

# Dinedor Newsletter

March 2019

## DINEDOR PARISH COUNCIL

## SHOP AT TESCO AND HELP THE CAMP!

The Dinedor Camp Steering Group have been selected by Tesco to be one of the local charities in their Bags of Help scheme. If you shop at any of the local Tesco stores: Putson, Whitecross Road,



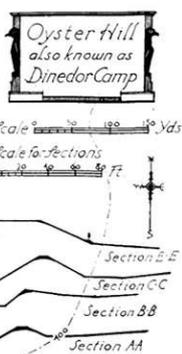
the two big stores or Ledbury Road, you can ask for tokens and put them in the slot for the Camp votes.

The more votes we get the more money we can get, up to £4000 to buy equipment to help the scrub clearance and access improvement. If you shop for even a small amount and ask the person behind the till for voting tokens they may say, 'help yourself dear' so do, put in as many as you can! The scheme runs until the end of April, so get shopping and voting please!

**For more details contact Ian on 873170, 07833137096 or [ianstead20@hotmail.com](mailto:ianstead20@hotmail.com).**

**Holme Lacy Bridge**, which is situated on the B4399, needs the bearings at its west end replacing. The bridge would then have new expansion joints installed and be resurfaced. Work is expected to commence in the summer, most likely in July or August and will take a number of weeks to complete. While the majority of the work will be completed under temporary traffic lights, enabling a lane across the bridge to remain open, some closure periods, each lasting several days, will be unavoidable. More details will be published when they are announced

THE DEADLINE FOR  
THE NEXT EDITION IS  
WEDNESDAY MAY 22



Our March meeting was the last to be held before the district council and parish elections on **May 2** so we were particularly delighted to welcome ten members of the public (a near record attendance for this session). Our District Councillor was also in attendance and reported that there is still no resolution to the issues with the earthworks near Maes-y-Felin.

Questions from the public covered concerns about hedge cutting and the extension of the Local Development Order for Skylon Park at Rotherwas.

Our clerk, Liz Kelso, reported that finances were on target and we would end the year on budget.

We have discussed the drainage problems with the road through the village on a number of occasions in the past: this is still an ongoing problem in more than one location. Quotes will be obtained for the work so that the best way forward can be agreed.

We received an update from the Camp Steering Group. Good progress has been made with clearing the overgrown trees and residents are encouraged to visit to appreciate the increasing views that are now visible. Special thanks were given to the Community Payback Team and the local volunteers for making such a difference. Following specialist advice we have received, we agreed to the felling of some large trees before they become dangerous.

Concern was raised about the planting of trees on the Camp. This is not permitted by Historic England and any trees or memorial items will be removed.

Unfortunately the meeting with the trustees of the Outdoor Centre has still not taken place and councillors agreed to further actions regarding the outstanding insurance payment.

We agreed in principle to the installation of a community-use defibrillator at the village hall. We will give you more details once we have a date for its installation.

We are keen to encourage new parish council members - it is very rewarding and really important to our local community. Nomination packs can be obtained from Liz Kelso, our Parish Clerk or directly from Herefordshire Council. Completed forms should be returned by hand to the Electoral Services Office at Hereford Town Hall as soon as possible or by **Wednesday April 3** at the very latest. Any of your current councillors would be happy to speak to you about the duties involved - they are not onerous, but important!

**The Annual Parish Meeting (which is not a parish council meeting, but an open meeting for local people) is on Tuesday 21 May at 8.00 pm. This will be preceded by the first meeting of the new parish council at 6.30 pm. Please do come along to air your views and learn about local issues. Details of how to contact any current Councillor or the Parish Clerk are available on our website:**

## DINEDOR VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

With the Village Hall bedecked in bunting, tables laden with a wide selection of traditional and more recent games, and the extension adapted for a darts tournament, we had looked forward on March 9 to a successful and enjoyable Games Evening. It was enjoyable. Indeed, Jeff and Chris Barnes wrote to us in appreciation afterwards: *"It is a long time since we participated in the fun of Dominoes, Darts, Rummikub and Jenga. There were many other games available which we would have loved to have played but time ran out."* We are delighted that they and the few others who did turn up had such a good time, but attendance was very poor and this was very disappointing.

