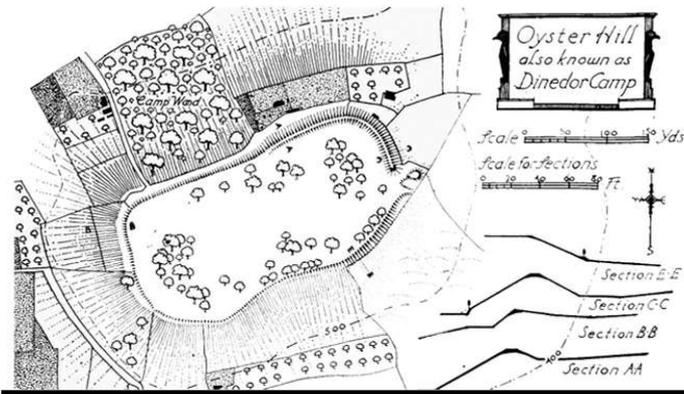


Dinedor Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2020



COVID - 19 UPDATE

You will recall that in the last lockdown there was a group of volunteers within our parish that were ready to help anyone that had a need. In fact many have continued to support their neighbours since March. Jean Savage in particular wishes to record thanks for continued support.

The volunteer hub is still available to access help and support in lockdown 2.0 and the details are as as before. The volunteer WhatsApp group is still active and enables all the volunteers to respond quickly to a request made to the hub.

The numbers are:

Suzanne Penny 873170 or 07971 544889

Duncan Green 870469 or 07974 447700

The council recommends that you prepare in case you need to self-isolate this winter. Think about the support you may need on a daily basis and whether family friends or neighbours can help you. Your plan might include support with things that you usually take for granted, such as shopping, collecting medicine or pet care. If you need additional support, call the Herefordshire Council Talk Community Helpdesk on 01432 260027 or by sending an e mail to:

talkcommunitycovidresponse@herefordshire.gov.uk

You may also be asked to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace. This may be because you have tested positive for coronavirus, or you have recently been in close contact with someone who has tested positive. A £500 payment will be paid if you are asked to self-isolate, but you are unable to work from home and you will lose your income. You must also receive an eligible benefit, such as Universal Credit.

Council services during lockdown

Play areas, public toilets and educational settings remain open. Libraries are open for click and collect only with on line orders for books

Blueschool House customer services remain open with booking required. **Book online or call 01432 260066.**

Herefordshire Household Recycling Centres are open with on line booking required. Trade waste sacks can be ordered on line.

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DINEDOR PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

There have been 2 meetings since our last newsletter. At the first on October 20 there were 2 items only - we agreed to give £1,000.00 grant to the Outdoor Centre on Dinedor Hill, as a contribution to the roof repairs (a building owned by the parish). We also agreed the programme of work for the lengthsman - some of this work has now started in the centre of the village.

The second meeting was on November 17 when we were very pleased to welcome 6 members of the public who accessed through Zoom.

CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCES (Liz Kelso)

Our finances are still on target and we had a preliminary discussion about next year's budget. This will be confirmed at the January meeting. For the year ended in March 2020, we were pleased that auditors have not reported any concerns and thanks were given to Liz for this good outcome.

PLANNING MATTERS

We discussed 3 planning applications - at land opposite Nellie's Oak; at Fairhurst and at Sigeric Business Park. We decided not to object to any of these applications. We noted that Herefordshire Council has given outline permission for new houses on land adjacent to Calgary and land adjacent to Hill View, and to changes at Walnut Tree Cottage.

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

We are now, at last, at the stage of choosing examiners, who look at the plan before it goes out for parish referendum, hopefully in spring next year. The steering group will meet virtually ASAP to decide on an examiner, from the list of 3 provided by the Herefordshire Council.

HIGHWAY MATTERS

As mentioned above, the lengthsman has started work but there is still concern about other highway work which is the responsibility of Herefordshire Council. We agreed to write to the council again about this.

HOLLOW FARM ROAD TRAFFIC

Liz provided us with information about the feasibility of a speed restriction, but it seems unlikely that this can be achieved as there are stringent requirements before Herefordshire Council and the police will agree. We decided to look at potential traffic calming and will ask the local community support officer to attend our next meeting in January.

FOOTPATHS OFFICER (Ian Stead)

The report has now been received recommending acceptance of the application for Turnpike Lane to be a Public Right of Way. We will discuss this in January, as it was received too late to be included in this meeting's agenda. For details see Ian's separate report.

TALK COMMUNITY HUB

Chris Waters reported that good progress is being made and the Village Hall Committee is hopeful of receiving a grant. Details are in the separate Village Hall report.

