

Dinedor Newsletter

January 2019

DINEDOR PARISH COUNCIL

Do you remember the snowy scenes of last winter here in Dinedor? So far this year we have escaped but nevertheless January can be a dark, damp and, some say, depressing month.



Getting out in the daylight is good for us and, if you are able, a walk around Dinedor Camp will provide some stunning views now, thanks to all the clearance work that has been undertaken by some of our hard-working local volunteers and the Community Payback Teams.

If you feel shut in with 'cabin fever' and would welcome some company and a chat, consider coming to the next village coffee morning. We will happily provide transport for you and all the details are on page 3.

SAVE THE DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

On Saturday 6th April 2019

you are all invited to a

**Country House Dinner and Entertainment
in Dinedor Village Hall.**

This will be a full 3-course dinner, with some surprises, held in aid of St Andrew's Church. More details will be on posters etc in March, and in the next Dinedor Newsletter.

STOP PRESS

As part of the process of appointing a new vicar

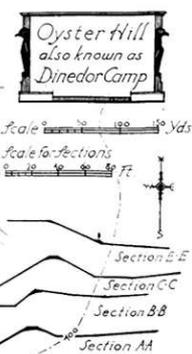
Everybody is invited to join in the discussion about the parish of Dinedor and Holme Lacy on

**Saturday 9 February at 9.30 am
at**

**Little Dewchurch Village Hall
Please come along and let the Church of England know your views on the community**

For further details please contact Bill (870582) or Tim (870645)

THE DEADLINE FOR
THE NEXT EDITION IS
WEDNESDAY MARCH 20



We welcomed three members of the public to our first meeting of the New Year on January 15. David Summers, who is our Herefordshire Councillor, came for part of the meeting.

At the beginning of our meetings there is always the opportunity for people in the audience to raise any issues with us and we were asked to consider a **Good Neighbour Scheme** for the parish. We agreed to explore the feasibility of linking with other parishes for a joint event so that all residents would have the opportunity of learning about the scheme.

Parish grit bins are in varying states of repair and grit levels, so the clerk will contact Balfour Beatty again to ensure this is remedied quickly.

In our last newsletter we asked for comments on whether the parish council should pay for a lengthsman scheme because of the very poor state of some of the ditches etc. Unfortunately, no-one has commented which is very disappointing but if you do have anything you wish to say, you can still speak to one of the Councillors.

Some parishes have installed defibrillators which cost up to £1,500 plus maintenance and we discussed whether this was appropriate for Dinedor, possibly outside the village hall. For both these items, we felt that we needed more information on the benefits before making a decision to spend parish funds.

This January meeting is the time for agreeing the precept, which is the part of the community tax collected by Herefordshire Council on behalf of parish councils. We agreed to keep the level for 2019/2020 at the same level as for the last three years. For the current year, spending is within budget and there are appropriate levels of reserves.

We received an update from the Camp Steering Group, and agreed with the bid for maintenance equipment etc and also to tree surveys on the Camp and the woods below.

Unfortunately the meeting between the trustees of the Outdoor Centre and the councillors has been postponed again by the trustees and we are going to write to them again, stressing how important it is for us to work together.

There is no further progress on the **Neighbourhood Development Plan** - we are still awaiting the refreshed Strategic Environmental Assessment from Herefordshire Council.

We are expecting to have two vacancies on the Parish Council in April. It is important for all local people that we have sufficient councillors to enable us to continue to represent you. You do not need experience, just an interest in local issues. Please do think about it. Some councillors will be at the coffee morning this month (see later for details), so please chat to us and find out what is involved. We have all had to learn and we have a very experienced clerk to help us

The date of our next meeting, the last before the elections, is on **Tuesday March 19 at 7.30 p.m.** Details of how to contact any Councillor or the Parish Clerk are available on our website:

www.dinedorparishcouncil.org.uk

DINEDOR VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

A very Happy New Year to you all from Dinedor Village Hall Management Committee!

We concluded 2018 with a Christmas social which proved to be a great success and was much enjoyed by everyone; and, spurred on by the positive response we have received to our recent fund raising events, a few days ago we got together for **January Jackets**, a well-attended luncheon event to provide a little relief to an otherwise quiet month.

Looking forward into 2019, we hope to arrange at least 5 more social events throughout the year as part of our fund raising for the hall.

On Saturday **March 9** there will be a **Games Evening** involving games from Jenga to Connect 4, cards to darts and finishing with a team game of Pictionary. Look out for our posters.



We also plan a couple of interesting talks, possibly a mid-summer barn dance and a fun event for Halloween, concluding the year with another Christmas social. We hope that, as ever, we can count on your support: and if you should have any other ideas for events please do let a member of the committee know.



