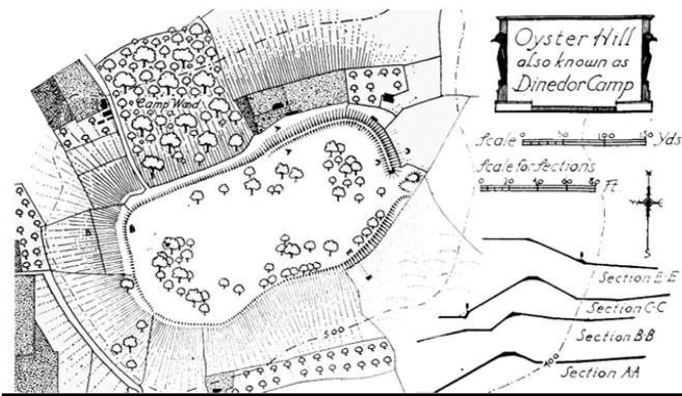


Dinedor Newsletter

MAY 2023



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June 7 at 7.30 pm	Dinedor Sports 2023 Planning Mtg
June 11 from noon	Big Lunch at The Laurels
June 15 at 6 pm	Parish Council Meeting
June 17 10 am to 12.30	Repair Cafe
June 17 2 pm to 4 pm	Rotherwas Chapel Open Event
July 15 10 am to 12.30	Repair Cafe
July 18 at 10.00 am	DHG Visit
July 18 at 4.30 pm	Afternoon Tea and Talk
July 20 at 5 pm	Village Hall AGM
July 20 at 6 pm	Parish Council Meeting
July 29 from 2.30 pm	Dinedor Sports
Village Hall 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

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.

DINEDOR SPORTS PLANNING MEETING

Please note that we propose to hold the Dinedor Sports Planning Meeting on **Wednesday June 7 at 7.30 p.m.** in the village hall.

Please join us as your input, support and ideas are greatly valued!

**Further details from Chris on
01432 870320 or 07443 221846**

**THE DEADLINE FOR
THE NEXT EDITION IS
SUN JULY 23**

DINEDOR PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Now that meetings take place every month (except for August and December), this report covers the meetings held in April and May.

Elections:

As regular readers will be aware, every four years all Parish Councils and Herefordshire Council councillors must stand down and, if they wish, offer themselves for re-election. For Dinedor Parish Council there were three nominations for a total of five seats so all three, Tim Greenow, Julia Over and Suzanne Penny were deemed re-elected in an uncontested election. Nick Austin and Peter Keyse chose not to continue but we thank them for their service to our community. We will miss them both.

Where there are vacant seats on a parish council immediately after an election, the council can co-opt to fill those seats so at the first meeting of the council after the elections – the Annual Parish Council meeting – we were joined by Joe Davey and we look forward to working with him. This means that there remains one vacancy so if you would like to be considered for this important role, please speak to the parish clerk, Liz Kelso, who can be contacted on 07977675456 or email clerk@dinedorparishcouncil.gov.uk

For the Herefordshire Council ward of Dinedor Hill, there was a contested election and Conservative candidate David Davies was duly elected. Cllr. Davies will be attending our parish council meetings as often as possible and we look forward to working with him. In the meantime, we also thank David Summers who has been our Ward Councillor now for quite some years. We wish him well for the future.

With no overall political control of Herefordshire Council following the elections and several previously key councillors in cabinet posts not re-elected it will be interesting to see what difference this makes to our parish, if any, going forward.

Parish Council meetings

Our meeting in April was a relatively quiet affair as befits a meeting held in the pre-election period with routine matters only and just two members of the public in attendance.

