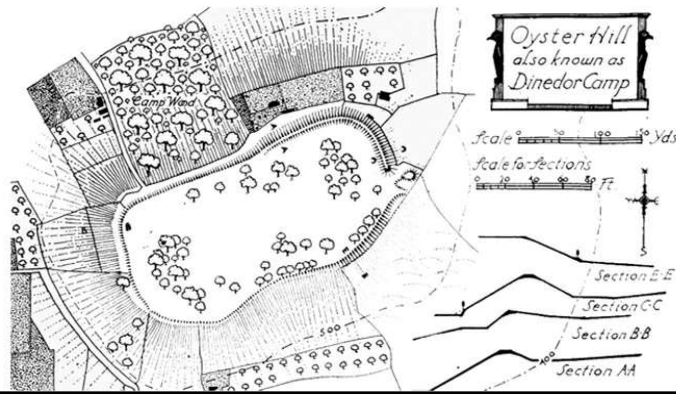


Dinedor Newsletter

MARCH 2023



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April 1 at 10.30 am	Coffee Morning
April 8	Deadline to book for Coronation Lunch
April 20	Parish Council meeting
May 4	Local Elections
May 7 at 12 noon	Coronation Lunch
May 16 at 4.30 pm	Afternoon Tea and Talk
June 11 from noon	Big Lunch at The Laurels

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
Wednesday 7.30 pm	Table Tennis Club
Thursday 10:30 am:	Harmony Singers/Sing Out Strong, choir with Emma Rowland

SPRING IS COMING!



The plant stall at Bodenham House will be open again this year. Tomato plants will be available from mid-April and other plants will be available from mid-May.

The early plants will be kept under cover so please contact Delyth on 873165 if you are interested.

All donations will go to St Andrew's Church, Dinedor.

COFFEE MORNING

You are invited!

Coffee Morning at Dinedor Village Hall
Saturday April 1, 2023

Any time between 10.30 am and 12 noon
Come and go as you please!

Do join us to meet and catch up with other residents of the Dinedor community with an opportunity to swap plants and seeds.



THE DEADLINE FOR
THE NEXT EDITION IS
MON MAY 22

DINEDOR PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Now that meetings take place every month (except for August and December), this report covers the meetings held in February and March. 4 members of the public attended both meetings.

Highways:

As has been noted previously, 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 has now been completed close to Dinedor Cross Farm and the funding claimed from Herefordshire Council although not yet paid. This grant came through via the Lengthsman Scheme and going forward there will be a small amount of annual funding for this scheme including retrospectively for this year. Although there were some queries on the funding agreement, authority was given for the agreement to be signed to take advantage of the funding available.

It has been reported previously that concerns have been raised about the speed of traffic along the Holme Lacy Road and a proposal put forward for a community speed watch scheme. Unfortunately not enough volunteers have come forward to support this scheme so a request is to be made to the police to undertake enforcement action in the area.

Footpaths:

One positive piece of news in March is that Herefordshire Council has now issued the order amending the official footpath map to include footpath M325, known as Turnpike Lane. This will be registered on the Definitive Map as a restricted byway unless there are any objections raised. For information, a Restricted Byway allows a right of way on foot, on horseback, or leading a horse, cycling and for any vehicles other than mechanically propelled vehicles. In some cases, there may also be a right to drive animals.

HC has advised that anyone who currently has property and vehicular access can continue to have this over the Restricted Byway. Registration on the Definitive Map would finally give public access to the Turnpike Lane. There is now a statutory period when objections to the amendment can be made and if any are received, there will be a formal referral to the Secretary of State. If no objections are received, the footpath map will be amended. This has been awaited for quite some time and the move forward is welcomed.

Planning:

There were no planning applications to consider in February but there were four for consideration in March. One is just outside the parish boundary but the parish council are invited to comment as it is nearby. An agricultural building, a garage and details of reserved matters relating to a previous outline planning consent were on the agenda and there were no objections to any of the proposals.

Planning applications can be viewed on the Herefordshire Council website and everyone is able to make comments on any application in the same way that the parish council can comment. Our own website lists local current applications and contains a link to the relevant section of the Herefordshire Council website.

Dinedor Camp

The parish council was pleased to note the development work being carried out at Dinedor Outdoor Centre following a visit by councillors earlier in the year.

Continued overleaf

Financial Matters:

Financial matters are regularly on the agenda, not least because all payments must be approved before they can be made. Each month a financial report is also considered showing expenditure against budget to ensure our spending is in line with expectations, which was noted at both meetings. March is the end of the parish council financial year and at the meeting in March the clerk reported that the new internal auditors agreed in January have arranged a date for the work they will be doing for us this year. Their work looks not only at the income and expenditure of the parish council but also ensures decisions, policies and procedures are in line with all statutory requirements for a parish council of our size. Their report should be available in June and will be published on our website.

