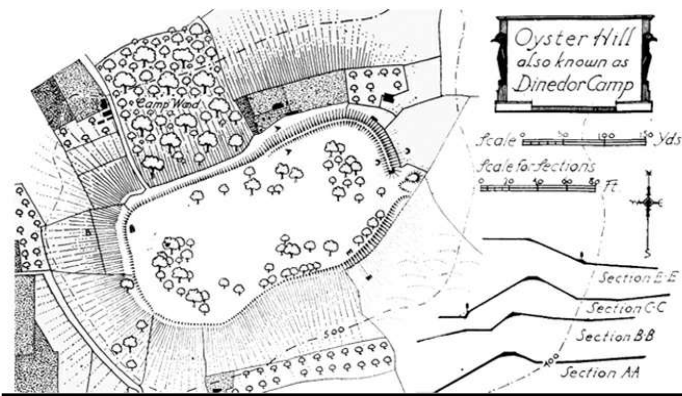


Dinedor Newsletter

MAY 2024



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat June 1	Coffee Morning	10.30 am
Weds June 5	Dinedor Sports Planning Meeting	7.30 pm
Sun June 9	The Big Lunch - The Laurels	12.30 pm
Sat June 15	Repair Cafe	10.00 am
Sat June 15	Rotherwas Chapel	2.30 pm
Thurs Jun 20	Parish Council Meeting	6.00 pm
Fri June 28	Pub Night - V Hall	7.00 pm
Tues July 9	Beekeeping by Yvonne Walke	7.00 pm
Thurs Jul 18	Parish Council Meeting	6.00 pm
Sat July 20	Repair Cafe	10.00 am
Thurs July 25	DVH - AGM	4.00 pm
Sat July 27	Dinedor Sports	2.15 pm

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday June 1 - call in any time between 10.30 am and Noon

Another opportunity to meet up with friends and neighbours in an informal way and to show support. Everyone is invited.

All donations go to the Village Hall



DINEDOR SPORTS

Please note that we propose to hold the Dinedor Sports Planning Meeting for this years Sports on **Wednesday June 5 at 7.30 p.m.** in the village hall.

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



Actual Sports Day is Saturday July 27th



Further details from Chris Over on 07443 221846

THE BIG LUNCH

Suzanne is once again opening her home and garden to host **The Big Lunch**.

This will be held at The Laurels, on **Sunday June 9 from 12.30** 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. Please give Suzanne a call on **01432 873170 or 07971 544889** if you want to know more.



THE DEADLINE FOR
THE NEXT EDITION IS
SUN JUL 21

PARISH COUNCIL

The April and May meetings are covered in this update. We continue to appreciate the members of the public who come to the meetings and welcome their input.

The Annual Parish Meeting, which traditionally is held immediately before the Annual Council Meeting in May, is a meeting of electors of the parish and offers an opportunity for community and other groups in the parish to give a presentation to residents. However, this year a meeting convened by a member of the public in February has fulfilled this function and it was felt unlikely that anyone would attend a second similar meeting so soon after this, so we agreed not to convene an Annual Parish Meeting this year.

At our May Parish Council meeting we received a satisfactory audit report for 2023/24. We agreed bank signatories and signed off our Annual Governance Statement. The Parish Council chair and vice chair, footpath officers, HALC representative and members of the Camp Steering Group were re-elected, and we are pleased to have a new representative on the Village Hall Committee (H Roberts).

In April we agreed, as we have done in previous years, to the request for a grant of £560.00 for grass cutting in the churchyard.

As we have mentioned many times over the last few years, road drainage is an ongoing problem. But there is some good news as the small grant of £760.00 has been received and we have signed a new contract with the lengthsman. This will not of course resolve all the problems but should make a significant difference, particularly between the Village Hall and Hollow Farm.

Two planning applications have been considered, both at Rotherwas, and we had no objections to either of them.

The Camp Steering Group, a parish council sub-group, has met again with Heritage England (HE) to discuss and agree a way forward for the maintenance of the area, including the felling of some of the older trees. We have now agreed to fund the felling which a local company will do as soon as possible. The Parish Council receives an annual rental income of £2,000 from the company which owns the mast on the Camp and this will cover the cost of the tree work. HE has given us its proposals for ongoing maintenance for which it has a grant available, but it will depend on local input too.

Part of the local input can be 'in kind', meaning that local voluntary work will count. The monthly working party has had 2 sessions. Tasks vary from litter-picking (kit supplied) to cutting back growth. Can you help? Not only can you make a big difference in a short time, your time will count to help us qualify for the HE grant. You can find details overleaf.