Hopefully, **"A Taste of India"**, a talk and supper on **April 27** presented by Joan Houghton will be of greater interest. However, please note that this will be an all-ticket event and Delyth (Tel. 873165), Marlene (Tel. 870628) and I (Tel. 870666) will shortly have tickets for sale.

On **June 6 at 5 pm**, we will have our **AGM** to which you all will also be welcome.

Then, either on **June 8 or 22**, we are planning a **Mid-Summer Dance**. This may either be a Barn Dance or a 60's Disco for which final details will appear in the next newsletter and in our local advertising. Both "A Taste of India" and the Mid-Summer Dance will be fund raisers for the Village Hall and we shall look forward to see you there.

In previous newsletters, I have mentioned that we are proposing - subject to fund availability - to upgrade the ceiling in the main hall to incorporate acoustic panels to improve sound quality, LED lighting to reduce our power costs, and speakers. At the next coffee morning on **April 6**, we shall have a display available so that you can see what we have in mind and to give you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have. We already have quotations from three suppliers, and we shall shortly be seeking grants to fund the greater part of this project. But the specification of the ceiling is still to be finalised, and we shall welcome your input.

From 1<sup>st</sup> April, we are making a slight increase to our hire charges for residents with a £1 increase per 4-hour session to £21. At the same time, having taken the advice of ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England), the national body supporting village halls, we have updated our Standard Conditions to reflect new legislation and practices that have come into effect since our previous conditions were issued in 2006. A copy of our new Hire Agreement and Standard Conditions will be found on the notice board in the Village Hall and given to all hirers.

In addition, we are reviewing our Health & Safety policy and procedures and carrying out a new risk assessment. The Management Committee wishes to ensure that you are always safe when at the Village Hall, and if anybody should have any concerns about Health & Safety at the hall, please contact Marlene, Helen, Phil or me ([treasurer@dinedorvillagehall.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@dinedorvillagehall.org.uk)) to enable us to address them. As part of this review, all portable appliances at the hall were PAT tested last week.

### Final points for your consideration:

- We can now accept regular donations by direct debit - please contact me for further details
- With a darts board now set up in the extension, if you would like to regularly play darts as part of a group, please contact Phil (Tel. **870628**)
- Following the success of "January Jackets", we wonder if there may be any interest in a monthly "Lunch Club" with pre-prepared meals pre-ordered and bought in from a company such as Wiltshire Farm Foods, giving you the opportunity to regularly have lunch with your friends. Again, if this is of any interest, please contact Marlene or me.
- Prizes for the raffle held at each of our fund-raising events are always very welcome - Marlene or Delyth will be delighted to receive them

Now please put our events on **April 27, June 6** and provisionally **June 8 and 22** in your diary.

Allan Simnett

## DINEDOR HERITAGE GROUP

We enjoyed a varied range of subjects for our winter programme which has now come to an end. We are planning to have a few outdoor activities/visits during the summer and will keep you informed as to where and when these will take place.

Contact details: - Ian Stead on 0783313709 or [www.dinedorheritagegroup.wordpress.com](http://www.dinedorheritagegroup.wordpress.com)

## HEREFORDSHIRE WALKING FESTIVAL

In the last edition of the Newsletter we announced the Herefordshire Walking Festival which was to be held in June. It is understood that the Festival has now been postponed until 2020 due to unforeseen circumstances.

## DINEDOR SPORTS

We shall be holding our Sports AGM and Planning Meeting on **Wednesday evening June 5 at 7.30 p.m.**



Your attendance and input will be greatly valued. After last year's storms we had to purchase several new gazebos so we are hoping for calmer weather this year. Dinedor

Sports are always held on the last Saturday of July - this year this is July 27.. Further information and indoor schedules will be available nearer the time.

