

Dinedor Newsletter

November 2019

DINEDOR PARISH COUNCIL

This is the last edition of the Dinedor Newsletter for 2019. Thank you to all those who faithfully submit contributions each time to help to keep us informed. It would be really good to start off 2020 with some new ideas or input. Please send any items you would like to share to the editors.



Dinedor Parish Council wish all our readers a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas wherever you are spending the festive season and send good wishes to you all for the forthcoming year.

DINEDOR NEWS FROM THE PAST

1830 – Rabies comes to Dinedor

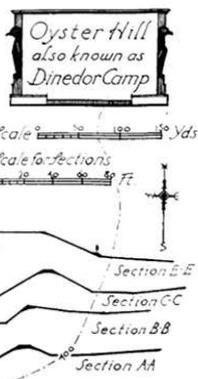
In December 1830 it was reported that a rabid dog had been seen near Dinedor, and that a child and a pig had been bitten by the animal. Several cases of rabies had been confirmed in nearby Monmouthshire and there were many reports of rabid dogs wandering the countryside, with several people being bitten.

1854 – Child Burnt at Dinedor

Unfortunately, no village in Herefordshire seems to escape from terrible news such as this. One afternoon, Mrs. Lewis of Dinedor went to Hereford market, leaving her three children in the house, with the eldest, a 9 year old, in charge. At some time between 5 and 6 in the afternoon, five year old James Lewis put the kettle on to prepare tea for his mother's return and his clothes accidentally caught fire – he was soon engulfed in flames.

Maria Meredith, a neighbour passed by shortly afterwards and smelled smoke, but on trying the door found it to be locked; the eldest girl pushed the key under the door, and on entering the house she was confronted with the dreadful sight of the poor boy on his hands and knees, quite dead. The youngest child was huddled in the corner behind the sofa, very frightened. No medical help was sought, it clearly being of no use.

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The Parish Council met on **October 29** (an extra meeting to consider a planning application) and on **November 19 2019**. There was only one member of the public at the October meeting and 6 in November.

The notes of the meetings are as follows:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (for parishioners to raise questions / give information)

- Herefordshire Council is supporting community hubs to encourage communities known as **Talk Communities**. It was agreed to find out more and express interest, possibly linking with neighbouring parishes in the ward.

CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCES (Liz Kelso)

- All finances are within budget and a first look at the proposed budget for 2020/2021
- New parish notice boards will be erected soon
- Defibrillator has been received. Once installed, training will be arranged. Date to be circulated and all are welcome
- Variations to the lease for the Outdoor Centre are agreed at last!

WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORT (David Summers)

- Land near Maes-y-felin. The Enforcement process is ongoing
- 1 tonne of salt is being made available for each parish - we will take up this offer for general road use and advise where this is going to be stored
- Any problems with roads, drainage etc. contact with Herefordshire Council now has to be made via their website www.herefordshire.gov.uk or by telephone on **01432 261800**.
Home > Travel and Transport > Roads > Report a problem

DINEDOR CAMP

- Parish Council will take legal advice on the advantages of making Dinedor Camp open access land to protect it for the future
- No progress on tree maintenance – quotes are still awaited

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

- Awaiting the draft for the next stage from Kirkwells, the consultants, who will be sent a reminder.

PLANNING APPLICATION

- We considered the outline application for eight houses on the land between Calgary and Hillview in the centre of the village. This area has been identified for development in the draft Neighbourhood Plan, in line with Herefordshire Council's core plan. It was agreed to support the application with the proviso that because of concerns about the increased traffic, the planning authority be strongly encouraged to request that the applicant improves or contributes towards improving the junction with Holme Lacy Rd. and maintenance of the road through the village.

VILLAGE HALL

- A small group of parish councillors and village hall committee members will meet to discuss a new lease in line with the new constitution for the village hall. The Village Hall has had two unexpected bills for drainage because of the ongoing issues which are mentioned on page 2.

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DRAINAGE PROBLEMS IN THE CENTRE OF THE VILLAGE

- Some progress is being made on this long-standing issue but is still not resolved. A plan has been agreed with the lengthsman but some preliminary work by landowners is necessary.

