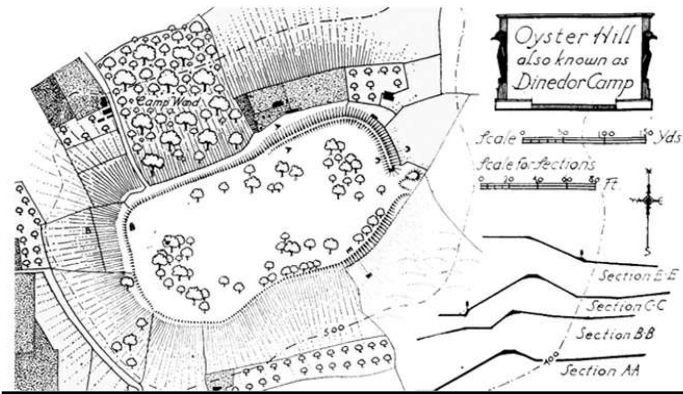


Dinedor Newsletter

JULY 2023



DINEDOR SPORTS 2023



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Saturday July 29th at 2.30 pm

Gates Open 2.15

The Old School Field, Dinedor HR2 6LQ

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RACES + SIDESHOWS + AMUSEMENTS + SKITTLES

REFRESHMENTS + COMPETITIONS + LICENSED BAR

PILLOW FIGHT + COCONUT SHY + PRIZE RAFFLE

Admission:- Adults £2.00; Children 0.50 p

All indoor competition entries must be registered at Dinedor Village Hall between 11.00 am and 1.00 pm on the day

PROCEEDS TO CHARITIES

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 5th August 10.30 am - 12 noon

Do come and enjoy a relaxed time in the village hall.

If you don't know people living in Dinedor this is an excellent way to meet some of them!

We are a friendly group and would love you to join us!

Come and go as you please.

If you would appreciate a lift call Mair: 870593



**THE DEADLINE FOR
THE NEXT EDITION IS
SUN SEPT 24**

DINEDOR PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Now that meetings take place monthly (except for August and December), this report covers the meetings scheduled for June and July although the meeting in June could not take place as insufficient councillors were able to attend. In July however, we were delighted to welcome a total of 8 members of the public, three councillors, our Ward Councillor and the Lengthsman to the meeting

New Councillor:

As regular readers will be aware, following the elections in May, the parish council had two vacancies one of which was taken by Joe Davey, leaving one vacancy. An up-to-date policy was adopted at the July meeting to help with future vacancies and we were delighted to welcome Malcolm Louch to the parish council. Malcolm is one of our two footpaths' officers and we look forward to working with him.

Highway Matters

The lengthsman scheme is an initiative by Herefordshire Council which enables parish councils to take an active role in the maintenance of C and U roads within the Parish. Your Parish Council has been a member of the scheme for some years which has enabled vital ditch clearance and routine highway drainage matters to be addressed through the parish. There are some changes proposed to the scheme this year which will provide access to some limited additional funding for this work and at the meeting councillors agreed to continue within the scheme and to meet with the lengthsman to identify the work required for the coming year. Once the additional work has been identified, a short additional meeting will be required for the parish council to agree formally to the additional work and this is expected to take place on **Thursday 10th August at 6.00 pm in the Village Hall**, but check notice boards and our website for confirmation of the date and time.

Footpaths also come under the general heading of Highway Matters and at the meeting the parish council agreed to purchase a new self closing latch for a gate providing access to a permissive path.

Planning

There were three planning applications to consider this month and your parish council had no objections to any of the proposed developments.

BT Phone Box

The Parish Council has been considering, for quite some time, what to do with the former BT phone box located close to Dinedor Cross. There will be some further thought on this at the next meeting but one option might be to sell it or perhaps to move it to a more central location so it can be used as a book exchange.

And finally.....

Parish Council meetings take place on the third Thursday of each month, except August and December so the next full meeting will take place on **Thursday 21st September** 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 the notice boards a week before meetings.

