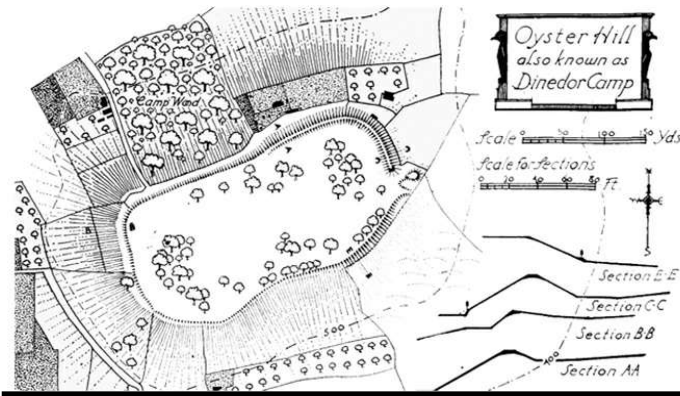


# Dinedor Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2020



## FLY - TIPPING

There have been several incidents of fly tipping in the woods to your left as you go up Dinedor Hill, including bathroom fittings and a toilet.

Thanks to Joe Lively who removed them. If you see any suspicious activity and can get number plate details, please contact the police. If you see any dumped rubbish let any parish councillor or Balfour Beatty know straight away.

**Household recycling centres** may be used by Herefordshire residents to dispose of their own household waste.

From 1 October 2020 to 31 March 2021 Household Recycling Centres will move to winter opening hours meaning most will now close at 4 pm instead of 6 pm.

**From Monday 14 September you need to book online and receive a pass before visiting any of the Household Recycling Centres.**

This is to prevent regular queuing and congestion around these facilities.

Booking is possible on the same day you wish to visit subject to available slots via the website for Herefordshire Council.

## FOOTPATHS OFFICERS REPORT

The only item to report, because of Covid, is the situation regarding M325, the Turnpike Lane. Previously it was reported that this ancient way, which continues Prospect Lane to the Rotherwas Access Road, has recently been blocked. An application to make this lane a Public Right of Way was submitted to Herefordshire Council about four years ago. HC asked for evidence of its long-term use as well as historical evidence before they would consider the application.

A significant number of residents, and ex-residents, have submitted this evidence going back many years. As a result, Rob Hemblade, the Balfour Beatty officer in charge of PROWs has reported that he is now compiling a formal report to allow the application to be considered. This process may take some time.

Thanks to all those people who submitted usage evidence for this important right of way approval.

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## DINEDOR PARISH COUNCIL

On Tuesday September 20, we held our fourth virtual meeting this year. We were joined by two members of the public and our ward councillor, David Summers. We were hoping to make this our first meeting in the refurbished village hall, but national guidance did not allow this.

Duncan Green gave his apologies and has resigned as chair, although he is going to remain as a councillor. Suzanne Penny was elected to be the new chair until the annual parish meeting next summer.

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

David Summers agreed with the comments from a parishioner about the poor quality of road repairs and he undertook to report the concerns to Balfour Beatty yet again. There was also a question about the status of the road up to the camp from The Laurels following the visit some months ago by Cllr Harrington, Infrastructure and Transport Lead for Herefordshire Council. A reminder will be sent.

### CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCES (Liz Kelso)

The new notice boards have finally been erected - replacing the very old boards. Finances are on target and we agreed at our next regular meeting in November to look at the budget and set the precept for the new financial year 2021/2022.

### LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

Hereford Council is the highway authority, but it is encouraging parish councils to take on some of these responsibilities through the Lengthsman scheme. We agreed to join the scheme for one day every other month, although we are unlikely to receive a grant this year, meaning that we will probably have to pay for any road maintenance from PC funds. To make best use of our limited funds, it was agreed there would be discussion with the Lengthsman regarding any additional work to this and we would agree the programme at an extra PC meeting on 20 October

### GRANT REQUESTS

The Outdoor Centre, which is based at Dinedor Camp, has applied to us for a grant, as its finances have been severely hit by the Covid shutdown and it is unlikely to open this year. We have requested further information and decided to look at this again at the extra meeting mentioned above.

### NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Herefordshire Council are currently conducting their Regulation 16 consultation on our plan until October 5. After this, we should receive feedback prior to it being sent to an independent examiner, in line with the national process.

### TURNPIKE LANE

Many thanks to those who responded to our request for evidence about use of the lane. (See the separate footpath officer's report ).

