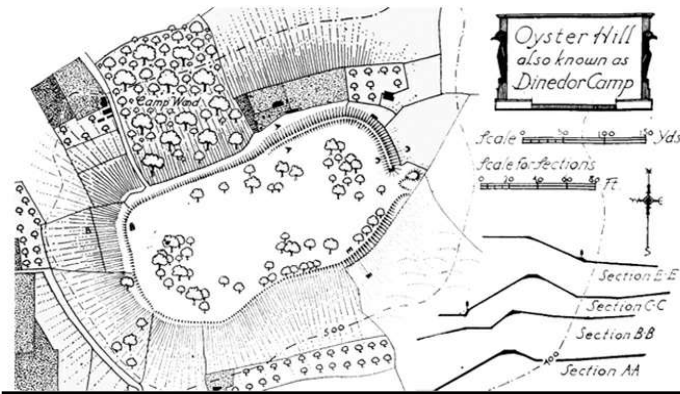


Dinedor Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2023



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DINEDOR PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Saturday Oct 7 10.30 -12 am
Tuesday Oct 17 at 7.30
Thursday Oct 19 6.00 pm
Saturday Oct 21 10.00 -12.30 am
Sunday Oct 22 11.00 onwards

Coffee Morning
Dinedor Heritage Grp
Parish Council Mtg
Repair Cafe
Harvest Festival -
Lunch and Auction
Halloween Quiz Night
Parish Council Mtg
Dinedor Sports AGM
Dinedor Heritage Gp
Christmas Social DVH
January Jackets DVH

Saturday Oct 28 7.00 pm
Thursday Nov 16 at 6.00 pm
Tuesday Nov 21 at 7.30 pm
Tuesday Nov 28 at 7.30 pm
Saturday Dec 9 at 6.00 pm
Saturday Jan 9 at 12.30 pm

DINEDOR HERITAGE GROUP

We were deeply saddened by the sudden and unexpected death of our chairman, Ian Stead a few months ago. His passing has left a large hole in our group which will be difficult to fill.

Nevertheless, we intend to carry on with our winter programme and the details are set out below:

We will be holding the AGM during our meeting on November 28th.

Tuesday October 17th Tim Hoverd – Snodhill, Herefordshire's Lost Castle.

Tuesday November 28th Penny Platts – Herefordshire Market Towns plus brief A.G.M.

Tuesday February 20th. Professor Keith Ray – Details to follow nearer the time.

All meetings commence at 7.30 in Dinedor Village Hall.

Our remaining committee is made up as follows: -

Secretary & Acting Chairman – Chris Over

Treasurer – Enid Bullock (Bully).

Membership Secretary – Brian Granthier

Honorary Life President – Barbara Ferris.

COFFEE MORNING

The next Coffee Morning is at Dinedor Village Hall on Saturday October 7, 2023

Any time between 10.30 am and 12 noon

Do drop into the Village Hall and enjoy a drink, cake and chat with fellow residents of Dinedor.

Everyone will be most welcome



**THE DEADLINE FOR
THE NEXT EDITION IS
TUES NOV 21**

The Parish Council held a very brief additional meeting in August in order to meet a deadline for a decision. This report covers the August and September meetings.

The August meeting was attended by all parish councillors and our Ward Councillor. We discussed the Herefordshire Council Lengthsman Scheme and it was agreed to join the scheme which this year will enable the Parish Council to claim up to £1,482 in additional funding for maintenance of the ditches, verges and road signs around the parish. This funding will be in addition to an existing commitment to support work to help alleviate the surface water flooding that has plagued the village for the last few years. Working with Balfour Beatty and with the help of our Ward Councillor, David Davies, it is hoped that this work can take place before the start of winter.

The September meeting was a normal meeting with all councillors in attendance. We welcomed our Ward Councillor, the lengthsman and six members of the public. There was a further update on the lengthsman scheme and work on drainage issues and a report from the two footpaths officers who are walking around the various footpaths in the parish and reporting issues that need addressing to the public rights of way officer at Herefordshire Council. The rather poor state of the grit bins around the parish were noted and will be reported to Balfour Beatty before the bad weather starts.

Planning

Two planning applications were considered this month and your parish council had no objections to any of the proposals.

Dinedor Camp

As you may know, Dinedor Camp is managed on a day to day basis by a small group set up by the parish council in 2016 when the Camp was first acquired. The group will meet again shortly and in recognition of changes in the parish council at the last elections, a new member, Cllr. Joe Davey, was formally appointed to the group alongside existing parish councillor Tim Greenow.

