



Dinedor Newsletter

November 2018

DINEDOR PARISH COUNCIL

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. Help with transport is available. As we head towards the festive season, we wish everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year. There is a great opportunity to experience something of the first Christmas this year at Dinedor Cross Farm.



At the meeting on Nov 20, there were three councillors present with four members of the public, plus the district councillor for part of the meeting.

The local difficulties with the broadband service were discussed. Various problems have arisen across the parish and it was agreed that the council would write to Fastershire who are managing the service, with a copy to Councillor Harlow, the Herefordshire Council cabinet member for broadband.

The clerk reported that council spending was on budget and she also expected this to be the position at the end of the year. There was discussion about the maintenance of ditches etc in the parish, which used to be done by the parish lengthsmen. Herefordshire Council no longer funds this and some people have suggested that the work still needs to be done and that the parish council could allocate some money to this. If you have any views about this, please contact Liz Kelso, our clerk, or one of the parish councillors in time for the next meeting in January when the budget for next year will be agreed.

A detailed report from the Dinedor Camp steering group was given. A full update appears later. Thanks were given to the Outdoor Centre for allowing the village to have use of the centre for the bonfire on November 3. It was a murky, damp evening and this may well have affected the number of people who came which was down on last year. Thanks to everyone who contributed. Unfortunately the meeting between the parish councillors and the Outdoor Centre trustees has still not taken place but it is hoped that it will now happen before the next meeting.

The very long process of the Neighbourhood Development Plan still continues. It was agreed to engage Kirkwells to work with us on the next steps with the hope that next year will see the end of the process.

Parish Council elections will be in May next year. All the current five councillors will come to the end of their term of office and can choose whether to stand again or not. Parish Councils are a vital part of the community and make a big contribution. The duties are not onerous and there is good training for new councillors so please do think about becoming involved. The clerk or any of the current councillors would be happy to tell you more and share all their experiences. Details of how to contact them are on the parish website.

www.dinedorparishcouncil.org.uk

The next meeting is on **Tuesday January 15**. Please do come along - you will be very welcome.

VILLAGE NEWS



We send congratulations to Chris and Amy Elvidge from Millstone House on the birth of Felix Ray who was born on October 30 weighing 8 lbs 6 ozs, a brother for Max.

A date for your diaries - next year's Big Lunch is the 10th Anniversary and will be held as usual at the Laurels on **Sunday June 16 2019**



23RD DECEMBER 5.00PM

THE WONDER WANDER

Come and see Christmas unfold at Dinedor Cross Farm with live animals, carols and readings in various locations as we move together through the Christmas story.

You are more than welcome to stay for free refreshments afterwards.

As it will be cold and muddy underfoot, please ensure you are wearing clothes and footwear which are appropriate for the conditions. Please also bring a torch as it will be dark.

Where is it...
Dinedor Cross Farm, Dinedor, Hereford HR23 6PD
For more details on the event, such as a map to the location, please visit our website

ccchurch.org.uk
Or contact
info@ccchurch.org.uk

As you know Peter Houghton has now retired as our vicar. At his last service at St Andrews' Church on October 28 he and his wife Joan were presented with some RHS vouchers, to add to a symbolic bottle presented at the Harvest Lunch. There was a final lunch for them in Little Dewchurch Village Hall on Sunday November 4. .

Last week we received a written card of thanks from Peter and Joan to pass on to all in the parish.

Dear Everyone,
Thank you so much for the leaving presents that you gave us. We haven't had time to drink one yet or go to redeem the others at some garden centre! We look forward to eventually spending them and, after a wait, seeing lots of colour, smell or taste in the garden.

It was good last Sunday to "finish" on such a high note. We have really enjoyed being with you and seeking to increase the Kingdom of God in the area together. As you know, we aren't moving so we look forward to seeing you still from time to time. With many thanks and wishes for God's blessing on you all.

**THE DEADLINE FOR
THE NEXT EDITION IS
SUN JAN 20**

DVHMC

First a big "Thank you" to Myrtle Middleton and Tim Howson who officially opened the new extension to the village hall on November 10, to Nick and Tricia Austin for their colourful and most interesting talk on Rwanda and

Uganda following the opening and to all of you who attended our Cheese & Chutney Evening in September and the recent opening and talk. Together these events raised £397.98 for the Village Hall New Project Fund.

Please now make a note in your diary of our next two events, and particularly for the first let your grandchildren know!

December 22 at 6 pm is our **Christmas Social** which will include party games for the children,

and perhaps some for the adults, Christmas carols around the Christmas tree, and refreshments including mince pies and mulled wine, soft drinks, tea and coffee. If you already have an excess of Christmas fare and would like to supplement our refreshments we shall be very pleased to hear from you. Also, as the poem below suggests, if you have a surplus artificial Christmas tree or too many festive decorations we shall be delighted to receive them from you to deck out the Village Hall for the occasion.

Then, moving on to the darker and possibly frosty and snowy days of January, come along on **January 19 12 noon to 2 pm** to "**January Jackets**", a light lunch of jacket potatoes and cheese toppings. The village hall will be warm, and the company and conversation I am sure will be heartening to hopefully raise spirits on this day. If you need a lift, let us know and we will see what we can arrange.