Parish Council meetings take place on the third Thursday of each month, except August and December so the next meeting will take place on **Thursday 20th April** at 6 pm in the Village Hall. The date of the Annual Parish Meeting to be held in May will be decided at this meeting. 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.

FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS

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. If you have not done so, please consider standing as a parish councillor. This is an important and rewarding role supporting the village. Nomination packs are available from the Herefordshire Council Elections Office in the Town Hall in Hereford and you have until **4 pm on 4th April** to return your completed packs to the Town Hall. If there are five or less candidates putting themselves forward for election to the Parish Council there will be no vote and all will be elected uncontested and will take office officially on 9th May. If there are six or more candidates for the parish council, there will be a vote on May 4th. A list of those nominated and whether there will be a vote will appear on our website – www.dinedorparishcouncil.gov.uk – and on the village notice boards on April 5. If the vote is a contested one, the results will be published on Friday May 5.

Voter ID

Please also remember that it is important that everyone who is eligible to vote does so. This year, you will need a form of acceptable ID to vote at a polling station. The list of what is acceptable ID includes virtually any formal document or pass with a clearly identified photograph so this will include a passport, photo drivers licence, bus pass (even an expired one provided you can be easily recognised!) etc. A full list is available on the Herefordshire Council website or online on the HM Government website. For those without an acceptable form of ID you can apply for a free **Voter Authority Certificate** by applying online on the central government website www.gov.uk/apply-for-id-voter-authority-certificate or by contacting the Electoral Services Office of Herefordshire Council which is at the Town Hall. The deadline for applying for a Voter Authority Certificate is **5 pm on Tuesday 25th April** so it is important you check now. Those who have a postal vote do not need a photo ID but if you vote by proxy your appointed proxy will need their own ID.

DINEDOR HERITAGE GROUP

Summer Events

1. Arthur's Stone and Snodhill Castle

Tuesday 25th July, meet at the village hall at 1.00 pm. Car shares available. Visit the archaeological digs at two fascinating Dorstone sites.

2. Hereford History Tour

Tuesday 15th August. Ian Stead is a trained Guild of Guides tour guide. The group will be shown the Saxon, Medieval and later developments of Hereford, interesting buildings and hear about some of the important historical personalities. Meet at the Cathedral main entrance at 5.00 pm. Tour will last about 1 ½ hours. Charge of £6 to the Guild of Guides.
More details of the above events to follow.



Thank you to those who volunteered following our request in the last newsletter to join a sub-committee to organise our Community Coronation Lunch. We have already met and

initial plans have been agreed. However, we still will welcome additional volunteers for the day so if you are happy to help or indeed have ideas of how we should mark this special occasion please do e-mail

hub@dinedorvillagehall.org.uk or telephone Karen on **01432 870705**.

The lunch will be held from **12 noon on Sunday May 7** and will be open to all Dinedor residents. There will be a buffet including vegetarian and gluten-free options for which, with the support of the Parish Council we will provide meats, quiches, fish, potatoes, breads and a cheese board, soft drinks and the toast. If any resident would like to bring a salad or a dessert to be shared on the buffet, this will be very much appreciated, but this is in no way obligatory. Also please bring your own beer, cider or wine.

To enable us to know how many we are catering for, please advise us by **Saturday April 8** that you expect to attend and the number in your party. You can do this by e-mailing us or telephoning us as above or by dropping a note into the Village Hall letter box just outside of its main entrance. If you should be vegetarian, vegan or have other dietary needs, please let us know at the same time.

This is a very special occasion and we really do hope that you will come along and help to make it a truly Dinedor community event.

BIG LUNCH

The annual Big Lunch will be held again at The Laurels, home of Ian and Suzanne, on **Sunday June 11 from 12 noon** to continue what is now a regular summer fixture.



This is a great occasion and is open to all to come together and share food, drink and good company. We are looking forward to seeing as many people as possible.

Give us a call on **01432 873170 or 07833 137096** if you want to know more.

ROTHERWAS CHAPEL

June is a busy time with Armed Forces Week and Refugees Week coming together. English Heritage will be opening the Chapel with their own presentations, songs from Harmony, Dinedor's Sing Out Strong Group, and a variety of words and representations from interested groups and people. Lots going on. More details in the next newsletter. If you would like to be involved with this event, please get in touch. barbaraferries@uwclub.net

KEEPING DINEDOR TIDY

Many individuals, unknown to many of us, regularly walk our lanes and roadsides and up on the Camp picking up rubbish in the purple bags that the Council will provide. This often goes unnoticed but we would like to say a big thank you to you all.

It has been suggested that we undertake a 'Coronation Clean Up' during April - a month of litter picking and tidying our verges so that the Parish is looking its best for the celebrations.