## ROTHERWAS TOGETHER & FRIENDS OF ROTHERWAS CHAPEL CANARY BIKE RIDE March 8

The turnout for this inclusive celebration was impressive despite the cold and damp. Lyn Mathias made the Chapel the first stop at 12.30 (she had lived in this beautiful spot) with 60 or so riders plus twentyish other cars/walkers who turned up to see the building and displays. Many had not really known about it let alone been inside!



The numbers were much greater when the riders arrived back at HARC for the unveiling of the plaque at 3pm. The Munitions group were there happily reminiscing and the significance of the occasion was profound. Lady Darnley paid moving tribute to all the munition workers and the presence of uniformed top brass and cadets emphasised the invaluable contribution the people here made.



The increasing rain and cold somehow deepened our appreciation of their commitment and worth.

## DINEDOR, HOLME LACY & DISTRICT WI

Holidays, hospital and health problems defeated the WI in February causing the February talk on the History of Elgar Wines to be reprogrammed on **May 14** when we shall also be wine tasting at Dinedor village hall. Open to all, please let Wendy know if you wish to attend 01432 870582.

Tony Osman gave a wonderful demonstration on the virtues of glass, a product that is often taken so much for granted these days.

Dinedor WI also hosted one of three federation quizzes held around the county, finishing with a tie breaker between The Suttons WI and Huntington WI. Four teams from each venue will go forward to the final at Sutton St Nicolas on March 29 we wish them all good luck.



The City Group WI are working towards a joint WI display depicting '100 Years of Inspirational Women,' to be staged at The Three Counties Show, reflecting the centenary of the Herefordshire Federation.

In April the Annual Council Meeting will bring together all the WI's in the county and amongst other items there will be a talk on Marine Conservation and a chat by a Chelsea Pensioner. The April meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> is all about the history and use of block printing - remember 'spud printing?' A reminder that our 'Coffee and Cake' morning fundraiser is being held at Dinedor village hall **on Saturday April 27 at 10 am to 12 midday**. Guess the weight, how many biscuits, pick a number win a note, along with bakes, plant and jam sales. Come along and meet us, 'with or without our pinnys.'

**The WI meets at Dinedor village hall on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30 pm. We welcome visitors, if you would like to attend or have any queries, please contact Wendy 01432 870582**

## HIDDEN GEMS

**Expressions of intent to be submitted by April 16**

A Rotherwas Together meeting on March 21 gained support from the Dinedor Heritage Group, Friends of Rotherwas Chapel and Herefordshire Lore. Bill Laws and Nicola Goodwin will head up a group preparing a letter and seeking the support of others. We hope to be selected to go for a joint application in June. Watch this space!

## ROTHERWAS TOGETHER & FRIENDS OF ROTHERWAS CHAPEL

**Advance Notice**

**100 years after the Versailles treaty – Sunday 30 June, 2019**

**Day of Reconciliation at Rotherwas Chapel**

The Whitecross film 'Shared Freedom, Shared Future' and their pop-up display will be a major focus as will art projects on the theme. We will be glad of personal stories, ideas and support on the day. Please contact:

**Barbara Ferris H 870696 or barbaraferri@uwclub.net**

**Advanced Notice St Peter's Church Bullinghope 23 June, 2019**

**Blessing of the Massed Grave**

The success of the Bike Ride meant that numbers were restricted for the laying of the wreath that day. This will be the occasion for colleagues and families to remember those whose bodies could not be identified in the explosion.