Of course, arranging social events does take a little time, and it would very helpful to have a couple of additional committee members who are particularly interested in helping with social events. If that could be **YOU** please let **Marlene (Tel. 870628)** know. Marlene is also your contact for

hiring the village hall which with its large meeting room and well-equipped kitchen may be suitable for your family party or indeed if you are in business for a seminar or in-house meeting.

Fund raising is of course a key task for the Committee as one of its prime objectives is to improve facilities at the hall and improvements cost money. Indeed, we are currently awaiting recommendations and quotations to improve the acoustics (and possibly lighting) in the hall which the survey we undertook last summer highlighted as the major concern of respondents. We shall seek grants, where available, to part fund this project and others, but we shall almost certainly be expected to make a contribution of our own to each project which continuing fund raising will support.

In this respect please do not forget that we, as a charity, are now eligible to collect gift aid: and if you should wish to gift aid a donation to your village hall **Allan (Tel. 870666)** will be pleased to provide you with a gift aid form to sign. Also, if you should have any unwanted Christmas presents which may be suitable as a raffle prize, please pass it onto a committee member and we shall be delighted to include it in a forthcoming raffle. We shall look forward to welcome you to our **Games Evening on March 9 at 7.30 pm.**

12th DAY OF CHRISTMAS AT THE CHAPEL

Over 40 attended this year's joyous celebration at Rotherwas Chapel and FoRC would like to thank all those who contributed to the words, music, food, drink and general spirit.

The donated pew was much appreciated as were the efforts of those who had transported it. And the Chapel was surely as 'nicely decorated' as recorded in the Hereford Times, 29 Dec, 1917!

Next year we must remember to get a photo, although some magic moments can't quite be captured – a solo voice from the balcony singing 'Stille Nacht' after a reading of a Christmas Day letter from WW1 front line was a powerful precursor for our summer plans!

Barbara Ferris

DINEDOR HERITAGE GROUP

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday January 29.**

This is a change to the date previously advertised!

Dr Keith Ray will present a talk entitled **Recent Archaeological Evidence**

on

Middle-Late Saxon Mercians

The meeting starts at 7.30 and will include light refreshments.

Members £3; Visitors £5. All Welcome.

The final meeting of our winter programme will be a behind the scenes guided visit around Herefordshire Archive & Records Centre, Rotherwas.

We meet at HARC at 7.20 p.m.

on

Tuesday February 26.

Transport can be arranged if required.

Members £3; Visitors £5.

Further details from Ian Stead on 07833 137096

HEREFORDSHIRE RIDING FOR THE DISABLED

We are looking for volunteers to help at our Centre in Holme Lacy. Whether you can give us half an hour a month, or a day a week, your time is valuable to us.

We require people to assist in the yard, lead the horses or sidewalk the riders during lessons.

After an initial induction, training will be provided to ensure that you feel confident and ensure your time with us is enjoyable and safe.

During your induction, you will be able to look around the Centre, meet the horses, and chat to the staff.



Please contact us if you are interested in finding out more.

Tel: 01432 870 831

admin@rdahereford.org

www.rdahereford.org

HEREFORDSHIRE WALKING FESTIVAL

A date for your diary!



Herefordshire Walking Festival is a 9 day event being held from **15-23 June** in Herefordshire.

Nine days - 46 walks - of all lengths and difficulty.

The festival will include themed walks from historical to farming

and from poetry to bats, including our first 20-miler in the beautiful South Herefordshire Countryside. At least three Dinedor residents will be leading walks.

Further details are available on:

walking@walkingfestival.com

Dinedor and Holme Lacy were joined by local volunteers of Vennture for their January meeting, when Robert Thomas, (Lead Executive) spoke about how he had been inspired by the Emelia Arch and John Venn memorial plaque on Commercial Road in Hereford.



He gave a very thought provoking and heart rending talk which incorporated the historic Venn buildings around the city and was brought up to date with the very real problems of drug taking, sofa surfing, hungry children, loners and young people needing answers.

Originally Hereford City Mission formed in 1856, Vennture was renamed in 2013 and last year it was awarded The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.

The volunteers come from all walks of life and help in a multitude of aspects, social media, fundraising, running projects, Street Pastors, Lean on Me, mentoring and Prayer Pastors, making Herefordshire a caring place where local people help local people.

After a 'dry' January, the WI makes up with a talk on the History of Elgar Wines and tastings on **February 12** at Dinedor Village hall. Open to anyone (£4) but please let Marjorie know on 01432 343779 if you wish to attend.

In March we shall be looking forward to a talk and demonstration on glass working with Tony Osman and then block printing in April.

In order to raise funds to cover the WI group activities throughout the year, we will be holding a 'Coffee and Cake' morning on April 27 10 am to 12 midday. There will be various activities alongside with plants, jams and bakes for sale, so I do hope you will come along and support us.