### HOLLOW FARM ROAD – TRAFFIC

We are looking at the feasibility of a speed limit or some traffic calming measures through the village. Please let us know your views by contacting the clerk or speaking to a councillor - for us to act we need to have the support of residents. Our clerk will look at the cost of notices and also whether there is any chance of persuading Herefordshire Council and the police to agree to a speed limit.

### OUR NEXT MEETINGS

The extra meeting mentioned above is on **Tuesday October 20 at 6.00 pm** – please note the earlier starting time which will be standard for all future meetings. This will be a virtual, online meeting. The next regular meeting is on **Tuesday November 17 at 6.00 pm**. In light of the current national guidance this is again likely to be a virtual meeting via Zoom. Please check our website or the notice boards for up to date information and if you would like to raise any issues or need help accessing the virtual meetings, please contact the Parish Clerk or any Councillor

## DINEDOR VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

We are pleased to advise you that our current programme of hall improvements is complete, and we now have:

- upgraded fire protection (thanks to the support of Dinedor Parish Council)
- a suspended ceiling in our main hall fitted with acoustic tiles which confirmation from parishioners' feedback agrees has greatly improved acoustics and sound quality in the hall
- a hearing loop to assist hearing aid users
- a speaker system and amplifier
- new LED lighting, and
- a beautiful new Karndean vinyl plank floor

The main hall, foyer, extension and store have also been fully decorated: and as a result, we consider the hall has been transformed. We hope you will agree!

To give you opportunity to view the hall before activities re-commence, we will open the hall from **4 pm to 6 pm on Tuesday October 6**, strictly subject to Covid-19 procedures and regulations, and if you would like to visit please either e-mail or telephone me to book a convenient time.

In July's newsletter, we explained the new procedures we were introducing to maintain a safe environment for all hall users. Having undertaken a Covid risk assessment and put new Covid procedures in place we re-open like many bars and restaurants as a "Covid safe environment". The new procedures detailed in the July newsletter include social distancing, the introduction of a one-way system, use only of the disabled toilet, temporary closure of the kitchen, and the provision of hand sanitizer on entry (foyer doors) and exit (kitchen door, main hall fire doors) as well as anti-bacterial sprays and wipes for cleaning. To permit social distancing at one metre within the hall, we now ADD that everyone in the hall must wear a protective mask, and good ventilation must be maintained with open doors and windows. We trust that this will be acceptable to hall users enabling our community to once again come together for meetings and to enjoy a range of activities.

This year is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the building of Dinedor Village Hall, and hopefully before year end we will have the opportunity to celebrate this event and to express our thanks to those who played a part in its building and have contributed to its running over the last quarter century. Watch out for an announcement!

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## DINEDOR CAMP STEERING GROUP

The CSG met virtually on August 11. The village volunteers have continued to work once a month although this has been limited by Covid. The pandemic has also meant that the pay-back teams have not worked on the Camp since the beginning of the lockdown period.

The recently acquired equipment obtained from the Tesco bid, a power strimmer and flail mower, are now being used and are very effective.

There has been a debate to create a conservation and access policy which will become part of the camp management plan previously adopted by the PC. It will state exactly where, how often and how short, the grass should be cut. Once agreed this will make the archaeology easy to see, allow easy access to the site and encourage the growth of wild flowers and create good habitats for birds, mammals and other wildlife.

Duncan Green has resigned from the CSG, our thanks go to him for his valuable contribution over the past few years. Cllr Tim Greenow will now join the group. If you are interested in joining the CSG please contact me. We hope to appoint new community representatives shortly.

Thanks to all the CSG members and the regular volunteers who have worked hard to greatly improve the appearance and access to the Camp.

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## ROTHERWAS CHAPEL

I thank everyone involved in the Open Event that was held at Rotherwas Chapel on Sunday September 20. Most of all though I am deeply grateful to those valiant people who have cared for the chapel over the years to preserve this evidence of human spirit, endeavour and creativity. It can inspire us all today. It brought home to me the importance of a sense of place and perspective. I was helped to enjoy the occasion so much more because of the leadership of English Heritage and the presence of Ginny, our Volunteer Support Manager. Mark from Historic England was there to complete my sense of completeness. The icing on the cake, the peak of the pyramid.