Julia and Nicola Goodwin can supply purple bags and Balfour Beatty will collect them from central points (village hall, the camp etc). Please contact Nicola by e mail goodwinnicola@hotmail.com

The challenge is 'Can we collect 50 or more?'

South Hereford Repair Café

With the support of a small team of keen and able volunteers, Herefordshire Council and Ledbury Repair Café, we are now making real progress towards opening South Hereford Repair Café at our village hall. Indeed, at a recent meeting of volunteers, it was resolved that we would endeavour to open shortly after Easter probably on the third Saturday morning of each month. We are still looking for volunteers, particularly with electrical and electronic skills and also to serve refreshments, and if you consider you may be able to help, please do urgently contact us at repaircafe@dinedorvillagehall.org.uk or call Allan on 01432 870666



As we anticipate that many of our visitors will be coming with their items for repair from some distance, we do intend to run an advance booking system for each repair with on-line bookings to be confirmed with us by the Thursday evening before we meet on the Saturday morning. The booking form will provide a choice of time slots, and we do hope that in this way, so long as the item is repairable, we shall be able to avoid undue delays or disappointment in carrying out the repair.

Our new website www.repaircafesouthhereford.org.uk will soon be up and running with our booking form and with information on when we shall be opening. We look forward to offering you a cup of tea and a piece of cake, and to help you with your repairs.

Gardener Alert!

If you have packets of new seed that you have only half used, or indeed an excess of seedlings or plants, perhaps you would be interested in donating or swapping them through the Seed & Plant Swap Table at the April Coffee Morning or May Afternoon Tea & Talk. Just bring them along!

Afternoon Tea & Talk – May 16 at 4.30 pm

On May 16 we will be joined by Kate La Barre of Herefordshire Council and our very own Tim Howson who will enlighten us on the Military or Armed Forces Covenant which I read is a term introduced in 2000 into British public life to refer to the mutual obligations between the United Kingdom and His Majesty's Armed Forces.

With the SAS on our doorstep and so many veterans within the Herefordshire community, this is a subject we should all perhaps be more aware of, and we do hope you will also join us for tea.

ST ANDREWS CHURCH

St. Andrew's, part of the South Wye Rural Benefice situated in the Ross and Archenfield Deanery, is included in a Deanery wide review into the viability of local churches and whether they can continue to survive. The Deanery churches face a challenging future with a decline in people attending church services, the last service at St. Andrew's in February had a congregation of three. Another challenge is the reduction in income. The parish offer, money paid to the Diocese of Hereford, is not being covered by seven of the eight benefices in the Deanery and we are in the situation where if our Incumbent retires, or resigns, they will not be replaced. The likelihood is that the Diocese would push together sufficient parishes to cover the parish offer thus increasing the number of parishes in a Benefice.

The lack of clergy across the Deanery results in six full time clergy covering forty-one churches. Of those six clergies, four will have to retire within the next nine years. Many will remember how long St. Andrew's went without a Vicar when Rev. Peter Houghton retired.

The first stage of the review will be completed by the end of May and after that a Deanery Pastoral Plan will be drawn up to decide the way forward.

Future Services. Easter Day - 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion at St. David's, Little Dewchurch. Services will continue to be held on the fourth Sunday of the month in Dinedor but from Sunday April 23 service times will be change to 6.30 pm.



Limbs and Larynx

Whether it is exercising your limbs or your larynx you can do so weekly in the company of friends and neighbours at Dinedor Village Hall.

On Wednesday mornings, Pippa Ward leads her Move & Improve class with a programme of exercises which are designed to develop levels of mobility, flexibility and balance aimed at older adults in our community. It starts at 10.45 am for 45 minutes and is inclusive and definitely a lot of fun. The cost is £7 per session on a pay as you go basis.

On Thursday mornings from 10.30 am to 12.00 pm, Emma Rowland guides our friendly village hall choir, the Harmony Singers. The choir is fun and informal and open to all adults regardless of experience.

No scary auditions, no experience needed, no music-reading skills required! Just pure gospel, pop, rock, folk and musicals! Fee: £5 a week billed half termly.

If you do have either limbs or a larynx, do come along. You will certainly be warmly welcomed!

Talk Community Hub

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

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!

Food for thought – from Rev Mark Johnson Give us this day our daily bread

I had the pleasure of doing a school assembly with Much Birch Primary School the other day and we looked at the words from the Lord's Prayer "Give us this day our daily bread" (Matthew Ch.6 verses 9 – 13).

In the Greek (the language the Gospels were written in) the literal translation is "The bread of us daily grant us today."

It is about enough – we don't ask for more that we need, we don't ask for an abundance, what we ask for is enough. And that seems to me to be a pretty good attitude to have for all the things that are around us.