The May meeting, however, being the first meeting after an election, was a more formal matter. It was well-attended and we were able to welcome our new councillor. Initially the meeting was scheduled for May 18 but due to holiday commitments, not all councillors were able to attend so the meeting was re-scheduled for May 30. Cllr. Suzanne Penny was re-elected Chair of the Parish Council for the forthcoming year and Cllr Julia Over was elected vice Chair. Councillors were elected to certain outside bodies and, following the retirement of Ian Stead, previous Footpaths Officer, Peter Keyse and Malcolm Louch were formally elected in a joint role. Ian has been footpaths officer for quite some years and was thanked for undertaking this role. His final report was to say that, very disappointingly, objections have been raised for the Turnpike Lane to be registered as a public right of way. This means that it will be referred to the Secretary of State and an enquiry will take place which could take many months.

Finances

The Parish Council's financial year ends on March 31 so an important **Continued overleaf**

DINEDOR PARISH COUNCIL *Continued*

element of our May meeting was to note the report from our new Internal Auditors, Mulberry and Co., which identified one small recommendation for the parish council relating to the signing of the bank reconciliation but otherwise gave us a clean bill of health. As a small council, Dinedor is not required to submit accounts for a second interim review (as it is called) and this was confirmed at the meeting.

All documents relating to the financial matters of the parish council are available on our website including the Annual Governance and Accounting Return for the year and details of how you can view the accounts and supporting papers, if you so wish.

We also confirmed some of our policies for the forthcoming year, re-affirmed our commitment to engage a lengthsman to work on the roads and verges within the parish for the coming year and agreed to the purchase of additional mugs celebrating the King's Coronation. The Parish Council were pleased to be able to provide all children in the parish with a Coronation mug. If you know of any child or young person under 18, living in Dinedor parish, who has not received a mug, please contact one of the parish councillors.

Unusually there were no planning applications to consider at this meeting.

The next meeting will take place on **Thursday June 15 at 6 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.

DINEDOR HERITAGE GROUP

After a period of nearly three years our Information Board outside the Shell Store in Rotherwas has been returned on display. Thanks to Duncan Green and Chris Over the board is now back up and available to the passing public.

We have also had two interesting sales for our Dinedor & Rotherwas book recently. One, to the founder/Director of the clothing chain "Sea Salt" who had ancestors in Dinedor. Their surname was Chadwick.

The other was to a gentleman from San Francisco in the USA who was staying at The Green Dragon Hotel while he researched his early history.

His distant relations went by the name of Bailey or Bayley and lived on the hill at the turn of the 19th/20th Century.



DINEDOR HERITAGE - SUMMER EVENTS

We are pleased to provide more details of two events we are organising for the summer.

1. Arthur's Stone and Snodhill Castle

Tuesday July 18. We will meet at the village hall at 10.00 am. Please note revised date and time. Car shares will be available and we will visit the archaeological digs at two fascinating Dorstone sites.

If you would like to join this trip, please let Ian Stead know by sending an email to ianstead20@hotmail.com or by sending a message to 07833 137096 or by phoning 01432 873170.

2. Hereford History Tour

Tuesday August 15. 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.

Look out for more details in the July Newsletter.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS Dinedor Community Coronation lunch

We are delighted to report that the King Charles Coronation Lunch was an outstanding success, filled with joy, camaraderie, and delectable culinary delights. The event brought together our community to commemorate the ascension of King Charles and express our support for him and Queen Camilla.



First and foremost, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Parish Council for their generous donation towards the cost of the food and drinks. Their support made this grand celebration possible and ensured that our attendees were treated to a memorable feast.

We are immensely grateful to the skilled providers of fine meats, imaginative salads, and delicious desserts that graced our tables. Their dedication to their craft was evident in every bite, and their culinary expertise truly elevated the lunch to a remarkable experience. The flavours and presentation were a true testament to their artistry, and we cannot thank them enough for their contributions.

A special mention must go to the event subcommittee, whose unwavering support and hard work made the King Charles Coronation Lunch a resounding success. Their efforts in planning, organizing, and coordinating every detail behind the scenes ensured that the event ran seamlessly.

We would also like to express our sincere gratitude to all the helpers who volunteered their time and energy to assist during the lunch. Their willingness to lend a hand, whether in setting up the venue, serving the meals, or ensuring the comfort of our guests, played an integral role in making the event a smooth and enjoyable affair.

Our community truly shines when we come together in such collaborative spirit.