FOOTPATH OFFICER

-Ian Stead, the Parish Footpaths officer, reported that he had attended an information workshop for PFO's given by Balfour Beatty which explained the legal aspects of rights of way, the Council's plans and the duties of PFO's. He had also attended as a member the Local Access Forum which is Herefordshire Council's statutory consultation body for rights of way. He had assisted Duncan Green in constructing a new double stile on a FP behind the church. He reported that a diverted footpath had now been constructed between Hollywell Lane and Hoarwithy Road. If anyone has anything to report about footpaths or rights of way please contact Ian on **07833 137096**.

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday - January 21 2020 at 7.30 pm.

This is just a summary of the meetings - please do consider coming along or look at the full minutes on the website www.dinedorparishcouncil.org.uk

DINEDOR VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Several of our applications for funding to make further improvements to the Village Hall have met with success with awards so far granted by Monmouth Building Society Charitable Foundation, National Lottery Awards for All, the Parish Council, Dinedor Sports and most recently by the CAF Tourle Foundation Fund. Together with the contributions you have made at our fund raising events and through our charity boxes at coffee mornings etc we shall be proceeding promptly with the improvements we have described in this newsletter earlier in the year. Indeed, by the time this newsletter is published the hearing loop will have been installed by Deaf Direct in the main hall with the control equipment located in the kitchen serving area - this item being specifically part funded by the MBS Charitable Foundation.

In early December, Herefordshire Fire Alarm Services will upgrade the existing fire alarm control box and cabling to the latest British Standard, install a heat detector in the kitchen and smoke detectors in the lobby, main hall (2), store room, kitchen serving area, extension, and roof space (3), and fit on the outside of the building an external alarm. This will be funded by the Parish Council. Having an external alarm will hopefully ensure that should a fire break out in the hall when it is unoccupied neighbours will hear the alarm and be able to call the Fire Service before the fire becomes too serious.

Perhaps of greatest impact to hall users will be the installation in the main hall by the end of January of a suspended ceiling fitted with acoustic panels to address the serious reverberation issue we have long suffered from in the hall. In addition, energy efficient LED lighting panels will be fitted flush to the ceiling together with speakers wired back to an amplifier again located in the kitchen serving area which will provide for the use of a microphone during talks and presentations, or music during social events.

You may have noticed that maintenance work has commenced on the building with all external wood work having been checked and stained. Still to be completed is the painting of the extension floor, and rectification of the cracks in the doorways between the main hall and the lobby, store and kitchen serving area. This work has been commissioned and will be completed shortly. For reasons of health and safety, you may have also walked on the new much longer runner in the lobby and seen various new signs around the building. Many of them may seem obvious but they are simply intended for your protection. One particularly important one is the main Fire Assembly Point sign which is located adjacent to the field at the back of the rear car park and accessed in case of emergency through the double fire doors in the main hall and the exit doors in the lobby. If anyone should have any query on any of this work or any concerns at any time over Village Hall health & safety please contact me or any DVH committee member.

As you will be aware, we were regrettably obliged to cancel our October Barn Dance due to the unexpected incapacity of our caller who had suffered an

accident. We apologise to those who had reserved tickets and we hope that next year we may be able to arrange something similar.

However, in the meantime, we shall be having a **CHRISTMAS SOCIAL on December 14 at 6.30pm** which we hope you will all attend. I think those who came last year had a most enjoyable time particularly with the party games, 'sing along', mince pies and mulled wine: and we look forward to welcoming in the Christmas season at this forthcoming event.

At noon on **Saturday January 18** we shall again hold **JANUARY JACKETS**, a light lunch of jacket potatoes with a choice of toppings. The intention is to provide an opportunity for us all get together in a warm and friendly setting during what may be a cold and bleak month. In this respect, if you would like to come but do not want to drive, we shall arrange a pick up service which you can access by contacting Marlene (tel. 870628), Chris (tel. 873165) or me (tel. 870666) - preferably by Wednesday January 15th to give us time to arrange vehicles. The entry charge for **January Jackets** will be £5.00 for jacket potato with butter and cheese or coleslaw topping, salad, cake and tea or coffee

Finally, I mentioned in the last newsletter that we are considering changing the status of the Dinedor Village Hall charity to be a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, or CIO. This will require a new constitution compliant with legislation of which we now have a draft. If anyone would like me to e-mail or send them a copy of this draft please let me know. In the meantime, we shall be considering the need for a new lease with the Parish Council
Allen Simnett

FRIENDS OF ROTHERWAS CHAPEL



Come and Wassail!

Sunday January 5 2020 at 2 pm

Hot apple drink will be served as usual. Please bring a travel mug if possible

We now have 20 chairs + pew but bring a chair/cushion if you can.