The Chapel was built in the 1580s; Dinedor Heritage Group launched "Dinedor and Rotherwas Explored" there in 2014. It is now volunteer Friends who provided the firm base for the Covid safe

opening. The Chapel has come alive with shared information and experiences - and more stories are unfolding. Each of the 32 visitors on 20 Sept contributed to the sense of occasion. Taking positive steps is very good for the spirits. And the sun shone! I have hope for future events however uncertain immediate regulations may be. **Barbara Ferris**

## ROTHERWAS HOUSE - HISTORY

The original Rotherwas House was built of timber, with the final house being built in 1730 by Charles Bodenham - it was generally described as one of the finest and oldest seats in the whole country, and had the most glorious Elizabethan, Jacobean and Queen Anne panelling which had been transferred from the former house.

It was in one of the panelled main rooms of the house that King James 1 was so well entertained that he condensed his thanks into one saying....."we can't all live at Rotherwas".

In 1832 and then again in 1834, the mansion was advertised for let, fully furnished; described as finely situated on the banks of the Wye within two and a half miles of Hereford, with coach houses and stabling; an extensive walled garden; shrubberies etc. and a lawn containing 30 acres of superior meadow ground. Also the deputation over the manors of Dinedor and Lower Bullingham, and the exclusive right of sporting over a well wooded estate of 2500 acres well stocked with game.

The last tenants of Rotherwas House left in 1912, when it became a barracks for the munitions factory, then a military prison before being demolished in 1926 after falling into disrepair. A dreadfully sad end for a grand and dignified house.

The splendid panelling was sold to an American, Charles M. Pratt - secretary of the Standard Oil Company, and thus some of the finest examples of Elizabethan craftsmanship has been lost from our country. Now all that can be seen is the footprint in the dry earth after recent heatwaves, and that only from the sky.

The staunchly catholic Bodenham family held Rotherwas as their seat for a considerable period of time.

[herefordshirepast.co.uk](http://herefordshirepast.co.uk)

Many of you will have seen Rotherwas hitting the news headlines recently as some WW1 mortars were discovered during on-site construction work at the Wye Valley Group. Using old maps, we believe that they were discovered underneath the former AOS Stores where munitions were stored before being transported by rail.

They were transported to Sink Green Farm and army bomb disposal experts, based in Tewksbury, worked on them for four days. The mortars were covered with 12 tonnes of sand before detonation and the hole was later filled in by the army. Some of the controlled explosions on Sunday were quite significant.

They were found in the remains of a wooden box and are believed to be WW1 mortars to be used in a 4.5-inch Howitzer field gun. They had a 106-percussion fuse.

Thanks to Sue Morgan from Sink Green Farm and Gavin Pettigrew from the Wye Valley Group for their co-operation and to the army bomb disposal team for answering my numerous questions.

**Nicola Goodwin**

### DINEDOR HERITAGE GROUP

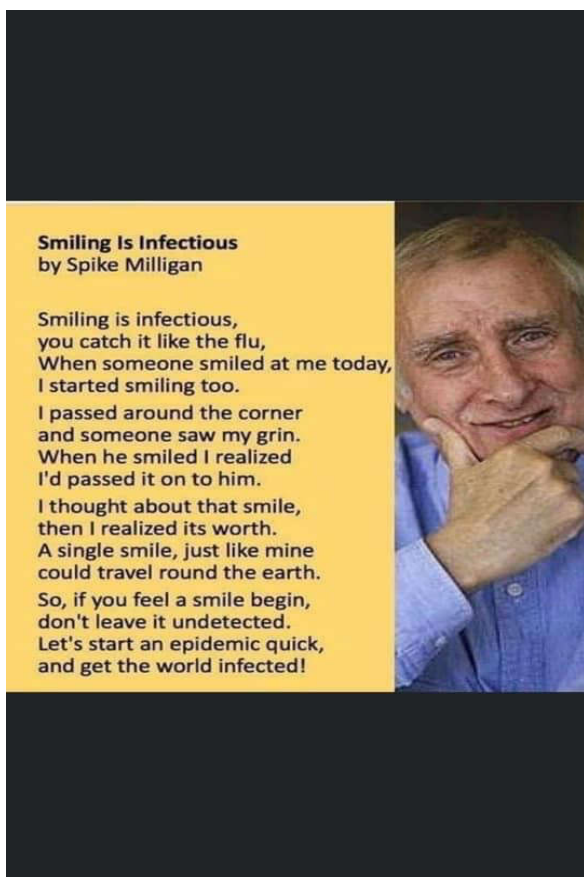
At this time of the year we would normally be looking back at our summer field trips and looking forward to our winter programme. This has now all changed thanks to Covid19.

We had pencilled in a visit from Herefordshire Council's Archaeological Projects Manager, Tim Hoverd who was to give a presentation on the Viking Hoard, found in north Herefordshire, and its illegal handling by the metal detectorists who discovered it. This was to take place later this month. The presentation has now had to be postponed and it looks like it will be early next year before we can even consider meeting again.

