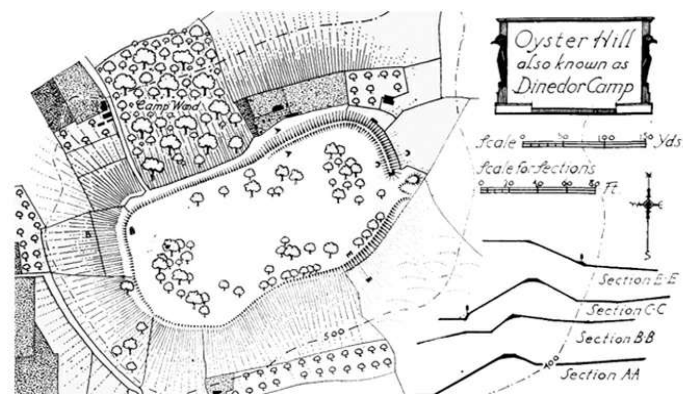




NOVEMBER 2023

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday Nov 28 at 7.30 pm
Saturday Dec 2 at 10.30 am
Saturday Dec 9 at 6.00 pm
Friday Dec 22 at 6.30 pm
Tuesday Jan 9 at 12.30 pm
Thursday Jan 18 at 6.00 pm
Saturday Jan 20 at 10.30 am

**Dinedor Heritage Gp
Coffee Morning
Christmas Social DVH
Carols at St Andrews
January Jackets DVH
Parish Council Mtg
Repair Cafe**

DINEDOR HERITAGE GROUP

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

followed by

**THE MARKET TOWNS
OF HEREFORDSHIRE**

a presentation by

PENNY PLATTS

on

TUESDAY November 28th 2023 7.30 p.m.

At DINEDOR VILLAGE HALL

Admission: Members £3 - Visitors £5



Light refreshments served

further details from Chris Over on 07443 221846

VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

Saturday December 2, 2023

Pop in any time between 10.30 and 12 noon

Don't miss the last Coffee Morning of the year!
Make time to chat to your neighbours and enjoy
cake and coffee.

Everyone will be most welcome

**THE DEADLINE FOR
THE NEXT EDITION IS
SUN JAN 21**



DINEDOR PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

There have been 2 parish council meetings since our last edition as we now meet monthly, except for July and December. This report covers the October and November meetings.

We have considered 2 planning applications:

Land next to Hill View - details of the proposed 6 dwellings where outline permission had already been given by Herefordshire Council. This proposal is in line with the parish's Neighbourhood Development Plan and we did not raise any objections, but did reiterate our previous concerns about managing the additional traffic on the narrow road.

The second application, from 'Rotherwas Together', discussed in the November meeting, was for a sculpture on Skylon View, Rotherwas Estate. We had no objection.

An important issue which we have spent a long time trying to sort out is the drainage on the road through the village. After support from our Herefordshire Councillor, we have now at last been able to agree a way forward with Balfour Beatty (who are responsible for the highways) and the lengthsman (who is paid by the parish council) to deal with the worst of the difficulties. It will not be possible in the short term to make good all the ponding, but the work between the village hall and the black barn, which will be done as soon as possible, will make a noticeable improvement.

Whilst some of the difficulties are caused by water running off the hill slopes, heavy vehicles driving too fast and cutting up verges trying to pass other vehicles, certainly does not help. We are hoping to put up signs urging drivers to be more careful - please do all you can to encourage safe and environmentally friendly driving.

Sadly, there has been no support from residents for a local environmental group.

We have considered a report on the trees on Dinedor Camp and are exploring the best ways to secure funding for its implementation.

In previous newsletters we have mentioned the redundant telephone box at Upper Dinedor Cross. It is deteriorating and we have agreed to its being moved to outside the village hall, where it will probably be used for a local information point, books etc, provided of course that the Village Hall Committee is prepared formally to take responsibility for it. If not, it is likely that we will have to dispose of it.

At every meeting we have a report on parish council finances. Spending remains well within budget with sufficient in the reserves to allow for any unplanned costs.