Chapel open 11 Dec for EH Conservators.

Mary and Lucinda are on the third go at the deep clean. They are doing a great job and would be very happy for any visitors to call in and appreciate their work.

All enquiries to Barbara Ferris 870696

DINEDOR CAMP STEERING GROUP

The money received from the Tesco Bags of Help scheme has been used to buy a powered strimmer. The machine has been tested and is being evaluated for its suitability.

The planned bonfire unfortunately had to be cancelled due to the appalling weather. Scrub clearance continues with the efforts of the community volunteers and the payback team. The south west corner now has excellent views across to Aconbury iron age hill fort. Thanks to all who have taken part. We are now looking into other possible sources of funding to purchase more equipment and also further information boards.



DINEDOR & HOLME LACY WI

Our local WI group was first formed by the farmers' wives of Holme Lacy and Dinedor in 1953 and meetings were held in Holme Lacy village hall because Dinedor did not have a hall at that time.



It was a thriving group and meetings had much the same variety of content as that of today, with visits to gardens, Cadbury's, Wedgwood and the County Picnic. In the 60's they took part in amateur dramatics, cookery and flower competitions, along with the annual Holme Lacy Fete competitions. Membership was still expanding in the 70's and included trips to the Pantomime, Christmas parties, with demonstrations and courses held at Holme Lacy College. Entries were made to the WI show at the Shire Hall and members helped with the WI markets at St Peter's and St Martin's halls.



Dinedor Village Hall was built and completed in 1995 so the WI began to meet for six months at either hall and continued until a few years ago when sadly there were no Holme Lacy members so Dinedor was used year round. Our oldest member has been with us for over 50 years so it has been with much deliberation that this group has decided, with member's approval, to suspend for three years at the end of 2019, until a new group of officers can be found to run the group. Our thanks go to the various Committees that have run the group so successfully for so long, headed by a continuous stream of Presidents who have all given their valued time and organisational skills willingly to promote the organisation.

The National Federation of Women's Institutes is celebrating its Centenary next year and is the largest Women's organisation in the UK with aims to offer women the best opportunity to make an impact in their communities, to influence local, national and world issues affecting the social, economic and environmental life of families and communities, and to learn new and traditional skills.

DINEDOR HERITAGE GROUP

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday November 26. We were pleased to welcome Enid Bullock as our new treasurer and thank Marlene Kitto for the work she has done over recent years. Annual subscriptions are due this month and if you haven't already done so please contact Brian Granthier when convenient. Our summer outings proved to be very popular and we are looking for suggested destinations for next summer. The AGM was followed by a presentation by Penny Platts entitled 'Half Timbered Herefordshire'. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday January 28 when David Whitehead will be telling us about Herefordshire and the Civil War.

Further details are available from Ian Stead on 07833 137096.
www.dinedorheritagegroup.wordpress.com

FOWNHOPE MEDICAL CENTRE PATIENTS

Fownhope Medical Centre Patients Survey is now available. If anyone attends this surgery and can help them by filling in a form Barbara Ferris has 9 copies for distribution. Please telephone 01432 870696

COFFEE MORNING

The next Village Coffee Morning will be held on

Saturday December 7 between 10.30 and 12 noon

This will be the last Coffee Morning of 2019. Do join us in the Village Hall, everyone will be made most welcome.

It's a good chance to catch up with friends and neighbours in a relaxed way and enjoy a hot drink and excellent home-made cakes. Bring something to put on our Swap Table if you wish - books, jigsaw puzzles, produce whatever you have to spare!



Looking forward to seeing you on 7th!

NEWS FROM ST MICHAELS HOSPICE

If you're in need of a chuckle or a belly full of titters, St Michael's Hospice has a slightly different approach which may lighten your mood this winter.

Free monthly Laughter Yoga sessions are taking place at the Hospice in Bartestree. Laughter Yoga is proving popular around the world with many suggesting it's a good workout, as well as putting people in a happier mood.



'It's a combination of laughter and breathing exercises which are good for the body, mind, spirit and soul,' said Elaine Pawley, the Lead Social Worker at St Michael's who runs the sessions.

'It taps into our inner child by encouraging us to be playful and laugh at the everyday.' 'It can be applied as a non-medical approach to assist with pain relief, mood, immune system and as relaxation.' The public can attend one session or as many as they wish.