We don't "need" powerful sports cars to enjoy the road or to get from A to B. They might be nice, if expensive, they might be something you care about, especially if you have a vintage one and you keep it going and look after it, but any old car is enough.

What we are realising about our world is that when we take more than enough, then things get out of hand. Too much food causes us to strip away the rain forests, too much power causes us to burn coal and bring about a global climate emergency. It is time for us all to look and say enough!

So, let's get back to that line in the Lord's Prayer and live with "enough" so that all may have a chance to live.

REMEMBERING JIMMY JOYNT

The following has been taken from Jimmy's son's eulogy at his funeral. We are grateful to the family for allowing us to share these memories.

Jimmy's journey has taken 83 years which is incredible, especially as he would always say **3 score years and 10 and that's me done!** Jimmy led one eventful life and had an extraordinary journey. It all started on the 9th May 1939 where he was born to Bridget and Francis in Wigan, Lancashire, he was also the younger brother to his sister Frances. At the age of about 4 his mother deserted the family and Jimmy and his sister were left with their father who later abandoned them when he left them at an orphanage, as he found it too difficult to cope with two small children. Later in life, Jimmy did see his father one more time, but no love or connection was there and he never saw him again after that.

Fortunately for Jimmy and his sister, Granny Kyle saved them from the orphanage and took them home to live with her and his extended family where he had fun growing up amongst his cousins. Jimmy grew up in the back streets of Wigan, locally known as 'Mucky Backs.' He attended St Joseph's Roman Catholic School and would often tell the story of his infamous and formidable Granny Maria Kyle who once knocked out his headmaster for walloping one of his cousins!

On leaving school at 15, Jimmy moved to Hull and became a trawler man and spent 3 years fishing out of Hull in the North Sea and beyond. This experience was invaluable as it moulded him into the character he became, which helped him in his endeavours in later life. He left the fishing industry and decided to join the carnival and travelled around until the season was over. Unsure of his next steps, one of the 'carnys' advised him to join the army because at least he would be warm and fed for the winter so in 1956 at the age of 18 he enlisted. He joined the parachute regiment and once trained he was posted to 1 Para, Support Company Machine Gun Platoon. Whilst stationed in Aldershot, he would travel over to Guilford for nights out where he met a young lady called Maureen Taylor, who he married and their marriage lasted for 61 years. During that time, they became proud parents to three sons. Sadly, they lost one son, Matthew, 26 years ago.

Whilst in the Paras Jimmy saw active service in Cyprus and Aden fighting against terrorists and dissidents. In 1967 he volunteered service with the SAS and then, after completing selection, went to B Squadron and joined mountain troop where he also saw active service in Oman and Northern Ireland as well as other classified areas.

In 1975 he was unfortunately involved in an RTA whilst resting in the back of an army ambulance alongside his good friend, the late Joe Lock, whilst on a free fall parachute course. This resulted in both of them becoming paraplegic. After a long stay in hospital and adjusting to a new way of life. He took on a new vocation and became a goldsmith, attending jewellery school in Birmingham.

In 1979 when the Regiment received the Freedom of the City, Jimmy designed and commissioned the SAS medallion for the Hereford Lord Mayor's official chain.

Early in 1980, Jimmy convinced Maureen to move to Dinedor, a place that she still loves today, although back then she wasn't sure about living in the countryside, because of all the scary little creatures that came out at night! She was soon proving her point when the rats invaded!

They both soon made friends in the village and the locals soon got used to seeing Jimmy wheeling himself around in his wheelchair. Jimmy kept himself fit by pushing himself daily up to Dinedor Camp and back, often followed by all his four-legged friends.

Jimmy enjoyed the diversity of the people from Dinedor, past & present, who took time out for a chat as he pushed himself past. At times he would get back home half cut after having a few tots of whiskey, especially at Christmas! On one occasion he missed Christmas dinner, and a search party was sent out to find him, with no success. He turned up a couple of hours later completely covered in mud after falling out of his chair!

Jimmy loved living on the Wonder. If anyone walked or drove slowly past the Joynt household, they would always see him sat in the window reading the paper. And if he saw you, would always give the thumbs up.

Jimmy was a man of many talents and always needed a new challenge, so he joined the Open University where he achieved a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Law degree. He loved music and learnt how to read music and play the keyboard. Jimmy has left a legacy for his family. He was a founder member of the SAS association and an inspiration to all who knew him, as despite his predicament he still managed to achieve so much in life.

His comrades remember him as a man of great character, a consummate professional soldier and a natural leader. He was easy going with a seriously dry sense of humour. He was practical, helpful, humorous and an inspiration to us all.

His presence is missed in the lanes around Dinedor and he will long be remembered.

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