OTHER PARISH NEWS

Turnpike Road (M325) UPDATE July 2023

Although the Turnpike Road has been used since the 18th Century, it was omitted from the Definitive Rights of Way Map for Herefordshire. Over the past several years a group of people including local experts made the case to Herefordshire Council that this route should be added to the Definitive Rights of Way Map. Despite things moving very slowly, eventually it was determined that this route should be added.

At that point there was a legal requirement to go to a public consultation and that consultation finished at the end of April 2023.

Ian Stead compiled a summary of the process up to that point which was published in the March 2023 Dinedor Newsletter. If no objections had been raised then other than adding the route to the Definitive Map, all would have been completed.

However some objections were raised and so the next part of the process is for the Council Planning Inspectorate to investigate and validate those objections and then refer the case to the Secretary of State for consideration and a ruling. Apparently there are huge delays in the Planning Department dealing with such cases and we will update the Parish Council and residents as and when we have more to report.

Malcolm Louch and Peter Keyse, Dinedor Footpaths Officers.

Training to use the Defibrillator

The Parish Council would welcome expressions of interest from parishioners who would like to have training to use the defibrillator situated outside the village hall. This was previously arranged but had to be cancelled due to no one registering to attend. Please let the clerk know if you are now interested : Email: clerk@dinedorparishcouncil.gov.uk or telephone 07977675456.

Firearms Licensing Event

The Parish Council has been asked to share the information below with all residents who may be keen to hear about an upcoming Community Conversation event in Hereford hosted by the West Mercia PCC:

Following 63 pieces of correspondence from Herefordshire residents about Firearms Licensing, PCC John Campion has decided to host an event on this specific topic, and it will be an opportunity for the local shooting community to put their questions to him and West Mercia Police about firearms licensing issues.

The event will be at the Kindle Centre, Hereford on Wednesday 2 August, 6-8 pm.

Further information is available here: [PCC to address firearms licensing concerns at next Community conversation event - West Mercia Police Crime Commissioner \(westmercia-pcc.gov.uk\)](#) or [Community conversation - West Mercia Police Crime Commissioner \(westmercia-pcc.gov.uk\)](#).

Dinedor Heritage Group

On Tuesday July 18, about a dozen of our members paid a visit to the archaeological dig at Arthur's Stone near Dorstone. Originally this had been arranged and was to be led by our chairman, Ian Stead. Following Ian's sudden and unexpected death, Jake Bharier kindly stepped in and became our guide on the day. Jake showed us around and brought us up to date with all the latest discoveries. Ironically the day after our visit evidence of bones were found buried on the site causing much excitement for the archaeological team.



DINEDOR OUTDOOR CENTRE

Members of the Parish Council were invited to a celebratory open morning at Dinedor Outdoor Centre on Dinedor Hill on the morning of July 19th.

Councillors Penny, Greenow and Over were pleased to attend and all experienced a worthwhile time.

We received a warm welcome and were introduced to some of the students from Herefordshire Pupil Referral Service (HPRS) who regularly visit the centre and benefit from working there.

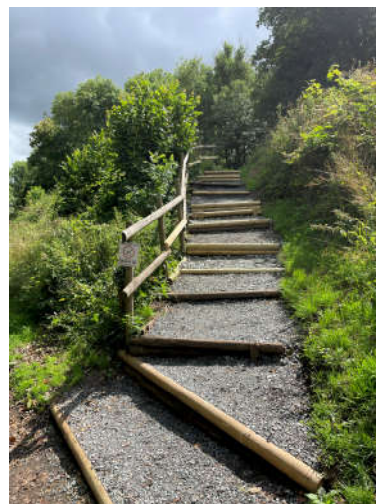


It was particularly gratifying to see some of the projects they engage with. With some practical help provided by Tim Greenow, they look after chickens, collect the eggs and cook with them and grow vegetables. Some of the produce was available to buy and wonderful cake and hot drinks were provided for us on the day.

We were able to walk up the two sets of steps they have renovated up on the hillfort and they took great pride in showing us their efforts. When you are next up on the Camp, see if you can spot their initials carved in the wood!