At our May meeting, we agreed the Parish Council's formal response to Herefordshire Council's new strategic plan. You can find details on our website, as well as the local Neighbourhood Development Plan, minutes of meetings and lots of local information.

Continued overleaf...

We are going to continue meeting on the third Thursday of each month (except for August and December), so our next meeting will be on **Thursday June 20**. Please contact the clerk at least 10 days beforehand if you want to put an item on the agenda – please be aware that we cannot make any decision on an issue unless it is on the agenda. The agenda is posted on the notice boards before the meeting and on the website. You can of course always speak to any councillor to let them know your views, or even better, we would be very pleased to see you at any meeting. We have to make decisions on your behalf – so we need to know your views!

DINEDOR CAMP WORKING PARTIES

We are very lucky in Dinedor to have our own iron-age hill fort. It's a really nice green space to walk around with fantastic views on all sides and is a great habitat for wildlife.

Maintenance of the area is important to avoid it being overtaken by brambles and saplings. This is done by volunteers from both Dinedor Outdoor Centre and from the Parish who meet up on the Camp from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm (subject to the weather!) on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

If you are interested in joining our group of volunteers, you would be most welcome. Please contact Chris at admin@dinedorvillagehall.org.uk if you are interested.

ST ANDREWS CHURCH

A survey was carried out earlier this month on the church bells in the bell tower of St Andrew's. The bells have not been fully rung for many years and a request was made for an inspection on the state of the bells to be carried out, to ascertain what action is required to restore them and leave them as a lasting legacy.

The church was rebuilt in 1867 to replace the former derelict church. The oak bell frame predates the rebuilding of the church, so presumably was removed from the old building. It is of medieval style, estimated to have been built in the latter part of the 16th century. There are three bells which were cast at different times. The treble is the oldest, dated 1675. The second was cast in 1899 and the tenor cast in 1923. Overall, the installation in its present state is in relatively poor condition. The bells were not intended for full circle ringing. The ropes are missing or in extremely poor state and those of treble and tenor are tied to the clappers for clocking which is poor practice.

A number of alternative approaches to bring the bells back into regular use were given, all of

which would incur considerable expense.

Jumble Sale.

The recent Jumble Sale organised by Joyce Nicholls raised a respectable £203 for church funds. Thanks to Joyce and those who helped her on the day.

Future Services at St Andrew's

Sunday May 26 at 6.30 pm	Holy Communion
Sunday June 23 at 6.30 pm	Evensong
Sunday July 28 at 6.30 pm	Holy Communion
Sunday August 25 at 6.30 pm	Evensong

REMEMBERING JEAN SAVAGE

Those who have attended Christmas Carol services at St Andrews over the years will remember the nativity scenes displayed on the church windowsills, with knitted characters from shepherds to wise men, not forgetting the animals! Many of these were hand made by Jean Savage who lived for over 40 years in Rovello.

Jean spent the last 18 months of her life in a care home at Much Dewchurch and sadly died at the end of April. She will be remembered for the part she played in village life – working to support the church and Dinedor Sports. Jean was cremated privately and her ashes are interred with her mother in Brilley churchyard.

DINEDOR HERITAGE GROUP

We are still in the throes of arranging a trip to the excavations at Arthur's Stone at the end of July. This will be led by Professor Keith Ray and as soon as definite details are available, we will let you know!

ROTHERWAS CHAPEL

'Spring Awakening' at Rotherwas Chapel was well attended on the afternoon of Saturday April 13.

English Heritage Volunteers told stories of the Chapel's recent past and answered any questions or queries anyone had.

Dinedor Harmony Singers 'Sing Out Strong' entertained us with some wonderful songs, with a special mention of their interpretation of 'AFRICA' (released in UK in 1982 by Toto) which was magical. The acoustics played their part to enhance the experience. The songs were interspersed with readings from documentation relating to the owners, the Pugin connection, the beautiful stained-glass windows and altar etc. of the Chapel in the late 19th century. The presentation of how the Chapel was damaged and the subsequent rescue by English Heritage volunteers to redeem and repair it to its present state was also very interesting. Thanks to all concerned for a very pleasant entertaining afternoon.

Survival and Resilience is the theme of Rotherwas Chapel's June event. Please take the opportunity to appreciate the Pugin acoustics and the evidence of restoration after near destruction.

Drier conditions should allow the event parking that the Goodwin family make available for our access this time but please note there are still no toilets available!

