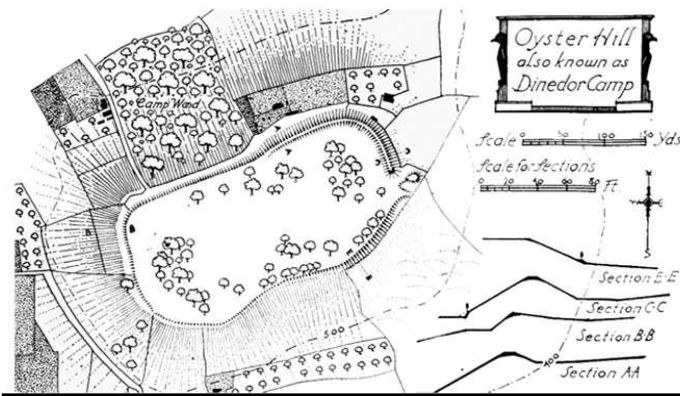


Dinedor Newsletter

JANUARY 2023



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Jan 31 at 7.30 pm	Dinedor Heritage Group
Feb 4 at 10.30 am	Coffee Morning
Feb 16 at 6.00 pm	Parish Council Meeting
Feb 23 at 3.00 pm	PAT testing
Mar 14 at 4.30 pm	Afternoon Tea & Talk
Mar 16 at 6.00 pm	Parish Council Meeting
May 7 at 12 noon	Coronation Lunch
Weekly Events:	
Monday 7.30 pm:	Short Mat Bowls
Tuesday 10.00 am	Arts & Crafts Group
Wednesday 10.30 am:	Move & Improve, fitness class with Pippa Ward
Thursday 10.30 am:	Harmony Singers/Sing Out Strong, choir with Emma Rowland

DINEDOR SPORTS

Since the last edition of the village Newsletter, we have met to decide which local charities should benefit from the proceedings of our Sports Day. The following were each chosen to receive £200.00.

Acorns Hospice Trust
Herefordshire Riding for the Disabled Association
Herefordshire Young Carers
Midlands Air Ambulance Charity
Parochial Church Council
St Martin's Foodshare Scheme
St Michael's Hospice
SSAFA (The Armed Forces Charity)
The Little Princess Trust
Vennture

Thank you for your involvement and generosity on the day.
This years Sports Day will be held on **Saturday July 29, 2023**.
Please put it in your diary.

Further details from Chris Over on 07443 221846

COFFEE MORNING

You are invited!
Coffee Morning at Dinedor Village Hall
Saturday February 4, 2023
Any time between 10.30 am and 12 noon
Come and go as you please!



Do join us for a relaxed opportunity to meet other residents of the Dinedor community.

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THE NEXT EDITION IS
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DINEDOR PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

It was a particularly cold night for the parish council January meeting but as usual the village hall was warm and perhaps not entirely surprising that we had just one member of the public in attendance, with the five parish councillors and the clerk. Ward Councillor David Summers was unable to attend and sent apologies and unfortunately the police were not in attendance either.

Financial Matters:

One of the main items on the agenda was financial matters and as usual expenditure against budget was reviewed with expenditure being largely in line with expectations for this time of year although some anticipated projects have not taken place and may not now be reflected in the accounts until the next financial year.

At this time of year parish councils must set their budget for the next financial year as this dictates the precept that is requested for that year. The precept is income for the parish council that is collected by Herefordshire Council via the Council Tax system from households within the parish. With rising prices affecting everyone, including the parish council, councillors were very anxious not to add to this financial burden so resolved to keep the precept at the same level as last year, £9,500 for the year. As the number of households contributing towards this has actually increased this year, this will mean a small decrease in the parish element of your council tax bill for the forthcoming financial year. Details of next year's agreed budget can be found on the parish council website.

The parish council also agreed two grant requests. One to contribute to the cost of maintaining the churchyard and a further request towards holding an event to celebrate the King's Coronation in May was made by the Village Hall committee.