As your parish councillors, we are responsible for setting the parish council part of the Community Charge householders pay to Hereford Council, and for spending it appropriately in line with local needs. In January we will be deciding the amount to be included in the overall Community Charge for the financial year 2024/25. We welcome your comments and suggestions - please get in touch with one of your parish councillors. Details are on the website - please note that we all now have new secure e mail addresses.

Continued overleaf...

A reminder that we are very pleased to see members of the public at our meetings. Many thanks to our regulars. If you do join us you will be made very welcome and will be given the opportunity to raise any matter with us. We are not able to make decisions on any new matters raised at a meeting but we will ensure they are put on the next agenda. This is because we are, by law, only able to make decisions on items on the agenda.

If you would like to raise an issue on the agenda, but cannot come to a meeting, you can ask the parish clerk to do so on your behalf no later than 10 days before the meeting.

We meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month, so our next meeting is on

Thursday, January 18 at 6.00 pm.

As this is the last newsletter before Christmas, the parish council would like to thank you for your support and wish everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.



FOOTPATHS OFFICERS REPORT

The Footpaths Officers have had on-site meetings with Ceri Belli (PROW Inspector for Herefordshire Council) and repairs and remedial work for the stile and adjacent steps on Footpath DD1A (along the River from Rotherwas) where it meets the Holme Lacy Road are now to be undertaken in the Spring as the weather is currently unsuitable.

Also repairs will be undertaken to the Stile on Footpath DD8 (from Dinedor Village towards Holme Lacy) where it meets the road to Dinedor Cross.

Footpath DD4 (across the field to the Holme Lacy Road) has been blocked by maize crops during the summer. This has been harvested and the field ploughed but as yet the footpath has not been reinstated which is very disappointing.



We now have a loose liaison with other Parish Footpath Officers in the area who we meet from time to time and are able to share and pass-on our knowledge and experiences which is proving very helpful.

Malcolm Louch and Peter Keyse, Dinedor Footpaths Officers.

NEWS FROM DINEDOR VILLAGE HALL

Thanks to all for the very successful Halloween Quiz.

As we now move towards the festive season, we are planning the Christmas Social Evening on **December 9 at 6 pm**, do join us to celebrate with mulled wine and mince pies when we will be joined by the Dinedor Harmony Choir singing some favourite carols. We will be decorating the hall at the beginning of December for all to enjoy beforehand.

We have recently taken the opportunity to take stock of kitchen crockery and cutlery to update our inventory. The plan for remodelling and updating of the kitchen to include new flooring continues. At our last committee meeting we decided to call in kitchen planners/ designers to provide some potential layouts, which would better suit the purpose for how the kitchen is used for village hall gatherings and events when the hall is hired out.

You will be pleased to hear that we are reinstating January Jackets, a particularly popular event in the past.

This will take place on **Tuesday January 9 at 12.30 pm**. As usual do let us know if you wish to join us.

Covid

Please continue to use the hand sanitizer available in the village hall.

Herefordshire's Repair Café network is growing with recent openings in Llangrove, Marden and in the Golden Valley, where a mobile café alternates between Kingstone Dorstone and Ewyas Harold.

Taken together with the cafes in Ledbury, Leominster and of course Dinedor, we now have a network making our principle of "Bin it! No way!" far more readily available across the county.

We are sometimes surprised at items we are asked to consider for repair at the Repair Café but an item brought in without a pre-booking at our last session left most of us stunned: a drinking vessel said to be dated around 550 BC from the Indus Valley in what is now Pakistan.

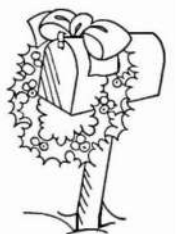
Our repairer suggested to the lady who brought it in that it may be a little too precious for us to handle - with Araldite or Gorilla glues possibly not the right adhesives to use on it, and suggested she should take it to a local museum. Not something one sees every day! Our session on November 18 was the 7th session we have held and we shall next open on **January 20** with bookings for this session available to be made at www.repaircafesouthhereford.org.uk from mid-December.



If you would like to join us as a volunteer either as a repairer or to assist in our popular café, please e-mail repaircafe@dinedorvillagehall.org.uk or call me on 07721 377245. You will be made very welcome!