The Parish Council was pleased to contribute towards the cost of the materials but it was the hard work of the Centre and the students who have achieved such a good job.



We have to provide Heritage England with evidence of the work they have done and the following photos are shared in this newsletter.

All our newsletters can be viewed on the Parish Council website where the photos will be in colour and in more detail.

VILLAGE NEWS

It is sad to report some recent deaths of people who played a significant part in the life of Dinedor.

Ian Stead loved living in Dinedor and was integral to many aspects of our village community - not least the Heritage Group, the Camp Steering Group and the Big Lunch! He loved walking and was the former Parish Footpaths Officer. He died, suddenly and unexpectedly following the June Coffee Morning.

Myrtle Middleton lived for many years at Bodenham House and over 25 years ago played a major role in getting Dinedor a village hall.

Tricia Austin - Tricia has sadly died a few days ago after a short illness. She will be remembered by many for her kindness, humour and warmth; for her love of music and the piano and for leading 'Variety' for so many years.

NEWS FROM DINEDOR VILLAGE HALL

Due to an unforeseen delay in the review of our 2022/23 accounts we have had to unfortunately postpone this year's AGM until September 2023 when the new date will be the 14th at 5 pm. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused and look forward to seeing you there.

Thanks to the Parish Council's generous £500 donation towards the costs of the Coronation Lunch, we have been able to additionally purchase new mugs for use at village hall at events such as coffee mornings and the Repair Café.

Also, Variety has very kindly donated £319.94 to us with the request that this sum be put towards the cost of new cutlery for the hall. Very many thanks to the members of the Variety Choir who for so long entertained us. We are now in proud possession of new Viner's cutlery to the tune of 80 place settings!

As part of the Committee's ongoing commitment to improve facilities and the appearance of the hall, you may perhaps have noticed the new exterior notice board and signage at the entrance to the hall. We are also considering the development of a garden at the front of the hall, and we shall welcome any ideas you may have and your assistance in doing so. Please respond to chair@dinedorvillagehall.org.uk with your ideas.

Dates for your diary:

12th September at 4.30 pm - Afternoon Tea and Talk with Clare Cherry, Project Co-ordinator of the Great Collaboration, a partnership project between Herefordshire Green Network, Caplor Horizons and Fownhope Parish Council funded by the MSC Foundation.

28th October at 7.00 pm – Halloween Quiz, details to follow

14th November at 4.30 pm – Afternoon Tea & Talk, speaker to be confirmed

9th December at 6.00 pm – Christmas Social

Table Tennis Club

Fancy some mid-week fun and exercise? Then come along to our friendly table tennis group. We meet at the village hall (subject to numbers wishing to play) fortnightly on Wednesdays at 7.30 pm. All ages and abilities are welcome, whether you are a first timer or seasoned pro. For more details and to get on our mailing list, contact Chris on chris@cdw.org.uk.

Celebrating Nesta

Prospect Lane celebrated the 90th birthday of Nesta Leonard, with a surprise party at Bryan and Ann Edward's home on Sunday July 23rd. We wish her many happy returns.

SOUTH HEREFORD REPAIR CAFÉ

REACHES 100 BOOKINGS

According to the latest estimates from Repair Café International, there are currently 2,773 Repair Cafés worldwide, supported by 41,595 volunteers, repairing 49,914 items each month. As the movement was founded in the Netherlands with the first Repair Café opening in Amsterdam in 2009, it is perhaps not surprising that by far the largest number of Repair Cafés is in Europe but the movement has spread internationally with significant numbers now in the United States and Australia and with volunteers handling repairs in dozens of other countries worldwide including India and Japan.



South Hereford Repair Café at Dinedor Village Hall is, therefore, a small cog in a very large international wheel but since it opened in April 2023 it is handling an increasing number bookings for the repair of items from HR1, HR2, HR4 and HR9. Indeed, up until July, we received 100 bookings including 41 electrical and electronic, 30 multiple bookings of items for sharpening, 15 sewing repairs, as well with several ornaments and pieces of furniture for repair. Of these we successfully processed 74, much higher than the Repair Café average, and with an electronic engineer recently joining our team we are hopeful this may further increase.