Finally, under Financial Matters and in line with recommended practice, the parish council considered the arrangements for audit of the parish council finances for this financial year. There are two levels of audit for a parish council with an external auditor appointed by the Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments (an external body) and an Independent Internal Auditor who is appointed by the Parish Council. The Clerk confirmed that PKF Littlejohn has been reappointed the external auditor for Herefordshire Parish Councils for a further five year period. Mulberry and Co., accountants experienced in town and parish councils, were appointed as the Independent Internal Auditor for the current year.

Planning:

There was one planning application considered at the meeting, an agricultural building at Mill Farmhouse, and there were no objections to this development. A further application had been received on the day of the meeting but no details were available at the time so an additional meeting has been proposed for February 1st to consider this further.

Highways:

As noted last month, the Parish Council was fortunate to be awarded a small grant for work on the Highway through the village. A project to use this funding was agreed and a second project, to be funded through parish council reserves was also agreed. Both projects are aimed at reducing the water across roadways in the village which can make the road surface very slippery in cold weather.

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A request has also been made to Herefordshire Council to repair the edge of the highway where it has crumbled, leaving a large area which collects water. This is between the Black Barn and the Village Hall.

Footpaths:

The Footpaths Officer, Ian Stead, attended the Local Access Forum and has been advised that last year Herefordshire Council received an order from the national official of Defra regarding Public Rights of Way. The order refers to 41 amendments to rights of way which had not been actioned by Herefordshire Council. The items were raised by the Herefordshire Ramblers. Our claim for the amendment to the M325 Turnpike Lane is in the same category but is not on the Inspectors list as it was not an issue raised by the Ramblers. Ian has therefore written to HC Officers and Councillors raising our similar complaint and asking that it be expedited as the others presumably will be.

Dinedor Camp

A tree survey on the Camp was agreed following concerns about possible ash die back. The Clerk also reported that a request to the Secretary of State for permission to work on the steps leading up to the Hill Fort has been submitted and a response setting out the conditions for such consent has now been received and was accepted by the parish council.

Neil Rimington, the archaeologist from English Heritage, has been supporting us and has also advised that he is assisting a possible bid for grants to undertake work on the Camp, particularly with regard to trees which need attention. We now need to work with Historic England to ensure the work is carried out in accordance with their instructions and under their supervision.

And finally

As noted in the last newsletter, local elections will take place on Thursday 4th May to elect or re-elect the parish council and councillors for Herefordshire Council. As always it is important that everyone who is eligible to vote does so. One change to election procedures this year is that voters will need to have some form of photo ID to present at the polling station. TV adverts are now starting to alert people to this requirement and a form of free photo ID is available to those who do not possess a passport, photo driving licence or other form of acceptable ID. If this is likely to affect you, you will need to apply quickly. Details of how to do so will be put on the website as soon as they are available.

Please also consider putting yourself forward to stand as a candidate for the parish council. This is an important role and a way that you can support the parish. If you would like further information on how to stand as a candidate, please contact the parish clerk whose details appear below or come along to the next full parish council meeting which will take place on **Thursday 16th February at 6.00 pm in the Village Hall.**

If there are any items you would like the parish council to discuss, please contact the Clerk no later than 10 days before the date of the meeting so it can be added to the agenda. The clerk's contact details are: Email: clerk@dinedorparishcouncil.gov.uk or telephone 07977675456.

Details of all meetings, including agendas and minutes are available on the website: www.dinedorparishcouncil.gov.uk and agendas are posted on notice boards about a week before the meeting.

Time to get walking again!

With Spring on its way, we start to think about getting out to walk in the beautiful English countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks? Walking in Herefordshire

<https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/hereford> has loads of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (who maintains the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Herefordshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy. So, home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris www.walkinginengland.co.uk john@walkinginengland.co.uk



DINEDOR HERITAGE GROUP

Our January meeting is on Tuesday January 31 at 7.30 p.m. David Whitehead will be leading a presentation at Dinedor Village Hall entitled, "Lady Brilliana Harley of Brampton Bryan – Herefordshire Heroine of the Civil War." Admission will be for members £3.00 and visitors £5. Light refreshments will be served.

