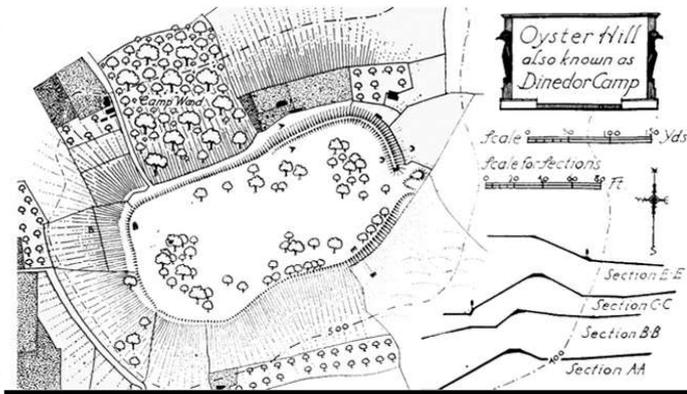


Dinedor Newsletter

MARCH 2020



CORONAVIRUS SITUATION

We are in an unprecedented situation and have never known a period such as we are all experiencing right now. Some of us may feel very worried, fearful or lonely and just need someone to talk to, to encourage us or to do something practical.

Lots of people will want to help others in their own community but its hard to be neighbourly when the advice is to keep your distance from other people and some may be self isolating.

This is the time for us all to step up in any way we can.

The numbers to ring to register a request for support or just to talk or to make yourself available as a volunteer helper are:

DUNCAN GREEN - 01432 870469 or 07974 447700, or

SUZANNE PENNY - 01432 873170 or 07971 544889

You can also contact any of the following numbers directly for support :

TIM HOWSON - 01432 870645

ALLAN SIMNETT - 01432 870666

TIM GREENOW - 01432 870580 or 07845 219175

CHRIS OVER - 01432 870320 or 07443 221846

JULIA OVER - 014312 870320 or 07814 089705

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DINEDOR PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meeting due to be held on **Tuesday March 17** was not able to proceed or take any decisions as insufficient councillors were present to meet regulations due to the Coronavirus situation.

Several councillors are now self isolating but are still available to talk to by phone or e mail.

However, the two councillors present were able to consider, informally, work that has so far been completed to improve the drainage situation within the village.

Work will not continue to be done in groups at the Camp but some individuals are managing to do some maintenance whilst exercising social distancing at the same time. Following a complaint, the old fence posts and much of the cut saplings have been cleared.

The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council is **Tuesday May 19**. In light of the current situation, please check our notice boards and the website for up to date information.

The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing the leadership and support the Parish Council can provide during the current crisis related to Coronavirus.

This newsletter, therefore, provides an initial attempt to establish and provide a support network across the village. Based on the response from residents, a further supplement to the newsletter may be issued in April, recognising that many are not connected or have the facility to communicate through social media or over the Internet.

The Parish Council recognises that the effect of this crisis on normal family and village life may be profound. It is incumbent on everybody to take the extra step to keep in touch - either by visiting, if allowable, or by checking in by phone or e mail. The Parish Council would therefore wish to assure everyone , even if they are strictly self isolating, that they are not alone.

We are mindful that many are already supporting those they know or live nearby in the village and that many acts of kindness have already happened.

The suggested vision is that we try to establish a network of support , initially 10 volunteers who have responsibility for 10 + properties.

Therefore we are sending out a call for names of volunteers within our village and parish who would be prepared to offer practical support to those who have to or may have chosen to self isolate.

Councillors Duncan Green and Suzanne Penny, (who are themselves self isolating) will act as a **central hub** and aim to connect people appropriately.

We have already established the names of some volunteers and the list of contact names and phone details are printed on the left of this page.

IMPORTANT ACTION FOR YOU TO CONSIDER

Do I need support - please ring the hub to provide information?

Can I become a named volunteer - please let us know ASAP

The impact of Coronavirus has hit the village hall with resident groups cancelling weekly meetings and planned events such as our **Quiz Night** on **May 2** being postponed.

The work of the hall management committee will continue but proposals will be considered and decisions taken by telephone or e-mail instead of meeting.

In this respect, we are still seeking to shortly change our charity status to that of a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO), and we await solicitor's advice on revisions we have proposed to our new CIO constitution. If anyone would like to read what we propose, please let me know.

We have completed our tendering for the new floor and we have selected a supplier and fitter from Kidderminster with national experience whose price and references were excellent. As discussed at "January Jackets" we shall fit a light-coloured, wood-effect, vinyl tile from the Karndean Van Gogh range in the main hall, foyer, store and extension, and this will be largely funded by grants we have received or been awarded. Before fitting the new floor we should like to decorate the walls in these rooms, and we shall welcome volunteers to undertake this work.