Finally, another "Thank you", this time to Peter Houghton for his contribution as a member of the Village Hall Management Committee. Peter has been very supportive as a member, but following his recent retirement considers it inappropriate that he continues. We shall miss his contributions and his enthusiasm.

The Village Hall Plea

Twas the night before Christmas
And all through Dinedor
Tree lights were twinkling
And wreaths were on doors
But the poor Village Hall
Stood alone in the night
No tree, lights or baubles
What a pitiful sight!
So the Committee decided
To send out this plea
Do you have spare decorations
Baubles, tinsel or tree?"
In their twos and their threes
The villagers came
Bringing decorations galore
Tinsel, stars, lights and tree
They came from all Dinedor
The young and the old
To festoon the Village Hall
In reds, purples and gold.
The Hall looked amazing
With tree six foot high
Dinedor Village Hall
Was the talk of the Wye!
So thank you all Villagers
Who heed our request
To make our Village Hall
Be one of the best
The Hall shall be festive
And full of good cheer
Merry Christmas to All
And a Happy New Year.

ANON

Your Village Hall contacts for both events and for the donation of Christmas decorations and trees are: Marlene tel. 870628, Allan tel. 870666, Delyth & Chris tel.

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Dear Editors,

May I make use of your columns so say how pleased Tricia and I were to share with a large group of village residents our experiences in Africa last year. For us this was a life-changing experience, something we had never done before, but plans are being put in place for us to return in 2019.



Giving the presentation was only one part of the evening for us. We were able to offer for sale a wide range of craft work from the two countries.

Tricia and I would like to thank those who attended most sincerely for, firstly, actually turning out and coming, and, secondly, for being so generous in making purchases. We would also like to thank the Village Hall Management Committee for inviting us to give the presentation and for their very generous donation to the charities about whom we were talking. In the presentation I talked about the construction of 4000 litre water tanks at a cost of £300 each which help Rwanda and Ugandan villagers cope with the three month dry season each year. The kindness of the presentation's audience, together with the Village Hall Committee's contribution, means that well over half a tank's cost was raised on that one evening. That might be small beer by UK standards, but the benefit in these African villages is unmeasurable. As we said on the evening, absolutely 100% of the money raised will be used in the villages.



Tricia and I are profoundly grateful to everyone concerned.

Nick Austin

Rotherwas Together Successfully Launched!



The first committee meeting will be happening as this newsletter comes out so details of the follow up will have to wait for other outlets.

If you're interested in becoming a member or finding out more please email us at rotherwas@hotmail.com

DINEDOR HERITAGE GROUP

We shall be holding our brief A.G.M. on Wednesday evening **December 12 at 7.30 p.m.** at the Village Hall. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 2018/19 will be due.

Following this meeting David Whitehead will give a presentation entitled, "**The 14th century Black Death in Herefordshire**"

Members £3.00 - Visitors £5.00 Light refreshments available.

Also for your diaries, on Tuesday January 15 2019 Dr Keith Ray will give a talk on

The Mercian Period – archaeology primarily in the Hereford Area.

All welcome.

DINEDOR, HOLME LACY & DISTRICT WI



As Dinedor and Holme Lacy draw near to the end of their 65th year of events, the Annual Meeting has been held, welcoming a new committee and band of officers to officiate another interesting and varied programme for 2019. The WI is for all women offering them opportunities for friendship and for learning and working together to improve the quality of life in the community, to enable development of individual skills and talents and opportunities to join in a wide range of WI activities. With well over two hundred thousand members it is one of the largest women's organisations in the United Kingdom. Founded as a democratic, educational and social organisation for women, the WI is non-sectarian and non-party political and is actively involved in the social, environmental and consumer issues of the day. WI's are now formed wherever there is a need and may be found in the suburbs of many towns and cities as well as in rural areas.

All the WI's are united in their County or Island Federations which together form the National Federation which covers England, Wales, Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man. The organisation is democratic; a WI elects its own Committee and President annually. It votes for the Board of Trustees of the County and the National Federation. Every WI has the right to be represented by a delegate at the Council meetings of its own County or Island Federation and at the National Federation Annual General Meeting.

The Annual Subscription of £42 covers Monthly Meetings that usually include WI business, a talk or demonstration, tea and social time with a Federation Monthly Newsletter at an additional cost of £3 for 10 issues. If your Santa list is short this year why not give us a go, we meet at Dinedor Village hall on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm.

Our first meeting of 2019 will be on **Tuesday January 8** when Robert Thomas from Vennture will be talking about John Venn and all his work around Hereford. This will be an open meeting to husbands, friends or anyone interested.

Please contact Wendy on 01432 870582 if you would like to attend or have any queries.



DINEDOR CAMP STEERING GROUP

Bonfire: It was a murky, damp evening and this may well have affected the number of people who came, however, those that did come had an enjoyable time, and we burned lots of wood from the Camp!. Many thanks again to Andy and Hazel Preedy from the Outdoor Centre for allowing us to use their field and for all their help.