We are currently having a problem with our next meeting, due to take place on February 28. Rhys Griffin was due to speak on 'Links Between Herefordshire and the Transatlantic Slave Trade' Unfortunately, he is awaiting hospital treatment and is unable to join us. We have tried 2 other speakers but they are both unavailable for that date. We have cancelled that meeting but if things change, we will be in touch via email and posters.

Further details from Ian Stead on 07833 137096

In July Jake Bharier and Ian Stead both volunteered as visitor guides at the archaeological dig at Arthur's Stone near Dorstone in the Golden Valley.

The dig took place under the auspices of English Heritage and was led by Prof Julian Thomas of Manchester University and Dr Keith Ray of Cardiff University, late of Herefordshire Council Archaeology dept. July last year was exceptionally hot and dry, a real challenge for the many students scraping away at baked clay soil.

Several fascinating discoveries were made which helped to understand the development of the burial chamber and its covering mound. Large post holes indicating a processional way to the dolmen were also found.

Ian and Jake thoroughly enjoyed the experience of helping the many visitors to understand the Neolithic site. There will be more digging next summer and we can arrange for a visit by the Dinedor Heritage Group.

If you would like to see more detail, Digging for Britain with Alice Roberts on BBC2 gave a very good report on January 8 which can be seen again on iPlayer.

Barbara Ferris writes:

I represented Rotherwas Chapel at the January Business Conference. Bill Jackson concluded by advocating support for a plan for a Heritage and Wildlife Trail which he will be submitting for adding to the Master Plan for Hereford. I was able to tell the audience a little of the long heritage, pre-enterprise zones, including the Chapel and Rotherwas Ribbon, publicise our book, 'Dinedor and Rotherwas Discovered' and distribute the leaflet 'Dinedor Heritage Trail'.

Hereford City Wildlife Branch and NMITE are working with local people on a Digital Mapping project with a wider vision. The study area presently proposed is similar to that of the master plan and would show development in layers from of the effect of climate and human actions from pre-historic times. Watch this space.



PAT Testing

Electrical equipment at the village hall will be PAT tested on Thursday February 23 between 3.00 and 4.30 pm. If you have any domestic equipment that you would like to have tested for a nominal fee, do let us know and come along.

Local Warm Spaces

You may have seen that the library in Broad Street, the Courtyard Theatre, and the Herefordshire Archive and Records Centre in Rotherwas are all taking part in the local warm space initiative this winter. Also, ASDA at Belmont is offering the over 60's soup, a bread roll and butter, and unlimited hot drinks all for £1.

In the last newsletter we mentioned that our hall is heated on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings for other activities, and asked whether this heat might be enjoyed by others in the afternoon. We did not receive any response to this, but as in the meantime circumstances may have changed do let us know by e-mail to hub@dinedorvillagehall.org.uk or telephone 870705 (Karen) or 870666 (Allan) if you would now like to take advantage of this and we will see what we may be able to arrange. Likewise, if you are running short of wood and would be interested in possibly joining with others to place a bulk order of Certainly Wood kiln dried logs, please also e-mail our hub and we will check what price we can obtain.

Fire Safety at Home

We had a most informative talk by officers from HWFR at our January Afternoon Tea & Talk which stressed how devastating and dangerous fire in the home can be and stressing how simple steps can minimise risk. These include

- testing your smoke alarms at least monthly
- installing a carbon monoxide (CO) alarm in every room with fuel burning heating which does not run off electricity,
- keeping portable heaters away from flammable materials or where they may block an escape route or be knocked over,
- using a fire guard with an open fire and making sure that embers are under control and properly put out before you do to bed, and
- if you smoke, never smoke in bed or in a chair where you might fall asleep

If you are uncertain about fire safety in your home, complete the FREE online Home Fire Safety Check at www.safelincs.co.uk/hfsc or arrange a FREE Home Fire Safety visit by calling 0800 032 1155

We were perhaps a little surprised at the equipment HWFR will provide households free-of-charge including smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and for the needy "Keep Warm" packs. So, make a call and keep safe!