Allan Simnett – SHRC Coordinator

Post your Christmas cards for Dinedor residents in the Village Hall letter box by 9th December and we will distribute them at the Christmas Social



NEWS FROM ST ANDREWS

Thank you to everyone involved in the preparation of the church for the Harvest Festival on Sunday October 22 and the marvellous Harvest Lunch in Dinedor Village Hall afterwards. The lunch takes considerable organising. Thanks to Ann and Bryan Edwards for pulling it all together and to those who kindly provided the various dishes that were enjoyed by us all. Thanks also to those who gave generously when gifted produce was auctioned in the church after the service. The total sum raised for church funds was £640.70 which was very impressive from a small community.



Maintenance of the church fabric is an ongoing process. Arrangements have been made for the church roof to have loose and missing slates replaced, also repairs to the guttering. Hopefully the work will be done before Christmas.

The grass in the churchyard has had a final cut for the year. Thanks to Matt Wall for his work throughout the year.

Future Services, St Andrew's.

Sunday November 26 at 11 am Holy Communion Rev. Mark Johnson

Friday December 22 at 6.30 pm Carol Service Rev. Mark Johnson

(Church Decoration Thursday December 21 at 10 am.)

Sunday December 24 at 11 am Holy Communion Rev. Mark Johnson

Sunday December 25 (Christmas Day) Service at St David's, Little Dewchurch at 11 am.

A Christmas message from Revd Mark:

Is Advent out of date?

We are not a society that likes to wait for anything – and having just spent the best part of an hour on hold with HMRC, I can see why!

We have moved, in recent years, to the idea that almost anything is almost immediately available. We have groceries and fast food delivered to our door. Amazon is now even doing deliveries by drone!

So, the season of Advent in the Christian calendar seems to be outdated and outmoded. Why wait for Christmas when you can have it instantly?

But, and I think this is important, without anticipation, there is no sense of fulfilment. If we simply rush into the celebrations without waiting, we will soon become bored. Everything, everywhere happens all at once. There is no respite. Things just come at us all the time.

As human beings (rather than human doings) we need time and space to reflect, to prepare, to remember. And that is what Advent is about. It is a time to look both back 2000 years and forward to the arrival of the Christ-Child. It is a time of waiting, of expectancy, of anticipation – not just of fine meals and presents under the tree but of the start of the new chapter of God's relationship with his people, a new promise.

A deep and rich relationship that takes its time and a promise that has been years in the making, delivered by a child being born and swaddled and laid in a manger. Emmanuel – God is with us.

Have a reflective Advent and a joyful Christmas.



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IT'S A CRACKER!



Q: What happened to the man who stole an advent calendar?

A: He got 25 days.

Q: What do Santa's little helpers learn at school?

A: The elf-abet!

Q: Why was the snowman looking through the carrots?

A: He was picking his nose!

Q: What did the stamp say to the Christmas card?

A: Stick with me and we'll go places!

Q: Why is it getting harder to buy Advent calendars?

A: Their days are numbered!

Q: What did Mrs Claus say to Santa Claus when she looked up in the sky?

A: Looks like rain, dear!

Q: What did Santa say to the smoker?

A: Please don't smoke, it's bad for my elf!

Apologies from the editors but we had space to fill!

CHRISTMAS EVENTS AT DINEDOR CROSS FARM

Story at the Stable

opening on Sat 9th of Dec

£4 pp
(under 2's free)

Sat 9th & 16th Dec
11am-2pm

Mon 11th & 18th Dec
4:30pm - 6:30pm

Wed 13th & 20th
4:30pm - 6:30pm

Come to the stable and listen to the Christmas story with all of our lovely animals, including Jack the Donkey!



Christmas at the Cross

A traditional carol service in the barn at Dinedor Cross Farm HR2 6PD.

Fri 22nd Dec 6pm



TRY OUR CHRISTMAS WORDSEARCH

Christmas WORD SEARCH



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CHEER	HOLLY	STAR
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FAMILY	SCARF	TREE
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	SNOW	

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