If you would like to book a seat or disabled parking, please phone Barbara 01432 870696 or email:

barbaraferries1506@gmail.com

ROTHERWAS CHAPEL

Survival and Resilience



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with
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DINEDOR VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

PUB NIGHT – FRIDAY 28th JUNE FROM 7:00 PM

By the time this newsletter goes out, we will have held our third Pub Night. The concept is simple: everyone brings along their own drinks and snacks, and enjoys an evening of good company and conversation, perhaps playing a game of table tennis, or dominoes, or even darts which we have now set up in the store room adjacent to the foyer and servery. Switching the event to Friday has certainly created a weekend vibe. So, please do come along and bring your friends and neighbours!

DARTS CLUB

With a darts board and cabinet now installed in the village hall we wonder if there may be any interest in establishing a darts club, or at least an occasion during the week when the store room is opened and darts can be played. If you may be interested please either e-mail hub@dinedorvillagehall.org.uk or text Chris on 07765 566583, and we will try to put you all together.

Also, if you are interested in setting up the occasional game of table tennis, we shall again be pleased to try to accommodate this if you kindly e-mail hub@dinedorvillagehall.org.uk

THE WORLD OF BEES – TUESDAY 9th JULY 7.00 PM

Do step into the world of bees with local beekeeper, Yvonne Walke, who will share with us her skills and experiences on 9th July. Again to help us manage the event, please either e-mail hub@dinedorvillagehall.org.uk or text me at 07721 377245 your name and the number of seats you would like us to reserve for you for an event which is already attracting a lot of interest.

LITTLE PLAYWORLD

By now you will no doubt have heard that we have been obliged to postpone this event with the hope that Little Play World, Hereford's first pop-up role play sessions for children aged 0-8 years, will be with us within the next 3-4 months. If you have child or grandchild, who may be interested in attending please contact:

Website: <https://www.littleplayworld.co.uk> Bookings: <https://bookwhen.com/littleplayworld>

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AGM – THURSDAY 25th JULY 4:00 PM

As the only community space within our parish, the village hall performs a unique role in frequently bringing local residents together by hosting events, club meetings and parish council meetings throughout the year. It is managed by a small group of volunteers from our community, and its future efficient management is dependent on parishioners being prepared to step forward and give up a few hours a month to support this community asset. Many of our older residents have already spent time on the committee, and we are keen to recruit particularly 3-4 younger members of the community with drive and new ideas to help ensure that the village hall remains relevant and attractive to all our community as we progress through the 2020's. Join us at our AGM, but also champion your community by becoming a village hall committee volunteer! Contact me for further information by e-mail at hub@dinedorvillagehall.org.uk or by calling 07721 377245

PAUL VICARY



We recently enjoyed a most interesting evening with a presentation in the Village Hall by Paul Vicary. Paul describes himself as a Soldier, Adventurer & Speaker, a Mental Health Fitness Coach, a Published Author and Educator.

All who attended found it to be a most enjoyable time and quite a coup for a small village like ours!

REPAIR CAFE

Broken Something? Don't Bin It! Let One of Us See If We Can Repair It And Perhaps Even Save Or Restore A Memory!
Repair Cafes share the objective of trying to reduce the amount we throw away by repairing and giving a new lease of life to broken personal and household items. Most offer core services including electrical, electronic, furniture, ornament and sewing repairs, but each café is individual and what it can offer and achieve reflects the skills of its team of volunteer repairers.

At South Hereford Repair Café, we have a strong and friendly team providing these core services, but recently we have added several toys to our successes including the complete reconstruction of a 60-year-old Pedigree doll and the reattachment of a much-loved teddy's head. Both were of great sentimental value to their owners and their restoration brought back many fond memories.



However, following our example and with our support, several other Repair Cafes have recently opened locally and now play their part in bringing back many more fond memories.

Archenfield Repair Café at Llangrove Village Hall reports that one of its favourite repairs was to a lovely old Gladstone Bag which wouldn't open. It did take some very careful picking to get the lock working again, and much to the owner's amusement a bar of unopened Camay soap was discovered inside! Ornaments can also have great sentimental value and Archenfield's recent repairs have included a tin elephant which needed its ear riveted back on, a frog which had to be brought in twice as it lost two legs in separate incidents, a giraffe with a broken ear and an elephant with a broken tusk. Meanwhile, Golden Valley Repair Cafe has added two new skill sets to its capability with both book and basket repairs now offered. Old books can certainly hold fond memories, and the indication is that this new service will be very well used.

Marden Repair Cafe in April held a very successful bicycle repair clinic. In fact across the country, bicycle repairs are very popular at Repair Cafes and we at South Hereford do hope shortly to also hold a similar clinic. So with individual Repair Cafes beginning to offer *specialist* services it may be well worth checking what each of our local Repair Cafés can now fix! An Archenfield repairer recently wrote that he not only derived great pleasure from repairing items which otherwise might go to landfill but also from the stories each visitor brought with their item: the kitchen clock that was a wedding present decades ago, the broken box that had held treasured photographs over many years, and the candlesticks that recalled happy times travelling abroad. So, while we seek to reduce waste, we may at the same time also be saving and restoring memories, and for many of our volunteers this is a major reason why they give up their time to support us!