Afternoon Tea & Talk – March 14 at 4.30 pm

We return to matters environmental in March with "What's Killing Our Rivers?," a short film, followed by a Q & A session with our own Nicola Goodwin. Following the passionate debate at "COP26 Comes to Dinedor" on the state of the Wye, this presentation and subsequent Q & A is likely to produce some interesting discussion.

South Hereford Repair Cafe

We are slowly assembling a team of expert repairers and front-of-house staff to shortly open a Repair Café at our village hall but we still are looking for volunteers who are handy with and able to repair:

Clothing/textiles

Household electrical and electronic appliances

Broken furniture, crockery, tools toys etc

and who like to share their skills with neighbours.

If this could be you, please do contact us at

repaircafe@dinedorvillagehall.org.uk or call me on **01432 870666**.

Tables will fly!

We had a most unfortunate incident at our recent Afternoon Tea. Someone, after other chairs had been put away, stood up from his chair pressing heavily on one of our small tables. The table slipped away from him across the floor and he took a fall. Please avoid leaning heavily on our small tables for support. We do not want anyone else going down!

DINEDOR COMMUNITY CORONATION LUNCH **Sunday May 7, from 12 noon – a date for your diary!**



With the support of the Parish Council, we are arranging a Coronation lunch to celebrate this very special occasion, and we do hope that many of you will wish to attend. For those of us born just before the last Coronation, we have

warm memories of that day and the street parties we attended and we should like to create lasting memories once again.

In 1953, I understand that Dinedor celebrations extended to even include a football match and while that may not be appropriate today, we shall welcome your ideas by e-mail to hub@dinedorvillagehall.org.uk on how we may best mark this occasion. As the scale of this event is likely to be beyond the capability of the Village Hall Management Committee alone, we shall also appreciate volunteers who will assist with setting up, serving, perhaps providing entertainment and inevitably clearing away: and if you will kindly volunteer and e-mail us your name, we shall shortly be in touch to begin to fully plan this special event.

Dinedor Updates

If you are not already on our mailing list, do keep up-to-date with what is happening in Dinedor by simply e-mailing the word "YES" to hub@dinedorvillagehall.org.uk and we will in future include you!

ART GROUP

Dinedor Art and Craft group will be starting their next six sessions on :

February 28 – April 4 inclusive from 10 am till 12.30 pm.



The social side of our meetings is just as important as the artistic and the "craft" can be absolutely anything from tapestry to getting on with mending those trousers!

We welcome new members so just bring along something to do in a warm and sociable atmosphere and give us a

try at the first session without obligation to join. The fee for six sessions depends on the numbers attending but tends to be about £20.00.

For further information call **Margaret on 01432 683106** or email tandmbircher@btinternet.com



The Dinedor Talk Community Hub team is here to provide you with guidance, support and easy access to services on the internet, and in conjunction with Herefordshire Council Talk Community Hub team to help streamline information for you from across the county. If you face a problem and feel we may be able to assist, please do not hesitate to contact one of us by calling

Duncan Green Tel. 870469 Suzanne Penny Tel. 873170

Allan Simnett Tel. 870666 Chris Waters Tel. 873165

Or by e-mailing hub@dinedorvillagehall.org.uk

ST ANDREWS CHURCH

Although there was no church service at St Andrew's on Christmas Day 2022, earlier in the week a large number, including children, were present at an evening Carol Service led by Revd. Mark Johnson. The Church was richly decorated and favourite Carols were sung heartily with readings telling the story of birth of Jesus were given. It was unfortunate that young Dexter Cleland who was initially due a starring role in the evening's readings was unable to attend due to illness. We hope he will be in the programme for Christmas 2023. The evening was rounded off with mulled wine and Christmas fare for all. Thanks to everyone involved in decorating the Church and to those who provided refreshments.