We now have 9 volunteer repairers, and we are attracting more than 25 visitors to each session – some who come simply to enjoy a tea or coffee and a piece of cake or a sausage roll in our café! We should like to have two teams of volunteers serving in our café who we can alternate month to month, and if anyone is interested in joining us do e-mail repaircafe@dinedorvillagehall.org.uk. Our objective is to bring a new lease of life to items that otherwise may be thrown away, while giving our visitors the opportunity to socialise in our café. If you have not yet come along, you will be very welcome to join us next on 16th September, and if you have an item for repair to book it in with us at www.repaircafesouthhereford.org.uk by 14th September.

Allan Simnett – SHRC Coordinator



DINEDOR SPORTS

As we go to print, Dinedor Sports is less than a week away and frantic efforts are being made by many to make last minute preparations! If you are new to the village, you will experience a rural village sports day for children and adults, with an intriguing unique event that you won't want to miss - the Wibbly Wobbly race! However, I am also aware that by the time many of you read this, the Sports will be over and done with. So, there is not a lot I can say except I trust you all had a good time and see you next year!

We will hold our AGM later in the Autumn where we will do a review and allocate funds raised to local charities.

In the meantime, our treasurer Tim will post a financial report on the black barn and also in the Village Hall.

Chris Over - Chairman



Services for August and September

August 31st – 10th Sunday after Trinity 11.00 a.m. at Little Dewchurch – Holy Communion
August 27th - 12th Sunday after Trinity 6.30 p.m. at Dinedor – Holy Communion
September 10th – 14th Sunday after Trinity 11.00 a.m. at Little Dewchurch – Holy Communion
September 24th – 16th Sunday after Trinity 6.30 p.m. at Dinedor – Evensong

Holidays and Holy Days

August is traditionally the month for the British to go on holiday. Whether that is a short trip to Aberystwyth or a flight to Crete, the sunny shores of the Costa Blanca or something more adventurous. We like to have a time when we can get away from the humdrum, everyday stuff and look out on new vistas and taste different food.

Of course, it is only after the invention of the railway and Thomas Cook's realisation that he could get people together to take the train that mass tourism began. Before this, you had to be either of independent wealth, such as the Gentleman's tour of Europe during the 1800's or go on a religious pilgrimage, as recorded in a somewhat satirical way by Chaucer.

Many ardent Christians made the trip to the Holy Land when travelling wasn't easy – indeed the first of these might be Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, who was so taken when she became a Christian by the stories of Jesus that she went to find the places described in the Gospel.

Last year some 400,000 tourists flocked to Jerusalem to follow in her footsteps – not all of them Christian.

We like to travel, we like the new experiences, we like the change from the usual. We have the means to do, the transport links to make it an easier journey, the cameras to take the photos, but what do we really remember? What stands out as that perfect moment? I would suggest there is something deeply spiritual about that time. Maybe it was entering a great cathedral, maybe it was a stunning sunset against the grandeur of nature, maybe it was some single moment when everything just felt "right". There was a contentment in that time, a feeling of peace of being in the right place at the right time.

We may not find parts of the true cross as Helena did but we do find rest for our souls and the whisper of God in that moment.

Revd Mark



MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR!

Did you know Dinedor Sports has a Facebook page? Originally this was set up as a closed group to share news and photos that was solely related to the Sports. The group has 47 members. It is now an 'open' group and recently various posts have been appearing wholly unconnected to the Sports but pertinent to Dinedor overall.

Due to the small membership of this group, these posts are often not replied to or commented on.

It would be interesting to know if people in the village think a Facebook page, similar to those in Holme Lacy or Fownhope would be welcome for Dinedor. Whereas I am happy to collect any responses, it is NOT something I want to take on! Producing the newsletter is enough of a headache!

Which leads me on..... This article is only to fill a big gap this time!! It would be lovely to have more contributions from villagers so please consider writing or sharing something of interest. Please send comments to the e mail below or message Julia on 07814 089705.



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!