Clearance work: the Community Payback teams continue to do good work and have recently cleared the rampart along the top road. Community volunteers have also continued to work hard, many thanks to them and particularly to Jake Wain who has joined us as a recent enthusiastic volunteer.

Fund raising: Chris has worked hard to complete an application for Lottery funding: after a few more amendments we hope that this will be successful.

Community Volunteer dates: we carry out work at 2.00 pm every second Sunday of the month, you will be very welcome.



ROTHERWAS CHAPEL

'On the Twelfth Day of Christmas'

*seasonal songs & readings
at*

Rotherwas Chapel Hereford HR2 6LD

Sunday 6 January 2019, 2-3 pm

All welcome : Refreshments

Wear warm coat, gloves & woolly hat

No toilet facilities

Contact: Barbara 01432.870696

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday December 1 in the Village Hall

Last Coffee Morning of the year!

Call in at the Village Hall any time between 10.30 am and Noon

Come and enjoy chatting to friends and neighbours while you have a drink and some cake.



If you haven't been to one of our Coffee Mornings, then you have a special invitation and will be made most welcome. Why not swap books/ jigsaw puzzles/recipes with a view to some leisure time over the Christmas period!

DOG POO, WHAT DO YOU DO?

Please find below copy of an e-mail that Barbara Ferris has sent to the Forestry Commission regarding Haugh Woods.

"I have very much enjoyed your Haugh Woods site in the past. This Sunday, 18 Nov, I returned after a long period of ill health. I was shocked to see numerous plastic bags of dog poo littering the sides of paths, clustered around posts or hanging on bushes. This continued throughout the length of my walk.

I do not understand why people behave this way but equally I find it irresponsible to do nothing about it. I saw no signs to say what your policy is on this offensive behaviour and I would be glad to know how you tackle this problem".

When I see how well our Parish Council and their band of volunteers are doing on Dinedor Camp I am so grateful to them and am glad to live here. It gets better and better. Does anyone have any helpful comments about the state of Haugh Woods and what to do about it?

NEWS FROM THE HOSPICE

Whether you're an egghead or left scratching your head at the simplest of general knowledge questions, you'll enjoy our Big Quiz of the Year 2018.

Held at Hereford Shirehall on **Thursday, December 6**, you can pit your wits against others while raising money for St Michael's.

The cost is £60 for teams of four, and you can bring your own picnic supper.

There will also be a cash bar, raffle and auction.

Book your place at www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk

ST ANDREWS CHURCH - a message from Revd Neil Patterson, Rural Dean

To all in Dinedor: as you know, Peter Houghton has now retired from his post as your priest, and so I am writing as Rural Dean to make myself known and explain as simply as I can the situation. Some of you will know all this, but if not...

Each diocese in the Church of England is divided into *deaneries*, as areas of internal organisation and planning. You are within the largest deanery, Hereford, which covers the city and immediately surrounding countryside. Each deanery has a representative body, the Deanery Synod, jointly chaired by a Lay-Co-Chair and the Rural Dean. Rural deans are normally one of the parish clergy within the deanery (your last was Chris Moore from Fownhope) but I am unusual in having a non-parish diocesan job, Director of Vocations & Ordinands (those considering or training for ministry). However I was previously Rector of six parishes near Ross, so be assured I know about the life of small country churches. And the advantage of not having parishes of my own is that it is much easier to travel round the deanery on Sundays getting to know everyone.

You may naturally be wondering what is being done to replace Peter. The process is quite lengthy, and complicated by the need to secure a suitable house, but it is underway, and is led by the Archdeacon's office, and more information will be coming soon. I have only a small part in that – but what I am responsible for is making sure church life continues in the meantime! Arrangements for weddings, christenings and funerals will continue through the office at St Martin's as before, and I am arranging clergy (mostly retired around Hereford) to take Sunday services, though the Bishop has volunteered himself for **23 December**. In the meantime Tim Howson, Bill McKie and others will bear a greater responsibility, and I hope you will all give them your support.

As Christmas approaches I trust that its message of peace, goodwill to all and the coming of the Saviour can be heard as well in Dinedor as anywhere. However you may be observing the season, be assured of my prayers for you all at this time.



Forthcoming Services at St Andrew's

(please note that we have visiting clergy and organist appointed for all Holy Communion services)

Sunday	25 November	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	9 December	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	16 December	6.00 pm	Carols and Readings
Sunday	23 December	9.30 am	Holy Communion – <u>officiated by The Bishop of Hereford</u>
Tuesday	25 December	10.00 am	Christmas Day
Sunday	13 January	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	27 January	9.30 am	Holy Communion

HOLME LACY VILLAGE HALL

Line Dancing for Beginners

Every Thursday in Holme Lacy Village Hall

7-8.30 pm.

All Welcome age 7+

£3 entrance including refreshments

GET FIT AND HAVE FUN

Dinedor Parish Newsletter is produced six times a year and the cost is borne by the Parish Council.

If you are a local business and would like to place a small advert in a future edition, the rates are very reasonable at £20 for the year. Please contact us via the details at the foot of this page.

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www.dinedorparishcouncil.org.uk

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Finally if you have any item of interest that you would like to share in future editions we would love to hear from you.



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