



Dinedor Newsletter

March 2018

Since the last newsletter we have endured the #beastfromtheeast and #snowmageddon!



Dinedor patiently waits for Spring although the lambs in our surrounding fields and the first few daffodils are signs that new life is just around the corner!



We are grateful to Allan Simnett for the snowy scene of

Dinedor Hill and to Ian Stead for his photo of the barn owl he came across on the road through the village! Although these do not always show up well in the paper version of the newsletter, all copies of the newsletter are available on the Parish Council website - in colour, together with fuller details of all parish council matters.

www.dinedorparishcouncil.org.uk

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.

VILLAGE WALKS

Now that the weather hopefully is improving I will start the village walks again. The first will be on **Thursday May 17** and we will meet at the Village Hall at 10.00 am. This will be a linear walk along the river so car shares will be necessary; a shorter version will also be provided. If you are interested please let me know on ianstead20@hotmail.com or 873170. The following walk will be on **Saturday June 16** Details will be announced later.

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THE NEXT EDITION IS
FRI MAY 18

DINEDOR PARISH COUNCIL

At our meeting on March 20, all councillors were present together with seven members of the public which is very encouraging.

The Village Hall committee is planning to create a website for the village hall. Councillors welcomed this, particularly as it is hoped that it will eventually provide links to other local organisations, including the Parish Council.

Concerns were raised again about the poor state of the road through the village leading up to the Glebe Barn which floods regularly, particularly at this time of the year. The clerk will raise this again with Balfour Beatty.

There were no new planning applications to be considered. Two previous applications at The Oaks, including land previously used for fairground storage, and on land at Offa's Dene in Prospect Lane have now been agreed by Herefordshire Council. The conditions upon the permissions were noted. It appears that Herefordshire Council has still not pursued the enforcement notice for unauthorised alterations to land near Maes-y-Felin. In the absence of Councillor David Summers the clerk was asked to write once again to the Council.

The report from the Camp Steering Group outlined the good progress in clearing the brush which has been done by local volunteers and the community payback team. Everyone was thanked for their input. It was agreed that a small budget be allocated for use as necessary for equipment hire.

You will have read in our last newsletter that councillors decided on no increase to the precept for 2018/19. The precept is collected by Hereford Council through the community charge and is then passed to the parish council. As there has been a small increase in the number of houses in the parish, the precept will actually be reduced, albeit by the very small amount of 0.49%. Spending for the current financial year is on budget.

A letter has been received from the Herefordshire Outdoor Trust giving notice of its intention to end its lease of the Dinedor Outdoor Centre. The chair and the clerk are arranging to meet the trustees to discuss.

The neighbourhood plan steering group reported that it had now looked in detail at the responses to the Section 14 consultation which took place at the end of last year. Councillors agreed with the steering group's proposed changes to the plan and to an informal feedback session at the coffee morning on April 7. The steering group which is made up of volunteers and two parish councillors were thanked for their efforts and their persistence with this long process. (See page 3 for details)

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on **Tuesday May 15 at 7 pm** and is a meeting of residents within the parish. This is an opportunity for you to raise matters of concern or perhaps celebrate success. If you would like something on the agenda for this meeting, please contact the Clerk no later than **April 30** on **07977675456**, by e mail to dinedorparishcouncil@gmail.com or by post to **5, Deerhurst Drive, Belmont, Hereford HR2 7XX** or speak to one of your councillors. The next parish council meeting will follow at 7.30 where there is another opportunity for the public to ask questions. You are very welcome to attend and we look forward to seeing you.

From Tim Howson:

Until April 29, Hereford Cathedral is hosting Poppies: **Weeping Window**, offering local people an amazing opportunity to experience this sculpture.

Poppies: **Weeping Window** is a cascade comprising several thousand handmade ceramic poppies seen pouring from a high window of the Cathedral to the ground below. The sculpture by artist Paul Cummins and designer Tom Piper is one of two touring as part of 14-18 NOW, the UK's arts programme for the First World War centenary. They formed part of the iconic installation 'Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red' at the Tower of London in 2014, and were visited by over five-million people.

The beautiful historic façade of Hereford Cathedral will provide a stunning backdrop for Poppies: **Weeping Window**. The sculpture is adjacent to the North Door: there is no admission fee, and it will be open from 10 am to 6 pm every day.



There will be other events and displays in the Cathedral and elsewhere in the city at the same time on the theme of "Home Front", which recognise the contribution made by the people of Herefordshire during World War One - "Ordinary people in Extraordinary times".

More details at www.herefordcathedral2018.org – or just go along between 10am and 6pm any day between now and Sunday 29 April.