Lastly, we cannot overlook the unforgettable moment when Mr. Tim Howson delivered a splendid toast. His eloquence and charisma captivated the audience, and his heartfelt words resonated deeply with all those in attendance. His call to support King Charles and Queen Camilla, wishing them a reign that endures forever, united us in a shared sense of loyalty and admiration.

Once again, we extend our sincere gratitude to all those who contributed to the success of the King Charles Coronation Lunch. Your support, generosity, and hard work have made this event a cherished memory for our community. Let us continue to celebrate and honour our monarch as we move forward together.

Lastly and most importantly thank you to all the residents who attended to make the day such a success.

Other Village Hall Forthcoming Events

AFTERNOON TEA & TALK

The next Tea and Talk is on Tuesday July 18 at 4.30. Full details are yet to be confirmed.

DVH AGM THURSDAY JULY 20 at 5 pm.

ST ANDREWS CHURCH

The annual Parochial Church Council Meeting took place on Wednesday May 17 at St Andrew's Church. Five PCC members from the South Wye Rural Benefice attended.

A copy of the Parish report and the Parish Financial report for 2022 are displayed in the church porch for information.

Further information can be obtained from Bill McKie, Secretary, at bmckie@btinternet.com.



Recent maintenance work at St Andrew's has resulted in the church porch being repainted after an interval of thirteen years. An electrical safety inspection has been carried out and a certificate been issued for the building.

Congratulations to Joyce and Marlene for their work at the Jumble Sale at St Martins Church Hall on May 13. The event raised £225 for Church funds.

On Sunday July 16 at 6.30 pm an Evensong Service will be held at St Cuthbert's, Holme Lacy. A lovely setting for a summer evening service. Some way off, but this year's Harvest Festival is scheduled to take place at St Andrew's on Sunday October 22 at 11 am.

Forthcoming services at St Andrew's.

Sunday June 25 at 6.30 pm	Holy Communion
Sunday July 23 at 6.30 pm	Evensong
Sunday August 27 at 6.30 pm	Holy Communion
Sunday September 24 at 6.30 pm	Evensong

DINEDOR SPORTS 2023

Save the Date!

This year's Dinedor Sports will be held on **Saturday July 29** in the Old School Field (courtesy of the Cleland Family).



The Sports has been held since the mid 1930's and continues traditions that are unique to Dinedor.

Please join us for a fun afternoon in the sun (hopefully) and enjoy the views and lively village atmosphere.

DINEDOR CAMP STEERING GROUP

A Steering Group meeting was held on May 4. The condition of the Camp was discussed and work for the summer months considered.

Andy Preedy, Paul Davies, Tim Greenow and the community team will do what is possible. Parish volunteers are very welcome.

Steps Repairs:

Andy explained that following delays with weather, holidays etc he has now started on the steps repairs and is making good progress on the ones opposite the Outdoor Centre and hopes to finish those by the end of May. Once they are finished he will move on to the steps near the car park. Many thanks to Andy.

Andy will liaise with Paul and Tim about any general and pathway clearing that can be done that includes the large fallen beech tree across the pathway above the Outdoor Centre.

Tree work

Our Parish Clerk, Liz Kelso will liaise with the tree expert to ensure that the diseased Ash trees are dealt with once they are in leaf.

SOUTH HEREFORD REPAIR CAFE



Whether it be a Dyson vacuum cleaner, a table lamp, an Xbox Original, a cherished ornament, a pair of ladies jeans or a fleece jacket with sleeves in need of shortening, we have repaired them all at our first two sessions of Repair Café while at the same time sharpening secateurs, shears, loppers, an axe and kitchen scissors.

We meet at our Village Hall on the **third Saturday of each month** (except August and December) from 10:00 to 12:30, and we shall be very pleased to look at any portable household item you may have in need of repair so long as it is no longer under guarantee and is not petrol powered. There is no charge, but we do request a donation towards our running costs.

Our next two sessions will be on **Saturday 17th June 17 and July 15**, and while you wait for your repair do enjoy tea, coffee and cake at our café!

