Memorial plaque

Ralph was a distinguished pilot in the RAF who commanded the RAF air support force on D-Day, operating from a warship off the coast of Normandy, and was awarded a CBE. A plaque to remember him was placed in the church near the other memorials to those who served in the two world wars on Friday May 18.



Forthcoming services and events – all at St Andrew's unless mentioned otherwise

SUNDAY May 27 9:30 a.m. Holy Communion

SUNDAY June 3 3:30 pm Songs of Praise at St Cuthbert's Holme Lacy

SUNDAY June 10 9:30 am Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY June 13 3:30- 6 pm MESSY CHURCH for families *Little Dewchurch Village Hall*

SUNDAY June 24 9:30 am Holy Communion

SUNDAY July 8 9:30 am Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY July 11 3:30- 6 pm MESSY CHURCH for families *Little Dewchurch Village Hall*

DINEDOR VILLAGE HALL

Good news! The recent fine weather has enabled our builder to make good progress and the new extension is currently at roof level with external and internal walls built. It is, therefore, timely that within the last few days we have been awarded a grant by the Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation towards construction costs which taken together with other grants that have been received or pledged provides us with the funding to complete the building.

We have also been notified by HMRC that our application for recognition as a charity for tax purposes has been successful - meaning that we can now claim gift aid. If you are a tax payer and you make a charitable donation to Dinedor Village Hall we shall now be able to reclaim 25p for each £1 you donate. Please consider doing so to help us expand the facilities available at our village hall.

The Management Committee is currently very mindful of General Data Protection Regulations and is introducing the following:

- (1) a privacy statement which will be incorporated into new Terms & Conditions for the hire of the village hall
- (2) a personal data consent form which all hirers will be required to sign
- (3) new e-mail addresses for chair, secretary, treasurer and bookings at our new domain, dinedorvillagehall.org.uk

We also expect to shortly launch a web site for the village hall.

Finally, a request to all CHUTNEY makers to put aside a jar or two of your best chutney for our Cheese & Chutney evening in late September. The evening will include a chutney competition to find Dinedor's best chutney for 2018, a quiz, and a cheese and chutney supper. We hope you will want to come!

HOLME LACY EVENTS

There is just enough space left to mention the increasing social life in Holme Lacy.....their quiz evening in April was a huge success and over 80 people came including two teams from Dinedor!

Their next event is on **June 9** which is a Pub Social Evening. This includes food provided by Butler's high quality Fish and Chip van offering burgers and children's meals as well. Vine Tap Mobile Bar will quench your thirst and entertainment is provided by 'Patrick' - a close-up table magician. How exciting is that!