REMEMBERING THE HOME FRONT

Rotherwas Chapel

SATURDAY 21 APRIL

Doors Open 2 pm for 2.30-3.30 pm start

Words and Songs of the time

In conjunction with the Poppies event

All welcome - Refreshments

No toilet facilities - please bring your own chairs

Ring Barbara Ferris (870696) for details or lift.

CENTENARY SERVICE FOR THE ROYAL AIR FORCE

SUNDAY APRIL 29

One hundred years ago, in April 1918, the world's first independent air force was formed by the amalgamation of the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Air Service into The Royal Air Force.

There will be a number of national events to mark this centenary, and in Hereford there will be a service in Hereford Cathedral followed by a parade and (weather and other commitments permitting) a fly past by an historic aircraft on **Sunday 29 April**. The service starts at 3.30 pm, and is open to all. If you have served, or have relatives who served, in the RAF, this will be an event to celebrate, commemorate and inspire.



If you need further information, please call Tim Howson on 870645.

Matt Hudd's Tai Chi Classes

Tai Chi is believed to be the oldest Martial Art going and is over 5000 years old. Despite its age, Tai Chi is becoming more and more popular in the West, especially in our little county of Herefordshire. Matt Hudd has been teaching Tai Chi for 10 years and has recently expanded his classes to include some rural villages of

Herefordshire and **Holme Lacy** is one of those villages.

Even though Tai Chi is a Martial Art, the reason it is becoming so

popular is because of the many health benefits it can give to people. Most people attend classes just for the health benefits and don't even realise that it is a Martial Art.

Just a few of the Benefits of Tai Chi include:

- Better blood circulation
- Stronger internal organs
- Muscle Toning
- Increase in core stability
- Better balance reducing falls in elderly
- Increased mental well-being

Because of these benefits Matt's classes have seen a big surge in GP and Health Professionals referring clients to his classes. What makes this Art so unique is that it can be practiced by all levels and abilities, from the young to the elderly. It is practiced in a very slow manner, making it an excellent exercise for people in the later years of their life. Tai Chi teaches students to become aware of the way they are moving and to move in the healthiest way possible. Tai Chi can even be practiced seated, it doesn't have to be done standing. Matt even runs classes for adults with learning disabilities.

When Matt started his Tai Chi training, he didn't realise just how many other benefits that it would bring into his life and the feedback he gets off his students is mutual. Apart from the health benefits listed above, the main thing that people comment on is how relaxed and better they feel after a class. Whether it's for health, mental well-being, mindfulness or just to see why everyone is talking about it, book yourself onto one of Matt Hudd Tai Chi lessons and give it a try.

Matt can be contacted on 07915 450 663 or email: info@matthuddmartialarts.com

Shared by Allan Simnett

DINEDOR SPORTS 2018

Please note that the Dinedor Sports Annual General Meeting will be held on the evening of **TUESDAY MAY 22 at 7.30 pm**. The planning meeting for 2018 will follow afterwards.

There will be light refreshments between the two meetings. Please join us as your input and support is greatly valued!

The date for this year's Sports will be Saturday July 28.

Further details from Chris on 01432 870320



VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

Saturday April 7 2018

Spring will be in the air by this date! Do come and join us for our next coffee morning at the Village Hall. Drop in at any time between 10.30 and 12 noon and you will receive a warm welcome!

We were delighted to see so many villagers chatting together at our last coffee morning - the hour and a half went all too quickly. Hot drinks and home made cakes will be available. Bring a book you have finished reading and swap it for another one!

There will also be an opportunity to hear feedback from the consultation on the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

We look forward to seeing you !

Mair Granthier

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



NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE

Many thanks to all those who responded to the consultation. Twenty-one local responses were received with a further six from organisations such as Historic England. This is a good response which is very encouraging and the Parish Council has agreed amendments to the draft plan arising out of the responses

The main change concerns the proposed 'village envelope' area.

Thirteen of the replies suggested enlarging this area identified for possible future housing development. Herefordshire Council also made the same comment. As a result, the village envelope has now been extended to include two small parcels of land along the road from Calgary to the corner at Cranwell. Including these two small areas for a potential of up to eight dwellings will mean that the Neighbourhood Plan allows for sufficient new housing and will meet the requirements of Herefordshire Council Structure Plan.

There is an opportunity to find out more details about this and other changes at an informal feedback session which will take place at the coffee morning on **Saturday April 7 between 10.30 am and 12 noon in the Village Hall.**

DINEDOR VILLAGE HALL

Over the coming weeks you will see the walls of the village hall extension going up and the roof taking shape. There will inevitably be some disruption in the car park but our builder will endeavour to keep this to a minimum and we shall appreciate your understanding during construction. We are still fund raising to fully finance the project and we shall continue to welcome your support. As a charity the village hall could benefit from Gift Aid: and we have applied to HMRC for registration. Look out for our charity donation buckets in coming weeks!