**You are invited to  
"Dinendie" Hall  
For a 3 Course Dinner with wine\*  
and an Evening of Entertainment**

**..... and mystery**

**Saturday 6 April at 7:30pm  
Dinedor Village Hall HR2 6LQ  
In aid of St Andrew's Church Roof Repairs**

**It's April 1930. Lord Watersdown has organised entertainment for you whilst you enjoy a 3 COURSE DINNER and wine\* prepared by Mrs. Susan Flay and staff.**

**Raffle and other diversions**

**\* Glass of wine/soft drink included. More wine available by donation, or BYO drinks.**

**Tickets £15:00 – Must be pre-booked  
Tel: Bill 870582 or Tim 870645**

**Suggested Dress Code – 1920's  
Who will you come as? Prof. Otto Geneus, Ivor Buckorto, Gino Morebeer, Lady Watersdown, Gloria Stitsenars or Bella Thabawl  
(more information will be on your ticket)**

## SAVE THE DATE

This years Big Lunch in Dinedor is the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and will be held as usual at **the Laurels on Sunday June 16 2019.**



The Big Lunch is about people in communities getting together to share food, have fun and getting to know each other better

**It's a simple idea - but great fun and a great occasion.  
Why don't you consider coming this year?**

## COFFEE MORNING

**Saturday April 6 is the date for the next Coffee Morning.**



Do join us for as long or as short a time as you can spare between 10.30 am and noon.

At our February Coffee Morning 30 residents enjoyed hot drinks, home made cakes and plenty of opportunity to chat.

Whether you have lived in Dinedor all your life, or whether you are new to our village, you will be made most welcome! Come and meet others who share this beautiful part of Herefordshire and join in this community event!

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

## ST ANDREWS CHURCH

The process of finding and appointing a new vicar for St Andrew's, Dinedor and St David's, Little Dewchurch continues. A Vacancy Consultation Meeting was held at Little Dewchurch Village Hall on February 9 and a total of 13 people from across the Parishes attended. Rev. Preb. Dr. John Daniels and Rev. Penny Powdrill facilitated the session. Discussion took place on the distinguishing features of the two communities, the positive aspects of them, concerns raised and the current challenges faced.

After the meeting the facilitators produced a paper on their reflections of the discussions that had taken place highlighting the fact that a new vicar would be appointed on a part time basis. Clarity would be required on the role to be undertaken by the new incumbent. Would they be merely to act as chaplain to two small congregations or take on a wider role promoting the church? Fostering strong links with the local school was considered an important task and to be maintained.

Another formal meeting is due to take place at St David's on April 29 that will hopefully push the selection process on further and a decision may be taken to advertise the vacant post.

Our Treasurer, Colin Jones, who took on the role after Robert Gorman moved is stepping down at the end of March. Please do let Bill (870582) or Tim (870645) know if you can help in this role: it really is not too intricate or demanding.

### Forthcoming Services at St Andrew's

**Sunday April 14 (Palm Sunday) 9.30 am. Holy Communion**

**Sunday April 21 (Easter Sunday) 9.30 am. Holy Communion**

### Dinedor with Holme Lacy Church Annual Jumble Sale

**Saturday, May 11 2019. St. Martins Church Hall 12 – 2 pm  
Tea/Coffee and Biscuits. Offers of help and Jumble wanted  
(items can be collected)**

**Contact Joyce 01432 356240 or 07801292393**

**Proceeds to St Andrew's Church**



## St Michael's Hospice Open Gardens programme for 2019.

The Hospice's free-entry Plant Fair kicks off the season on **May 3-4 in Bartestree.**

The final Open Gardens will be on September 18 with A Day of Gardens, Delicious Lunch and Poetry, featuring a trip around three spectacular Herefordshire gardens.

Between those dates there are a host of attractions ranging from community open gardens in Weobley, Kimbolton and the Aylestone Hill area of Hereford, to the beautiful Gatley Park on the edge of Mortimer Forest between Leominster and Ludlow, and popular wedding, event and holiday venue Brinsop Court, plus many others.

Last year, a record-breaking £45,000 was raised throughout the Open Gardens season meaning that over the years, Open Gardens have helped collect over £125,000 for St Michael's.

For a full list of gardens, pick up a copy of our Open Gardens brochure from any one of our retail shops, at the Hospice, or by calling our Community Fundraising team on 01432 851 000.

They are also available at [www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk](http://www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk)

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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](http://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.

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