The WI meets at Dinedor village hall on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30 pm. If you would like to attend or have any queries, please contact **Wendy 870582**



The **Queen's Award for Voluntary Service** is the highest **award** given to local **volunteer** groups across the UK to recognise outstanding **work** done in their own communities. It was created in 2002 to celebrate the anniversary of The **Queen's** coronation. It is the

MBE for **volunteer** groups with a mission to make a difference to vulnerable people's lives.

Two Dinedor residents, who volunteer for Vennture, were part of the Award Celebration that took place at the end of November at Holy Trinity Church where Lady Darnley, Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Herefordshire made the award on behalf of the Queen.

Mair Granthier volunteered as a Trustee in the early days of Vennture being set up and contributed to the event by telling her story of how the first steps were taken and difficulties overcome.

Chris Over is a current volunteer Ambassador with Vennture and can be seen most Wednesday mornings in the city, dressed in his red uniform keeping people safe, supporting the vulnerable and providing first aid.



His memorable story that was related at the ceremony was of helping out a rough sleeper who was camping out in a city churchyard. It was during last year's hot summer and he handed him a bottle of water from the rucksack and handed over his intended lunch, a recently purchased Cornish pasty!

ROTHERWAS TOGETHER + FRIENDS OF ROTHERWAS CHAPEL

Following the many meaningful events recapturing stories of the 1st World War and hoping to learn from those powerful stories, we are holding an event:

100 years after the Versailles treaty (28 June, 1919) – Reconciliation

Anyone wishing to contribute ideas or join in the planning please contact:

Barbara Ferris 01432 870696 or barbaraferis@uwclub.net

HIDDEN GEMS

Do you know about the new website:

<https://www.the-shire.co.uk>

Click on 'Read more' to discover what this is all about and what the 4 projects are doing.

There are only going to be five grants of up to £12,000 and expressions of interest have to be submitted in March. Only those that can show suitability will be able to apply. A project to present the stories and locations behind the explosions at the munitions factory would tick all the boxes.

DINEDOR CAMP STEERING GROUP

Dinedor Camp Steering Group has been successful in going forward to a local Tesco Stores ballot for funding.

The Bags of Help Scheme asks people to vote in March and April for their favourite local project.

The more votes we get the more money we get!!

More details about how you can support this will be circulated and advertised in the next few weeks.

For more details contact Ian Stead on 873170 or by e mailing ianstead20@hotmail.com

COFFEE MORNING

Have you put **Saturday February 2** in your diary?

This is the date for our next Coffee Morning at the Village Hall.



Do join us at any time between 10.30 am and 12 noon - Everyone is most welcome!

There will plenty of opportunity to chat to other Dinedor residents and to meet people who maybe you have never met before!

If you have finished reading Christmas books, do bring them along to put on to our swap table.

Looking forward to seeing some new faces!

We are happy to provide transport if needed. Please contact Mair (870593) or Suzanne (873170)

ST ANDREWS CHURCH

Although we did not have a member of the clergy available to lead our Carol Service, held at St Andrew's on **December 16**, it was well attended and appreciated by all. The church had been richly decorated for the occasion and our thanks and gratitude must go to all those who read and led us in prayers. Our special thanks to Chris Over for leading us through the Service. On **Sunday December 23** it was a rare event at St Andrew's when we had the pleasure of welcoming Bishop Richard Frith, Bishop of Hereford, to conduct our service of Holy Communion. Those attending listened to a thoughtful sermon which was well received.

Holy Communion Service on Christmas morning was conducted by Reverend John Simpson. A good number of children were present and they were able to show off their presents – including robots with interesting sound effects - that had been received earlier. Numbers attending were above normal and all experienced a delightful Christmas service. Thanks must be given to Beth Howson, who was visiting Dinedor for Christmas with her family, who stepped in to play the organ for us.

The Rural Dean has ensured that we will have visiting clergy for our usual Sunday services until a new Vicar is appointed. For routine church matters please contact **Bill (870582) or Tim (870645)**

Forthcoming Services at St Andrew's (Please note that we have an organist to cover all services)

Sunday February 10 9.30 am. Holy Communion
Sunday February 24 9.30 am. Holy Communion
Sunday March 10 9.30 am. Holy Communion
Sunday March 24 9.30 am. Holy Communion



BIG SPRING WALK - Sunday March 17 2019

Spring will soon be with us. Celebrate this wonderful time of year by enjoying a stroll through our glorious, scenic countryside.

The St Michael's Hospice Big Spring Walk guides you along your choice of four circular routes (2k, 5k, 11k, 16k), all beginning at Fownhope Recreation Ground.

Your walk will be fully signposted, and our team of marshals will be positioned along the paths ready to help you on your way. There is no cost for this event as long as places are booked in advance online at www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk/big-spring-walk/

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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.

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

A printed 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 we would love to hear from you.

Line Dancing for Beginners
Every Thursday in Holme Lacy Village Hall
7-8.30 p.m.
All Welcome
Age 7+
£3 Entrance to include refreshments
GET FIT AND HAVE FUN!



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