All items must be booked in with us in advance at:

www.repaircafesouthhereford.org.uk where you will find full details of our service and T&C's. Call me on 07721 377245 in case of any difficulty.

Allan Simnett

ROTHERWAS CHAPEL



Rotherwas Chapel

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FOR MORE INFO CONTACT

BARBARAFERRIS@UWCLUB.NET OR TEL 01432 870 696



Start Armed Forces and Refugee Week enjoying messages of encouragement and Dinedor's Sing Out Strong Harmony Singers songs of resilience in the acoustics of the Chapel – and a wander out if fine!

REMEMBERING JEAN WALKE 1931 - 2023

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

I never had the chance to get to know Jean, having only met her a few times in the village but in talking with her son Steve and daughter Brenda, I formed the impression of someone who knew her own mind, was a hard worker and even towards the end of her days was as sharp as a pin! She also liked to keep a room in the cottage at almost furnace levels of heat as anyone who has visited in recent years will testify.

Jean was born in Pershore in June 1931. Jean Badger, as she was then known, was an only daughter. Dad was a carter and market gardener and Mum was from Clun. She went to the local primary school and during the war they had a girl from London, Suzy, evacuated to their home and she enjoyed having her around for a while before she returned to London after the bombing mostly came to an end.

Jean left school at 14 and went to be a nursemaid and child minder. This was just as the war was ending and she found employment at Bwlch, just over the border. When she was 16, she met Karl, who was a prisoner of war on day release helping local farmers. Although he was 11 years older, they started courting and at 17, in 1949, they married. She was determined that he was the man for her! They started life together at Trebandy Farm, with Karl working as a farm hand and Jean at home and helping out during the harvests where she worked at Biddlestone Orchards.

In 1952 Brenda was born and for a number of years they lived out at Trebandy before moving to Dinedor and Garden Cottage in 1961 when Karl came to work at Hollow Farm, looking after the pigs as well as farm work. The cottage was pretty basic, with no running water and the family increased quickly afterwards with the arrival of Steve in 1965.

Brenda went to school at Bluecoat before working in Woollies, at a bank and then the Electricity board. Steve started primary school at Hunderton and then went on to Haywood and worked on the farm with Karl.

With no electricity and a range to cook on, Jean became a proper country-woman, being able to do most things well but occasionally her temper would get the better of her and, at least once, a teapot went flying through the air towards Karl, who seemed to have the patience of a saint!

With Steven at school, Jean began working as an escort for disabled children on the minibus taking them to and from school before going to work for DRG plastics at Rotherwas until she retired. They were able to buy their tied cottage and make it their own and then build Wallaby in the garden for Steve and his wife.

Karl retired from Hollow Farm, with the blessing of the Price family who had been his employer for many years. Jean and Karl then made a few trips over to Germany to visit Karl's family, some of whom he hadn't seen for many years.

Karl died in 2010 and was buried in Dinedor churchyard, and it seems only fitting that Jean should join him, reunited in the Herefordshire earth which, for so many years, sustained them both. Karl had been in a home for the last few months of his life but it was still a shock when he died and he was very much missed by Jean. With family support, she was able to continue to live at Garden Cottage and enjoyed some memorable day trips out with the family: Strictly Come Dancing in Birmingham and the Severn Valley Railway.

Although never a great one for village socials, Jean was always a good source of gossip, some of which might have had a dubious origin! But if you wanted to know what was going on in the village, Jean was the person you sought. She maintained her temper over the years, but once a flare-up had happened, it was soon forgotten. Known for her trifle and making of cakes, she was one of a generation that is now fast disappearing.

In these latter years, she took on a bit of a passion for her wood burner. Every time you visited; you would be assailed by a great blast of heat as you entered the room where she was. Jean was able to stay at home thanks to her family and, in recent times, with the support of Sam and Carmel, whose help was invaluable. And so, just a few short weeks ago, she died, at home, surrounded by the people who loved her. She will be sadly missed by Brenda and Steve and by her grandson Paul.



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:

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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!

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