DATE AND TIME OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Our future meetings are going to be at 6.00 pm on the third THURSDAY of every second month. They will be virtual meetings on Zoom until it is possible to have them in the village hall once again. We hope that this change will encourage you to attend. The next meeting is therefore on **THURSDAY 21 JANUARY at 6.00 pm.**

We wish all parishioners a peaceful and Happy Christmas and a brighter 2021!

DINEDOR VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

We were pleased to welcome those who came to the hall on October 6 to view its transformation.

Covid-19 has been the cause of a very quiet few weeks at the hall. We were delighted that, attracted by the new décor, Poppy Sewell began yoga classes there on Saturdays from October 10. The classes which of course observe social distancing have proved popular and Poppy is now considering a second class for senior and less able participants. If you are interested in joining Poppy after lockdown please call her on 07538 868093.

Very unfortunately, in these uncertain times, we have been obliged to postpone any decision on celebrating the hall's 25th year, and indeed "January Jackets" which has become a welcome New Year event. Hopefully, with a viable vaccine not too far away, we will be able to restore activities at the hall early in 2021. In this respect and following the exercise theme, we have purchased a table tennis table for the hall which going forward we do hope parishioners will take advantage of and enjoy!

In the meantime, a small working group (Suzanne Penny, Duncan Green, Chris Waters and me) is in discussions with Herefordshire Council on establishing a Talk Community Hub in Dinedor. As we proceed through the 2020's, a significant percentage of the population outside of Hereford City will become over 65, and the Talk Community Hub scheme will seek to address issues which this group in particular may face including isolation, loneliness, and well being. Loneliness and mental disorders, however, also affect much younger age groups: and as a matter of principle Talk Community Hubs will aim to be inclusive, available and beneficial to everybody. If successful with its application, the working group proposes to build on the success of the bi-monthly coffee morning by endeavouring to introduce another bi-monthly community event with speakers and activities supported by Herefordshire Council, as well as a regular "surgery" at the hall to enable residents to consult with members of the working group on issues for which they need information.

A major source of this information will be the Council's **Wish** website which you can directly access at www.wisherefordshire.org. **Wish**, which stands for **Well being Information and Signposting for Herefordshire**, is a website developed by Herefordshire Council to help you or someone you care for live as safely and independently as possible by providing a very wide range of information including local services and events to support the health and well being of all adults, children, young people and families in our community. If you have access to the Internet, do check it out. If not, with the financial support of the Council, we do hope to shortly install the internet at the village hall and with a laptop to regularly provide access to this source of information and others at events and surgeries. Having broadband at the village hall may also provide other opportunities perhaps attractive to younger members of our community to hire the hall, computer and projector: so if you do have any interest in computer-based activities do let us know.

In this respect, as we very regularly receive information from various bodies which may be helpful to you, send me your e-mail address if you are happy to receive community updates direct to your laptop, tablet or mobile. It will only be used for that purpose and you can cancel at any time.

As we may not have the opportunity to meet before the festive season, may I wish you on behalf of the Village Hall Management Committee a very Happy Christmas with the prospect of a safer and more normal New Year

Allan Simnett e-mail: treasurer@dinedorvillagehall.org.uk Tel: 870666



FRIENDS OF ROTHERWAS CHAPEL

English Heritage are grateful for the efforts and enthusiasm of the Friends of Rotherwas Chapel in welcoming visitors to the chapel in a difficult year when the normal access has not been possible and this success comes from our great working partnership'. So wrote Ginny Slade (Volunteer Manager for English Heritage) and her support made us confident to open the Chapel again in October - Covid secure and weatherproof!. We were heartened by the response of people who had not been in the Chapel before -

Herefordians and those from further afield. Piotr Chlapowski, came from Harrow specially to share his family's connection! His Great Grandmother was sister to Countess Irene. so important to the Chapel's renovations by Pugin. He has left with us a photo of Charles Bodenham and Countess Irene and the beautiful sketch drawn by his relative. Chris Over's display and expertise were very welcome during the open day and generated interest in the wider aspects of Dinedor and Rotherwas Explored. There have been many changes since the book launch in the Chapel Nov 2014! We still have much to learn.

Much is happening in this area. The surroundings are being cleared in various parts of what used to be the Bodenham estate. Herefordshire Council only took the land that wasn't sold in the auction, the MOD site was let go at different times. The Enterprise Zone is the significant North Section - the last to go. I was privileged to be in a group that Mark Pierce, Managing Director, showed around the Shell store recently. It is built to be a Covid safe work environment that bodes well for the future. He will be giving a Zoom presentation on 17 January to Hereford Civic Society on plans for the Skylon Park. We can expect to learn more about NMITE's expectations of working within Skylon Park North and the part industrial archaeology will play. (Non-members are welcome but they will need to request the link)

The area around the Chapel is changing as well as. There are challenging times ahead. The transport strategy review has opened up consideration of an eastern bridge. There are schemes offering regeneration money. Herefordshire Council plans and the other owners/ renters of this area will have a major impact on our community.