They take place on the final Friday of each month at 11.30 am, starting on **Friday January 31** at the Hospice in Bartestree - post code (HR1 4HA). **For more information, contact Elaine on 01432 852628 or email epawley@smhospicehereford.org**

Mobile Information Point:

The miles covered by the St Michael's Hospice Mobile Information Point continues to grow. The vehicle is visiting communities across Herefordshire and beyond, helping raise awareness of the wide range of services provided by the Hospice.

The vehicle has a number of monthly locations it visits which are listed below. Other dates can be found by visiting:

www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk/informationpoint

If you would like the Information Point to visit your community, call Michelle Havard on 01432 852 621 or email mhavard@smhospicehereford.org

Monthly venues:

Kington Co-op: First Thursday of the month
Leintwardine Surgery: Second Tuesday of the month
Hay-on-Wye Surgery: Second Thursday of the Month
Ledbury Co-op: First Friday of the month
Bromyard Co-op: Last Friday of the month
Hop Pocket Shopping Village: Second Friday of the Month
Ewyas Harold: Last Wednesday of the month
Asda Hereford: Tuesday Dec 17 (2019), Friday April 17, Friday July

ST ANDREWS CHURCH

On Sunday October 13 our annual Harvest Festival Service was held at St Andrew's with over 40 people in the congregation. After the service an auction of harvest produce took place which produced some fierce bidding for the choice items. This was followed by a Harvest Lunch held in Dinedor Village Hall. The quality of the food, and quantity, was of the usual high standard that Dinedor is known for and enjoyed by all. A total of £379 was raised for church funds.

Thanks to all who helped with decorating the church, organising the catering and who generally contributed to making the day a success. An umbrella was left behind in church after the service and has remained unclaimed to date. Contact Bill (870582) to claim.

Vicar – Vacancy

No new applicants for the post have come forward and we are dependent on visiting clergy to take services. The Archdeacon and the Rural Dean continue to search for named clergy for our church but we are hopeful that the situation may soon be resolved.

Post of Church Treasurer

Colin Jones who is currently Churchwarden and Treasurer for the Parish is relinquishing the role of Treasurer at the end of December. The work is not difficult or particularly time consuming. Basic bookkeeping experience would be helpful. Anyone who would be willing to take on the post should contact Tim (870645) or Bill (870582) for details.



Forthcoming Services at St Andrew's

Sunday	December 8	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	December 15	6 pm	Christmas Carol Service
Sunday	December 22	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Wednesday	December 25	10 am	Holy Communion

THE BOX OF DELIGHTS

Tuesday 17 to Monday 23 December, 7.30 pm

Bringing together the finest creative team from across Herefordshire and beyond, 2Faced Dance Company and The Green Dragon Hotel present a re-imagining of the classic novel by Herefordshire Poet Laureate, John Masefield.

The Box of Delights will take you back in time, through hidden realms and with plenty of mystical surprises along the way.

Combining fine dining, theatre and dance, The Box of Delights offers a whole evening of exquisite entertainment. We start our journey at a secret location and wind our way through local streets as the story unfolds around us. Soon we are led to the splendiferous surroundings of the newly refurbished Green Dragon Hotel, where we are greeted with cocktails and a delicious 3-course meal as the action continues inside...

Tickets are £45 pp (£75 pp VIP) and are available online only:

www.box-of-delights.com



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Rotherwas, Hereford HR2 6LE
01432 870223
www.sinkgreenfarm.co.uk
Unwind... Relax... Enjoy...

LITTLE DEWCHURCH FLICKS IN THE STICKS

A Star is Born (15) Friday December 13 2019 in the Village Hall. Doors open 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm Tickets £4.50

This 2018 remake of the classic rags to riches story is brilliantly performed by Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper. The story of superstar artist discovering unknown singer and her subsequent rise to fame follows traditional lines. However, the music is fantastic and the acting totally convincing. Bring your tissues! Strong language Director: Bradley Cooper

ROTHERWAS TOGETHER

Munitions Football Stop and Chat

**Tuesday November 26 - From 6 pm
Garrick Lounge, Green Dragon Hotel,
Broad Street, Hereford**

Lin Mathias will be sharing her ideas for the munitions football celebration and commemoration due to take place on Sunday March 8 2020 at Hereford Football Club.

Please drop in and say hi. Drinks, hot, cold and alcoholic, can be bought at the bar.

All Welcome



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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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