As we realise that in present circumstances volunteers may not wish to work with others we shall look at setting up a rota for painting with probably no more than two people working in the hall at any one time. If you are prepared to offer us your time and decoration skills, please do let me know.

We also wish, as the weather improves, to clear the undergrowth and cut back the hedging along the fence line to the left of the rear car park as this is now significantly encroaching onto the car park. Once again, we propose to do this in several very small teams to ensure that volunteers work separately, and I shall be delighted to hear from anyone happy to help.

With our village hall updated and newly decorated, we do hope that we may be able to attract new bookings both from residents and those living further away, for family occasions and possibly commercial events in our beautiful country setting. Whether it is a birthday, anniversary, or , bearing in mind the proximity of St Andrews church, a small wedding or a christening, or for business, a sales meeting or training course, I am sure we may be able to assist.

So please do spread the word and refer friends and family to our website:

www.dinedorvillagehall.org.uk

or to our bookings co-coordinator, Chris Waters, on

bookings@dinedorvillagehall.org.uk

Allan Simnett Tel. 870666 or e-mail
treasurer@dinedorvillagehall.org.uk

The Village Coffee Morning that was scheduled for **Saturday April 4** has been cancelled due to the ongoing situation with Corona Virus.

We know that we will miss meeting up in this way for the foreseeable future but look forward to renewed friendship and fun as soon as we can. Look out for future announcements in this newsletter and for posters displayed throughout the village.



Need a Pow - Wow Now?

PowWowNow Ltd provides conference calling services in the U.K. and may be a simple and very effective way in which we can all keep in touch while the Coronavirus keeps us isolated. To start a conference call is as easy as 1-2-3

1. Make a note of our call-in number:
 - From a UK Land line 0844 4 73 73 73,
 - From a UK mobile 8 73 73, and
 - Our PIN 424677
2. At the agreed time dial into the number
3. When prompted, enter the PIN 424677, and join your Dinedor friends on the call.

According to PowWowNow which you can find at www.powwownow.co.uk charges are currently as follows:

- from a UK landline 5.8p/min + VAT plus your phone company's access charge
- from a UK mobile 12.5p/min + VAT. If you cannot get through on 8 73 73 or you are on the 02 network use 98 73 73 instead.

I suggest we trial a first conference call on **Saturday April 4 at 11.00** when the bi-monthly Coffee Morning would normally take place.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to offer cake, but do sit in the comfort of your home with a hot drink and perhaps a biscuit and chat to your friends! It would help particularly for this first call to know how many are likely to call in: and I should, therefore, appreciate if you would let me know by e-mail to treasurer@dinedorvillagehall.org.uk if you will be joining us.

I will then also use your e-mail address to notify you of subsequent calls and possibly topics for discussion.

I do hope this facility may help to maintain community spirits during this difficult time and also provide a helpful link in case of need or emergency.

Allan Simnett



CORONAVIRUS - HOW CAN I HELP MYSELF AND OTHERS?

- Are you aware of the advice on how to avoid catching and spreading Coronavirus?
- Do you know what you should do if you have symptoms and are worried it might be Coronavirus?

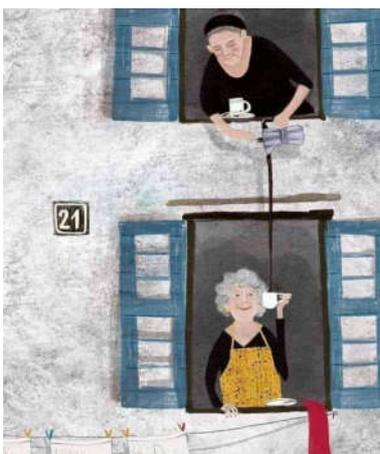
Check the following websites.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

<https://healthwatchherefordshire.co.uk/coronavirus-info/>

- People who are self isolating might need help with shopping, posting mail, or collecting medication - but it's best to leave it outside for them to collect rather than to take it into their house

- If you normally pop round for a cup of tea with a neighbour, could you have a chat over the phone instead, particularly if one of you is feeling unwell or is in a high risk category? Maybe it's a good time to learn to use video chat apps on your mobile phone?



- If you are already providing support to a neighbour, such as doing their grocery shop, have you thought about who else might be able to do it if you, yourself, become ill and have to self isolate?