A building as old as St Andrew's needs constant attention and an important job for this year is to have the porch repainted as it is currently showing signs of exposure to the elements. We hope that work can be done in the Spring.

The funeral service of a long-term resident of Dinedor, Iris Baron of The Vern, Dinedor, will take place at St Andrew's on Friday February 3 at 11.30 am. The service will be followed by burial in the churchyard.

As from April 23 this year the time of services at St Andrew's will take place at 6.30 pm and thereafter every fourth Sunday of the month.

Revd Mark writes:

We start February (in the church calendar, at least) with the feast of Candlemas. This ancient ritual often saw people bringing candles to church on February 2nd for them to be blessed at the service and then to be taken back home to be lit. These candles reflected a couple of important points.

Firstly, it is 40 days since Christmas – and 40 days is a very important term in the Bible, both Old and New Testament. For example, it is the time after the rains stop and Noah's ark hits the ground as well as the time that Jesus spends in the wilderness. Secondly, it marks the lengthening day, the return of spring. This is often heralded by the showing of Snowdrops, whose alternative name is Candlemas Bells. Candlemas is linked to the story of the presentation of Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem, which you can read about in Luke's Gospel. It marks the first public appearance of Jesus after his birth and the recognition by two figures, Simeon and Anna, of who this child is – the Son of God. We have taken the words of Simeon and used them in our evening worship and they have become a part of our liturgy.

"Now Lord, thou lettest thy servant depart in peace ..." known by many as the Nunc Dimittis. As the light of one life comes to end, that of Simeon, a great light starts to shine.

We are celebrating Candlemas slightly early this year – Sunday January 29 at Much Birch Village Hall with a Café style communion service to which you are warmly invited.

Services in the South Wye Rural Benefice for February 2023

Jan 29 – Joint service at Much Birch Village Hall at 10.30 a.m. for a Café style Service

February 12– Second Sunday before Lent at St. David's, Little Dewchurch at 11.00 a.m. for Holy Communion.

February 26 - First Sunday of Lent at St. Andrew's, Dinedor at 11.00 a.m. for Holy Communion

Winnie Price - her life and times October 26 1931 - December 1 2022.

Win was born on October 26 1931 and lived at 2 Dinedor Cross Cottage for the whole of her life initially with her grandparents and parents. She went to Dinedor Junior School and later attended the Roman Catholic Secondary School in Hereford. On leaving school, in 1946 she went to work at Greenlands in Hereford, but in 1954 she joined Chadds in Commercial Street where she was to work for the rest of her working life in time becoming their hosiery buyer. She retired in 1991.

Although her working life was spent in retail, her real passion was gardening and she spent most of her free time in her Dinedor garden. Over many years she visited the Three Counties Show, a few years ago buying a greenhouse in which she very successfully grew three varieties of tomatoes and strawberries to feed the house.

In 1953, with very few televisions in the village at that time, it was decided that Coronation Day would be celebrated with a football match during which Win played in goal!

Her other interests included ballroom dancing at which she gained a gold medal, and later in life "Strictly Come Dancing" became one of her favourite TV programmes. She also enjoyed to travel often with others from Chadds to Italy and Germany and particularly to Austria which she very much liked and for this reason the "Blue Danube" was played at her funeral.

Her other passion was her pets which included Trixie, her terrier, and Honey, her collie and constant companion who lived to 17 years. She had chickens, ducks and a cockerel named "Squawk", a very intelligent bird who loved ice cream and lived to 13 years. Win also enjoyed the company of cats having had 21 at one time and at present 14.

For many years she was very involved with Dinedor Village Hall, becoming chair for one year. She was a founder member of the Age Concern Group being a senior member until its demise some 20 years later. She also attended many Rotary meetings and became very popular even though she never became a full member.

During her final years she suffered increasingly from poor health which regrettably curtailed her interests and her ability to get around her home and the village. Her last month was spent in hospitals both in Hereford and Ross, and she passed away on 1st December 2022 at Holmer Manor Care Home, Hereford. She enjoyed life and spent it well.

Brian Pearson

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