Meanwhile FoRC committee continue to promote Rotherwas Chapel in Hereford and the wider area. We have monthly phone meetings with EH to plan activities for the year ahead, preparing for a joyous Spring! There is still so much to explore. **Barbara Ferris**

DINEDOR NEWS FROM THE PAST (3)

1851 – Accidental Death of Dinedor Man

John Cotterell of Dinedor was working on the estate of C.T. Bodenham of Rotherwas, raising gravel.

He was undermining the gravel, and was repeatedly warned of the danger of doing this – he ignored everyone who was concerned for his safety, and eventually a huge mass of gravel fell down, burying him almost completely.

When John was finally dug out, he was taken to Hereford Infirmary, where he lived for a few hours. The post mortem revealed that he had a broken right thigh; badly bruised back and broken spine, and a shattered pelvis.

In Memoriam on Dinedor Camp?Sadly Not!

The peace and lyrical setting of Dinedor Camp appears, at first sight, to be a really good place to put a tree or plaque in memory of a fond relative, a friend, or perhaps even a pet. It's a nice thought that one could walk past a tree, planted to remember a friend who had enjoyed looking at the views from the Camp over valleys and fields, the river and Hereford itself to distant hills; or else remembering a dog running about the camp, in and out of the undergrowth and enjoying freedom from home! However, we can't do it! The Parish Council wanted to plant an oak tree up there to commemorate the Queen's Golden Jubilee back in 2012 but it couldn't be done and who says not? Historic England says not. Dinedor Camp is a scheduled monument and Historic England oversees all such monuments throughout England, and is backed up by legislation. In this respect it is a criminal offence to disturb the surface of the Camp because of the danger of harming any archaeology underneath.

So it's **NO** to trees in memory of auntie; it's **NO** to plaques to remember the dog and **NO** to any other form of memorial that involves penetrating the soil of the Camp's surface. For the same reason it's also **NO to hanging swings or tyres on trees** because of the damage caused by feet dragging on the ground underneath and scuffing up the surface.

And who's to guarantee that the branch on which a swing or tyre is hung is strong enough to take the weight of those swinging below? No one wants any injuries up there! However, the **biggest NO-NO is digging fire-pits for BBQ's**. A number were dug on the Camp during the summer this year and much damage was done, and the matter was reported to the police and to Historic England.

So, please go up to the camp. Enjoy yourselves but avoid doing anything that digs into the Camp's surface. Thank you. **Nick Austin**

Anyone interested in Natural History?

Now that the parish owns Dinedor Camp and the surrounding woods, it would be good to know what we've got up there!

So the Camp Steering Committee would be keen to hear from anyone who would like to start assembling details of, say, birds, butterflies and moths, or wild flowers and fungi, small mammals, insects and any other aspects of the wildlife up there.

We would need to decide the format of any such record and where to keep it. All ideas are welcome. We start with a blank sheet in this respect. What would we have? Perhaps photos of appropriate subjects, records of where and when they've been seen, and maybe even little videos or recordings of birdsong or animal calls! How about a photo log of the seasons on the Camp and in the woods?

If you are intrigued by this notion, **contact Ian Stead on 01432 873170**.

Update: Work by our volunteers has continued on a monthly basis although there has been some disruption due to Covid restrictions. We are pleased to welcome Jake Wain to the steering group. He has been extremely helpful and has mown large areas of the Camp under the guidelines of our draft conservation and access plan. This draft plan is being worked on and it is hoped that it will be completed shortly. Thanks to all volunteers for their continued enthusiasm. **Ian Stead**

FOOTPATHS

Following previous news about the attempted registration of the Turnpike Lane (M325) as a public right of way there has been significant progress. The Council (BB) officer responsible for rights of way has submitted the formal consultation documents which will allow the track to be registered as a restricted byway. A restricted byway is effectively a right of way which allows access by all means except motorised vehicles. The report is very comprehensive and positive with historic evidence going back to at least 1729 and 33 past and present residents giving evidence of use of the route going back to the 1950s. There has been good collaboration between Dinedor and Lower Bullingham parishes to achieve this. There is now a formal consultation period after which it is hoped there will be a speedy resolution of the formal registration of the lane as a public right of way.

Hello All, I just wanted to bring you up to date regarding the Dinedor Heritage Group information board that stood outside the old Shell Store at Rotherwas.

This had been badly vandalised in the past and was taken down when work to upgrade the old buildings commenced.

I have now taken possession of this and restored it as much as possible to its original condition.

I attach before and after images! (slightly out of focus but you get the idea!)