WEEKLY EVENTS AT DVH

Tuesday	10.00 am Arts & Craft Group
Wednesday	10.45 am Move & Improve (fitness group)
Thursday	10.00 am Harmony Singers - Sing Out Strong Choir
Thursday	7.00 pm Line Dancing

PETER HOUGHTON

Many from Dinedor were privileged to join the burial and thanksgiving services for Peter Houghton recently. Peter arrived in Dinedor as our vicar having moved from Balham in London to Ballingham and, together with Joan threw themselves into our village life as well as the other villages where he served. He was very active as a member of the choir, Variety, and fully involved himself in Dinedor Sports. He will long be remembered for enduring a soggy experience in the stocks where folk paid money to 'soak the Vicar'. Even though he was a resident of Ballingham, Peter was a frequent visitor to our village coffee mornings. Joan has kindly provided this short obituary and the photo memories of Peter as our very wet vicar!

On 25.04.2024 Rev'd Prof Peter Houghton, passed away peacefully at the age of 77 following a stroke resulting from melanoma metastases in his brain.

Peter was born in Porlock, Somerset but grew up in Tetbury, Gloucestershire from where he went to London, to study pharmacy at the Chelsea College (of Pharmacy), which was later merged into Kings College London and in 1968 graduated with a Bachelor of Pharmacy (BPharm). After his pre-registration training as a pharmacist in Cambridge, Peter returned to Chelsea College and developed a career working at the college and later King's College (and on planes to all remoter regions of the world). In 1973 he was awarded his PhD and since 1972 lectured and undertook research in pharmacognosy and specifically ethnopharmacology. He was made Professor in Pharmacognosy in 1999 and in December 1994 was designated a Fellow of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain (RPSGB) and became a fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry.



As a pharmacist he was passionate about medicines especially everything related to plants, but he also had a great love for elephants. More importantly, he was one of the most caring and supportive academic teachers one can imagine. In 2008 he took early retirement and became a vicar in the Church of England. He was even more passionate about serving His God and the people of his Parishes than his academic career in pharmacy. He fulfilled this role with love and dedication always looking for new ways to share his joy and absolute trust in the Jesus he had the honour to serve.

Incorrigible, enigmatic, witty, a polymath who absorbed knowledge from any source but could often fail at the simplest of practical tasks. Peter just bounced through life (he reckoned that as his grandparents were named Steptoe, he had inherited the walk!) But most of all Peter will be remembered as a warm, engaging, and genuine person.

Throughout his illness his response to those who asked after him was 'I'm fine'! So, on the day he died the nurses at the hospice happened to dress him in a tee-shirt with 'I'M FINE' across the front. And so he is, because he is with the Jesus he served in his new heavenly home.



UPDATE FROM THE PARISH FOOTPATHS OFFICERS

Unfortunately, the poor weather has continued to limit activities recently in relation to the Parish Footpaths but various maintenance activities have been undertaken and some new Finger Post signs and other decals have been dealt with.

Footpaths to Dinedor Hill and towards Hereford and along the River Wye

Since the last update we have been putting together the information on repairs and upgrades that will be most beneficial and are in the process of applying for a Rural Services Delivery Grant to undertake this work.

Footpaths DD7 going from the centre of Dinedor near the Black Barn up to Dinedor camp and DD1 and DD1A going from the village along the fields to Holme Lacy Road and then along the River to Hereford are the major PROWs in the Parish where the efforts will be concentrated.

Footpath DD4 – Holme Lacy Road to Dinedor Village Road.

This path which crosses a field was cropped last year and this year is in the process of being reinstated by the Landowner.

Deliberate Damage to Fencing

While we were out checking some stiles and gates on the route to Dinedor Camp we were made aware of deliberately damaged fencing adjacent to several stiles which had occurred a number of times and were not isolated incidents. The damage meant that stock was free to escape so the farmer now has to make frequent checks to ensure the safety of his animals and undertake repair work which should never be necessary.

Wildlife Flora and Fauna Walk – Little Birch – about 3 miles/1½ hours with plenty of stops

All are invited by Chris Fowler, Parish Footpath Officer for Aconbury and Little Birch, to join this walk on **Sunday 16th of June at 2:00 pm from Little Birch Village Hall**.

Malcolm Louch and Peter Keyse, Dinedor Parish Footpaths Officers.

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