Also make a note in your diary that on **Sunday 24 June** the Dinedor Art Group Exhibition will take place. Come along and be inspired!

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

DINEDOR WI

May is the time for the WI members to choose a resolution to take to the Annual Council Meeting, to be held in Cardiff this year in June. We have also organised a practical workshop for members to create some original, three dimensional birthday cards.

Bletchley Park is the subject for our June meeting when Bob Skelt will be enlightening us about the top secret home of the World War Two Codebreakers and its occupants. This meeting is open to husbands, friends and all that are interested. £3 charge for non-members, please let us know if you wish to attend so that refreshments can be organised accordingly. Pam Singer will be talking about 'The Mysterious Forest' in July, be prepared for intrigue, enchantment and whispering trees – maybe.

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 has continued on clearing scrub and opening up the views although the bad weather has reduced the number of sessions both from the community group and the payback team. The Steering Group has met and discussed funding sources, possible equipment hire and purchase and is progressing the application for a felling licence. Nesting birds means that work between now and the autumn will be restricted but some grass strimming and carefully controlled tree thinning can continue. The community teams will continue to work on the second Sunday afternoon of each month, the next session is on April 8; please join in, it's fun!

Contact Ian on ianstead20@hotmail.com or 873170 for further details.

STOP PRESS!

The next Big Lunch will be held at The Laurels on **Sunday July 15th**



NEWS FROM ST ANDREWS

Thanks to all those who help keep things going, especially Tim Howson and Bill McKie for collecting service sheets, opening up the church etc for our services and generally keeping an eye on things, Colin our churchwarden, Wendy McKie who oversees cleaning and flowers and Vall Cleland who helps with putting on the heaters in time for services on Sundays.

Money matters

Christine Iliffe at the Team Office has been helping with banking and looking after our accounts, although we are hoping to recruit a Treasurer to help with the accounts of St Andrews and St David's Little Dewchurch. We should be able to offer payment for the work. If you know of anyone that might be willing and able to help us, please let me know.

Quite recently we have had to have some repairs to the roof (thanks to Tracey Goodwin for finding someone to do it) which of course adds to our running costs. Our regular income barely keeps pace with our expenses but a new Parish Giving Scheme, which should help increase our income, is being introduced by the Diocese and I hope to have more details soon.



Easter and future events – all at St Andrew's unless mentioned otherwise

GOOD FRIDAY	March 30 at 6 p.m.	
	Meditative service at St David's Little Dewchurch	
EASTER SUNDAY	April 1 at 9:30 a.m.	
	Family-friendly Holy Communion	
SUNDAY	April 8 at 9:30 a.m.	Holy Communion
WEDNESDAY	April 11 3:30 - 6 p.m.	MESSY CHURCH
	For families at Little Dewchurch Village Hall	
SUNDAY	April 22 at 9:30 a.m.	Holy Communion
SUNDAY	May 6 at 11 a.m.	David Bland will be talking about helping refugees in Calais.
		St David's Little Dewchurch
WEDNESDAY	May 9 3:30- 6 p.m.	MESSY CHURCH for families Little Dewchurch Village Hall
SUNDAY	May 13 at 9:30 a.m.	Ascensiontide Holy Communion
SUNDAY	May 20 afternoon	'Thy Kingdom Come event in Hereford Cathedral
SUNDAY	May 27 at 9:30 a.m.	Holy Communion

ROTHERWAS TOGETHER

An inaugural meeting was held on March 8 in the new building by Warehouse 701. It was full of lively committed people and chaired with skill by Nicola Goodwin. They successfully established a constitution, agreeing the name and purposes:

To bring together all those interested in the past, present and future of Rotherwas. To promote a wider understanding of the Rotherwas area and its legacy

This is to be a charitable organisation based on information gathering and education, recognising that individuals, groups and businesses will be involved. Trustees serve as individual members; groups will be invited to elect a representative at their AGM as will businesses.

We are hoping for as wide a membership as possible so please feel free to contribute in any way you can. For further information or to register your interest, e-mail rotherwas@hotmail.com

There is life in Holme Lacy....

Holme Lacy Voice Social group are holding their very first event and invite any from Dinedor or your friends and family to a Fun and Informal Quiz Night on **Friday April 27 2018 in Holme Lacy Village Hall**. There is a bar which opens from 6.30 and the quiz starts at 7.30.

The charge is £2 per person and under 16's are free! Make up a team of 4 or join in with others on the night.

Follow them on Facebook: Holme Lacy Voice (social community group).

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