Some of the routine maintenance on the site used to be supported by the Community Payback Team but following a change in policy by the CPS, this is no longer happening so the site is entirely reliant on the small group of volunteers who meet periodically on site (usually a Sunday once a month) to help with things like grass cutting and the removal of scrub. More volunteers are desperately needed for this work so if you're able to help out, whether it's just once or on a regular basis, please contact the Parish Clerk.

The Steering Group has recently commissioned a tree survey of the site which has identified a few trees that need work. Quotations will be obtained for this work to be considered at a later meeting of the parish council.

Financial matters

As usual, the parish council reviewed financial matters and noted that the second instalment of the precept, our main source of income has now been received from Herefordshire Council. Expenditure is broadly in line with budget with one small exception and a small number of invoices were approved for payment. The Council also agreed to reappoint last year's internal auditors for another year.

Continued overleaf

The next full council meeting will take place on **Thursday 19th October 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.

THE PHONE BOX ISSUE

There has been much discussion about what to do with the deteriorating and redundant red phone box which is located at the Upper Cross part of the village. Various suggestions have been proposed, including book swaps, plant exchanges and visitor information about the area. There is however increasing consensus that to maximise any future potential to the whole village it would be better to relocate it to outside the village hall. The Parish Council would like to receive any views that residents may have about this proposal by contacting the clerk:
Email: clerk@dinedorparishcouncil.gov.uk or telephone 07977675456.



NEWS FROM ST ANDREWS

Autumn is in full swing and harvest festival is upon us. The idea of a church celebration of Harvest is, as you would expect, a Victorian-era invention. In past times, the village would gather as a whole to celebrate the final bringing in of the harvest with music, song, food and not a little beer! This was felt by some clergy to be a bit too pagan and probably people enjoying themselves too much!
So a church-based alternative was devised, hymns and prayers were written and the harvest festival service spread across the Church of England and our brothers and sisters in the Methodist and Baptist churches as well. It never really caught on in Roman Catholic circles, partly because RC churches tended to be in industrial towns and cities so there was much less contact with agriculture but also because the Catholic church was a little more rigid in terms of readings for each Sunday.
As we gather on 22nd for our harvest festival we are celebrating the end of an agricultural year and the start of the new one. But, more importantly, we are renewing our connection with creation. God's words to Adam in the book of Genesis remind us "By the sweat of your brow (literally nostrils *aphik* in Hebrew) you shall eat food (or bread) until you return to the dust, for from dust (soil in the Hebrew *ophr*) you were taken and to dust you shall return"
We are all bound by the web of creation and harvest festival is our chance to celebrate the bounty and to set ourselves the task of caring for it for another year.
Revd Mark.
Sunday October 22– 11.00 a.m. Harvest Festival followed by a Harvest Lunch and produce auction in the Village Hall, around 12.45 - 13.00.
Produce can be left in the church porch on Saturday 21st or brought on the actual day.
The cost of the lunch will be £12 for adults and £6 for children. Please contact Ann Edwards on 870461 if you are intending to come. Notices will be displayed on the notice boards at the village hall and the church.

REPAIR CAFE



Don't Bin It! Let's Try To Repair It!
Bookings for September's Repair Café included a broken TV, CD player, hedge trimmer, pinball arcade game, berry picker, and Dyson for repair and knives, secateurs and shears for sharpening.
We next meet on **Saturday 21st October** from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm.
Book with us by Thursday 19th October at www.repaircafesouthhereford.org.uk and come along and enjoy conversation and refreshments in our café

IAN STEAD

I would like to give our thanks for all the many messages, cards and flowers kind friends and neighbours have sent following Ian's very sudden and unexpected death. People have said how much he was liked and respected and how he was able 'to make things happen', with his quiet, thoughtful approach to life.
As you may have read in last month's Newsletter, he died on a beautiful sunny June day near his beloved Dinedor Camp. It was Ian's long held, explicit wish not to have a ceremony of any kind and of course we have followed his wishes.

Ian was a proud father of two sons, Duncan and Jon, and an even prouder grandfather of Lowri, Molly and Daisy, who all shared his love of the Camp.
He was a Yorkshireman, Bradford born, and grew up in Leicester - he was always a very committed Foxes' fan. Music, an eclectic mix, was an enduring passion - Dylan (he was at his first Judas concert), Bowie, Neil Young, Bruchner, Bruch, Shostakovitch.....
He had many interests including history, archaeology, the sciences, the natural world, politics etc, etc. He was not a keen gardener, but did manage to keep our garden generally under control and created the orchard here at The Laurels.