We have agreed to postpone the renewal date for membership fees until we are once more meeting together again.

We will keep you informed as to any further developments as they arise.

**With very best wishes, Dinedor Heritage Group**



**Smiling Is Infectious**  
by Spike Milligan

Smiling is infectious,  
you catch it like the flu,  
When someone smiled at me today,  
I started smiling too.

I passed around the corner  
and someone saw my grin.  
When he smiled I realized  
I'd passed it on to him.

I thought about that smile,  
then I realized its worth.  
A single smile, just like mine  
could travel round the earth.

So, if you feel a smile begin,  
don't leave it undetected.  
Let's start an epidemic quick,  
and get the world infected!

Victoria is Monarch, Gladstone is Prime Minister, the National History Museum has just opened in London, and Robert Louis Stevenson's recently published book, *Treasure Island*, is gaining in popularity.

In Hereford, watchmaker, jeweller and silversmith, William Margrett, is living in Commercial Road with his wife, Harriett, and at 54 Broad Street, producing quality clocks that will mark the passage of time for many years to come. He is particularly pleased with his Fusee dial clocks. These provide improved time keeping by the use of a cone shaped pulley within its mechanism with a helical groove around it and cord attached to the main spring barrel to equalise the uneven pull of the main spring as it runs down.

Such a clock bearing the wording "Margrett Hereford" was acquired by Dinedor School and no doubt was closely watched both by teachers and pupils over several generations as it defined each day. Indeed, some of those in the photo may well have become increasingly happy as it ticked down toward the end of the school day!



*Dinedor School group photo late 19th century.*

Now over 125 years old, this heritage time piece can be seen in Dinedor Village Hall - a part of our history and an example of William Margrett's craftmanship.

**Allan Simnett**

### LADIES OF THE WI

Just before the final closure meeting in November 2019 we discussed and planned a Cream Tea Get Together at Holme Lacy House for the members in April/March of this year.

This was booked as an open voucher to use as and when we decided.

Unfortunately events took over and we have been unable to fulfil our ambitions.

The voucher runs out in November of this year and as Holme Lacy House have only been open to residents to date, they have agreed to renew the voucher for a further year.

With this in mind, we are now looking forward to a very good 'Chinwag' over tea and scones hopefully next Spring. Keep safe, Wendy



### DEFIBRILLATOR

The defibrillator is now installed on the wall outside the village hall and is clearly visible.

A condition of the grant that was secured from the British Heart Foundation was that training in CPR would be arranged. However due to the current Covid restrictions that it is not possible at present.

It is available for use though and 'talks' you through what needs to be done to use it.

The Parish Council will seek to put on a training event as soon as it is allowed.



## ST ANDREWS CHURCH

The Annual Parish Church Council Meeting of the joint Parish of St Andrew's, Dinedor and St David's, Little Dewchurch, known as South Wye Rural, will take place on Wednesday September 30 at 2 pm at St David's. The Rural Dean, Rev Ruth Hulse, will Chair the Meeting. Colin Jones, the current Churchwarden, is retiring and as yet no replacement has been identified. We thank Colin for his years of dedicated service.

The congregation at St David's has been dwindling in recent years and there is a shortage of persons available to fill the official roles within the church. This is a matter which will be addressed at the meeting.

It is hoped that a service to celebrate Harvest can be held at St Andrew's on **Sunday October 18**. Further Covid-19 restrictions may interfere with the arrangements. Once a vicar has been identified to take the service a decision will be taken on the structure of the event. It may be held outdoors in the churchyard; one thing is certain is that it will be different from the Harvest Service held in previous years. There is unlikely to be a Harvest Lunch in the village hall. Details, when decided, will be displayed on the church notice board.

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### NEWS FROM THE HOSPICE

#### RUN Hereford - Your Way

RUN Hereford is one of St Michael's flagship events, and despite all our efforts and the fantastic support from our community, it's not possible for us to go ahead with our scheduled mass run on Sunday October 18 2020.

We want to thank everyone who has signed up to take part in RUN and we hope you understand how difficult it has been for us to take the decision to cancel the 5K, 10K and Half Marathon runs that were due to take place.

However, you can still RUN Hereford your way; anytime, any place you like between 12 am Monday October 12 and 7 pm Sunday October 18.

Simply sign up and we will send you a bespoke 2020 St Michael's Hospice RUN Hereford running top



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**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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