I am liaising with Mark from Skylon Park as to when and where we can return this to the site. **Chris Over**

The Bodenham Family at Rotherwas House (Part 2).**Charles De La Barre Bodenham**

In 1850, at Oporow, Poland, Charles De la Barre Bodenham married Irena, daughter of Count Morawski who was formerly Prime Minister to the King of Saxony. The celebrations on the day of the married couples return to Rotherwas, and the joyful good wishes of all the tenants; villagers; family and friends proved quite overwhelming for Charles, who made the following emotional speech:

"I was aware of a kind intention of welcoming the stranger on her arrival in our country, but for a demonstration of a nature so imposing as that which I now regard, and for such an expression of sentiments as you have done me the honour to give utterance to in so cordial an address, I was totally unprepared. It is a demonstration calculated to excite my deepest feelings. The bride, who for the first time appears amongst you – the daughter of another country – is equally affected by the cordiality of your welcome, for which, like myself, she has been totally unprepared. Under any circumstances, the emotion with which on this occasion I should have approached that dwelling, which bears for me the sacred name of home, would be very great, but they are now heightened, and the scene is rendered impressive by your presence.

On the part of the lady, and with her, I have to thank you for a true and heartfelt English welcome to a dear English home. I need not remind you that home does not alone depend upon panelled halls or ancestral oaks; home is in the hearts of those who there surround us. It is with pride and pleasure that I mark the expression of friendship which beams from every face upon the bride, and I have to thank you for thus attempting to prove to her that, although far from the country of her birth, Poland is not lost, but is found in the hearts of the tenants and friends of Rotherwas.

Charles De La Barre Bodenham died in 1883, bequeathing the estate to his widow, She died 9 years later and was succeeded by her cousin Louis, Count Lubienska who later became Count Lubienski-Bodenham when the family Anglicised.

The count was a tireless benefactor of Herefordshire, and played a big part in developing the County General Hospital, but he let Rotherwas House to tenants and he and his wife and three sons moved to another part of Herefordshire. In 1907, a fire badly damaged Rotherwas House stables, and with the Count having died two years earlier, the whole estate was sold off in 1912.

ST ANDREWS CHURCH

On Sunday October 18 at 11 am Rev. Neil Patterson officiated at our celebration of Harvest Service. Due to COVID-19 restrictions being in place the usual auction of produce in the church, followed by a Harvest lunch in the village hall could not go ahead this year. Hopefully, we can return to normality in 2021.

Despite the event being slightly subdued this year twenty parishioners attended to make up a "socially distanced" congregation. Those attending were invited to bring dry goods or tinned food which was later donated to the Food Bank at St Martin's. Other harvest produce items were displayed in the churchyard and purchased by members of the congregation after the service.

Those attending were exceedingly generous with their donations and over £200 was raised for church funds.

Our thanks must go to Irene Goodman for playing the organ. Although no hymns were sung the accompanying music was greatly appreciated by all. Thanks also to Joyce Nicholls for baking a wonderful decorative Harvest Loaf and all those who helped prepare the church to enable the service to take place.

Christmas 2020

During the lead up to Christmas we had been hoping to hold an Evensong Service on Sunday November 29 but the reintroduction of a Covid "lockdown" has put paid to that. However, we are hoping that a Carol themed service will be able to take place on **Sunday December 13 at 6 pm** at St Andrew's.

Chris Over will lead the service again, as he has done for the last two years.

This has always been greatly appreciated by those attending.

Again, those attending will be required to adhere to Covid guidance which means that there will be no singing, humming along to organ music is allowed though. Face coverings are required in church and social distancing to be observed.

Despite all that we intend that Christmas readings and poems will take place and hope that children will be able to provide accompaniment with their own musical instruments to the organ music played by Irene. We would anticipate the capacity of the church under such restrictions to be approximately twenty-five, maximum.

It would help if you could let Bill (870582) or Tim (870645) know if you were planning to attend.

We look forward to seeing everyone who can attend.



NEWS FROM THE HOSPICE

Reindeer Run

If your little ones can't wait for Christmas, the St Michael's Hospice Reindeer Run will be right up their street. We're inviting your Dancer, Prancer or Blitzen to get sponsored and dash around their school field or playground. It's open to primary schools and nurseries and you can decide the date, distance and location. We'll even supply the antlers and nose.

The creativity of our community's little ones has already been in evidence during our competition to design our Reindeer Run logo, with nine-year-old Mia Edwards' entry judged the winner. Your support for Reindeer Run will help St Michael's continue caring to make a difference this Christmas.

So if your school or nursery fancies ho-ho-hosting a Reindeer Run anytime between now and the big day, just sign-up for free at www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk or for more details call **Gaynor 01432 851 000**.

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