In his professional career he was an HR director, firstly in industry in north Wales, and then in NHS Wales, the Welsh Government and Lesotho, Southern Africa. When he retired from full-time work, he became chair of Healthwatch Herefordshire.
And when he really did retire just a few years ago he did not stop of course, just had more time for his passions. He qualified as a Herefordshire City Guide and was looking forward to leading city walks this summer. He had recently reconnoitred a Dinedor walk he was due to lead for the Herefordshire Walking Festival and to his great delight became an English Heritage guide at Arthur's Stone - thanks to Jake for guiding the visit Ian had arranged for the Dinedor Heritage Group this year.

In Dinedor, he worked with other village volunteers to look after Dinedor Camp, chaired the Heritage Group and walked the many footpaths when he was the parish footpaths officer. Recently he was very pleased to be Dinedor Village Hall table tennis champion - even if his reign lasted just two weeks!

Ian found our house on the hill when he was madly cycling around Herefordshire, trying to visit every one of its 50 or so iron age hillforts. We moved here in 2010 - we always said it was a good choice in all ways - beautiful countryside with lovely friends and neighbours, who have never been more valued than recently.
Thank you all again for your kindnesses,
Suzanne Penny

NESTA LEONARD

We were all saddened to learn of the sudden death of Nesta from Prospect Lane. Her 90th birthday was only recently celebrated on July 23rd.
She, and her dog Billy, were a common sight walking through the village. They will be sadly missed!

NEWS FROM DINEDOR VILLAGE HALL

At the DVHMC committee meeting that followed our AGM on September 14th, the following members were proposed and seconded:

Karen Spowart	Chair
Allan Simnett	Treasurer & Health & Safety Officer
Helen Roberts	Secretary
Chris Waters	Booking Clerk
Chris Over	Dinedor Sports Representative
Margaret Bircher	Art Group Representative
Oriel Coburn	Observer
Bill McKie	Observer

Many thanks to the previous committee members who have stepped down this year and to our user group representatives for their agreement to continue this forthcoming year.

For 2024 we are planning to submit an application for a further National Lottery Grant with a focus on refurbishment of the kitchen & servery area to bring them up to the standard of the Main Hall space; in particular, new flooring, a commercial dishwasher and reconfiguration of storage space. If anyone is interested, we will be looking for an "ideas group" to take this forward!

On a minor scale we are planning to install a door on the cloakroom / coat cupboard to make the entrance hall more inviting and install some shelving to accommodate table wear / linen which is currently housed in the cleaning cupboard. Hopefully before the New Year we will also install new paper towel holders in the toilet areas.

Covid

It's that time of year again when people are being called for their flu and Further Covid vaccines.

We will continue to ensure the village hall environment has adequate hand sanitizing facilities, and endeavour to monitor the situation.

The Great Collaboration

At our Tea & Talk earlier in the month, Clare Cherry, coordinator for The Great Collaboration gave us a very interesting talk about its work and the success it is achieving in our County.

The Great Collaboration Toolkit is a website developed by Herefordshire Green Network (HGN) and now run by Place-Based Initiative. It gives Local Councils and environment groups a powerful tool to engage with their communities on climate actions. It enables residents and businesses to show what climate actions they have already taken, what actions they are preparing to take, and what actions they cannot take (and why).

Local Councils can use this information to make their climate decision-making highly specific to what is happening locally. The toolkit also includes easy-to-access marketing and planning materials and case studies to support the communities when they start to develop action plans.

HGN also provides a part-time community support worker to offer advice and link parishes together, gather materials and arrange events. Many parishes in Herefordshire have now set up local action groups and are able to use the free resources and the data that is available as well as receive a regular newsletter full of ideas. Anyone can join if they would like to get more ideas and information about reducing their own carbon footprint. <https://greatcollaboration.uk/>

If you are interested in helping to establish an environmental action group in Dinedor, please e-mail hub@dinedorvillagehall.org.uk



What do you want from your Village Hall?

If you are under 60 please read this!

In the early 1990's residents of Dinedor came to together to plan, fund raise and help construct a new village hall. It was a community effort for the benefit of the whole Dinedor community, and in the years since many successful events have been run at the hall which have been much enjoyed by residents and friends.