- Could you set up a community Facebook group or a WhatsApp group. Dinedor can already connect socially using



- Have you signed up?
- Are there people who are likely to be particularly vulnerable to Coronavirus, for example because they have existing medical conditions, who might be reassured to know someone's keeping an eye on them and just need a friendly phone call?
- Can we support food banks by providing supplies for those who need this provision?

There are so many ways to help - please think about contacting our hub to join our band of volunteers.

We all have personal responsibility to follow the guidance, not put ourselves and others at risk and thereby save lives.



Nell Gwynn & Dinedor

Nell Gwynn was born in a respectable, but rather humble, dwelling in Pipe Lane, (now Gwynn Street), Hereford.

Her father was a smith, but she was orphaned at an early age and went to live with her grandfather at **Dinedor**. He was an old soldier who, after many years' service, had returned to Herefordshire a poor man. He had no pension, no Chelsea Hospital to fall back on, and they suffered much privation.

Nell was a pretty brunette, well known for her liveliness, humour and vivacity.

Nell Gwynn Goes to London

When her grandfather died, she went to London to seek her fortune and fell in love with a strolling comedian who became manager of the King's Theatre. At first she made some money as a flower girl, and then as an orange seller in the lobby of the theatre.



Before long, her lover introduced her to the stage and one evening King Charles II went to the theatre in order to see one of his favourite actresses perform; the lady was suddenly taken ill, and Nell went on stage in her place wearing a white pasteboard hat the size of a cart wheel!

King Charles II and Nell Gwynn

King Charles was so taken with Nell that he took her away with him that night in his own carriage and she became his favourite lover. In 1670 she gave birth to a son, but he had no title which rather irked Nell and one day when the King visited her she dangled her baby by one leg over the bannister of the stairs declaring that he was a nameless wretch. King Charles was so alarmed that he quickly exclaimed "St. Albans", and Nell was duly appeased.....so came about the first Duke of St. Albans!

Years later, the King commanded Nell to put the huge hat on once more, saying that if she did she could have anything she wanted. She put the hat on, and remembering the privations of her poor grandfather at **Dinedor**, she claimed the establishment of Chelsea Hospital. This was built and every year the hospitallers drank to the immortal memory of Nell Gwynn.

The last words of King Charles were "Don't let poor Nelly starve"; Nell died in Pall Mall in 1691.

Many years later Nell's grandson, Bishop Beauclerk planted the elm trees at the upper walk in the Castle Green, Hereford, which of course sadly no longer exist following the outbreak of Dutch elm disease several years ago.

herefordshirepast.co.uk

ST ANDREWS CHURCH

The recent poor weather has had an effect on congregation numbers and caused one service to be cancelled in late February when the electrics let us down. Thanks to Phillip Kitto who promptly responded to our plea for help and managed to carry out the necessary repairs.

Rev. Penny Littlewood continues to take our regular services on the second and fourth Sunday of the month and we are grateful to Irene and Joan for travelling to play the organ.

Jumble Sale

Pending restrictions caused by the Coronavirus, a Jumble Sale in aid of church funds is being arranged by Joyce Nicholls to take place on **Saturday May 16 at 12 noon in St Martin's Hall**. She would appreciate help on the day and welcomes items to be put into the sale. Contact Joyce at joycenicholls@sky.com.

Coronavirus

Considering the Government guidance around non-essential contact during the Coronavirus outbreak, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have issued advice that Church of England public worship is suspended throughout the country until further notice.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches>

Let us hope that this does not last too long and we will all be able to meet again in St Andrew's when it is over.



DINEDOR HERITAGE GROUP

Thank you to all those who supported us during our winter programme presentations. We have all enjoyed some very interesting and informative evenings! As last year, we are looking to arrange some excursions over the summer (Coronavirus permitting) and would welcome any suggestions for destinations to visit.

Our contact is Ian Stead on ianstead20@hotmail.com or 07833 137096



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Unwind... Relax... Enjoy...

DINEDOR VOICES

It is with some sadness that Dinedor Voices will be disbanding for the foreseeable future. Thanks go to Nick and Tricia Austin for all their efforts over the past years - there is still enthusiasm to continue in some form so if anyone would like to take on leading this group, please let the Editors know and we will make contact on your behalf.



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All editions of the newsletter are available (in colour) on the website www.dinedorparishcouncil.org.uk

A printed black and white copy is delivered to all properties in the parish and we are grateful to our team of distributors for being willing to do this.

Finally, if you have any item of interest that you would like to share in future editions or any new interesting ideas, the Editors would love to hear from you.

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