Today, the hall hosts

- weekly short mat bowls, arts and crafts, "Move & Improve", the "Sing Out Strong" choir
- fortnightly table tennis
- monthly parish council meetings and the Repair Café
- bi-monthly a coffee morning and Afternoon Tea & Talk
- during the winter months the Heritage group
- and annually in July Dinedor Sports

In addition, there is the occasional social event, or family party. But as these events occupy the hall for less than a quarter of each week and regularly attract less than a fifth of our total parish population, is this enough? Are we making best use of our well -equipped and versatile community hall?

The average age of our current management committee is over 70, and this is possibly reflected in the hall's current programme of events.

In order to attract far more residents, and particularly those who are younger and have not yet reached retirement age, are there no other activities which may be of interest: and to put these on are there not younger members of our community who may be willing to help manage the hall and introduce a range of new events?

New members bringing fresh ideas and greater energy to this community asset will hopefully make it the "go to" place in Dinedor and more relevant to a far larger proportion of our residents – helping to ensure that as we go forward into 2024, we are making best use of the hall for EVERYONE who lives in Dinedor.

So, if you are under 60 (or indeed 50 or 40 or even 30) and interested in supporting us, do call Karen, our chair, on 01432 870705 or me, Allan Simnett, on 01432 870666 or e-mail us at hub@dinedorvillagehall.org.uk. We shall be delighted to receive your comments and ideas!

FUTURE VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

October 7th Coffee morning

October 28th Halloween Quiz night at 7 pm – savoury snacks available / bring your own bottle.

Further publicity will be posted accordingly, *(in the event that England should reach the Rugby Final this event may be cancelled).*

December 9th Christmas Social at 6 pm with mulled wine & mince pies accompanied by Dinedor Choir

January 9th "January Jackets" at 12.30 pm – a light lunch of jacket potatoes with assorted toppings.

A ROUND UP OF DINEDOR SPORTS 2023

Our Sports Event now seems long gone but a big thank you to all who made the day such a success. We made a profit on the day of just under £1200!

The weather did rob us of two gazebos that will require replacing and this will be discussed at the upcoming A.G.M. which will be held on **Tuesday November 21 at 7.30 pm** in the village hall. Please do consider joining us when we will also decide our annual allocation to charities.

Winners for the trophies were: -

John Cleland Memorial Trophy - Leo Asbury

David Price Cup - Joint Winners- Finn Goodwin/Bella Bullock

Ladies Cup – Kelly Cleland

Men's Pillow Fight - Matt Cleland

Middleton Cup - Isla Cleland

Ladies Salver - Ann Edwards

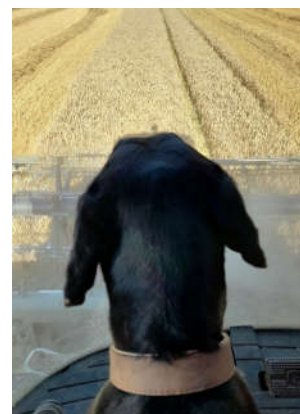
Tim Howson our treasurer has prepared the accounts for the day which can be found on the Black Barn or on the Village Hall notice board.

If you would like a copy emailed to you, please let us know.

Below are some messages and photos of the day that have been shared. A colour version of the newsletter is available via the parish council website www.dinedorparishcouncil.gov.uk

From Brian Hughes

A big thank you to all the supporters of Dinedor Sports and a special thank you to Val and Matt Cleland, and Ed the driver, for the raffle prize of a ride on a combine harvester which was most enjoyable and informative!



The new limerick competition ... **There was a young man on a Farm -**

proved popular with over 17 entries - thanks to Mary Grice and Di Jones for the tricky task of judging them. Some are not printable and others did not comply with the principles of being a 'limerick'!

First prize went to Chris Over

There was a young man on a farm
Who longed for a girl that had charm
At the Three Counties Show
He met one named Flo
And now they go round arm in arm

Second Prize - Margaret Bircher

There was a young man on a farm
Whose culin'ry skills caused alarm
His famous lamb curry
Was actually slurry
But it never did *me* any harm!

Third Prize - Dave Greenow

There was a young man on a farm
Attracting young ladies with charm
But he married Old Mabel
And made love on the table
In Dinedor it caused much alarm

Best of the rest

There was a young man on a farm
Who produced a rump steak with great charm
As he toiled night and day
Feeding silage and hay
He declared "Eating meat does no harm".



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