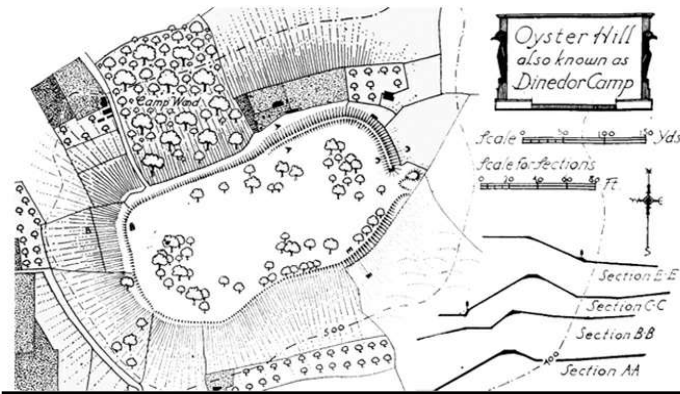


Dinedor Newsletter

JULY 2024



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs	July 25	DVH - AGM	4.00 pm
Sat	July 27	Dinedor Sports	2.15 pm
Sat	August 3	Coffee Morning	10.30 am
Sat	August 17	Repair Cafe	10.00 am
Fri	August 23	Pub Night	7.00 pm
Thurs	Sept 19	Parish Council	6.00 pm
Sun	Sept 22	Harvest Service	11.00 am
Fri	Sept 27	Pub Night	7.00 pm

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday August 3rd

Any time between 10.30 am and Noon

An opportunity to meet up with friends and neighbours in a relaxed environment!

Do come and join us, everyone will be most welcome.

Everyone is invited.

All donations go to the Village Hall



This update covers both our June and July meetings. Please do contact any of our councillors or our clerk, Liz Kelso, if you wish to raise any matters with us. Contact details are on our website and you can telephone or write to any of us. And of course, if you can, come along to a meeting, where you will be very welcome. There is time at the beginning of the meeting for public participation. We cannot make decisions about anything not on the agenda, but we can discuss them and agenda the item for decision-making for the next meeting.

We are very pleased that we always have members of the public at our meetings. As your elected representatives we need to know what you think about local issues! Our local Herefordshire Councillor, David Davies usually attends too and gives us an update on Hereford Council.

Roads and drainage in the parish are always discussed. With a small grant from Herefordshire Council and parish council precept, work is ongoing to keep roadsides in reasonable order, including clearing culverts, ditch headwalls etc.

The parish current income is £11,500 plus any grants from Herefordshire Council for specific projects and this year's spending is forecast to be within budget.

In both these recent meetings, we discussed the tree felling on the Camp. If you have been up there recently, you will have noticed that some trees have been felled as instructed by Heritage England. The camp volunteer working party is continuing its good work, meeting on the third Sunday of each month.

The footpath local volunteer officers are also continuing their good work in ensuring that paths are accessible and that stiles are being maintained. They are also clearing the overgrowth around some stiles.

This voluntary work at the Camp and on footpaths makes a big difference in the parish and is very much appreciated.

One planning application was considered, for Upper Gate House, and councillors decided to object to the proposed extension.

Unfortunately, there has been a technical error by Herefordshire Council Planning Department regarding the amendment to the Definitive Map to include Turnpike Lane and the Notice of Modification Order has had to be re-issued. This means that this is unlikely now to be resolved until next year.

We expected to see the local community police representative at our July meeting but they did not attend. We did receive the local Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter and a survey from the Police and Crime Commissioner asking how visible police were in our area and our priorities for the parish.

Speeding traffic, particularly along the road from the village to Rotherwas is again our no. 1 concern.

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THE DEADLINE FOR
THE NEXT EDITION IS
SUN SEP 22

Our village hall representative told us of the hall committee's work on updating the kitchen. Plans will be available for everyone to see and comment on before they are finalised. The hall is very pleasant and comfortable and councillors are very pleased that it is busy and well used.

We don't meet in August so our next meeting will be on **Thursday September 19 at 6.00 pm**. Please let Liz Kelso have any items you wish to put on the agenda no later than 10 days beforehand.

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! Full details are on the poster on the front page

Enjoy a traditional village sports day but look out for new attractions as well as the ever famous and intriguing 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 for this year. So, there is not a lot I can say except I trust you all had a good time and see you next year! Look out for a big write up in the next newsletter.

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 inside the village hall.

Chris Over - Chairman - Dinedor Sports 07443 221486

ST ANDREWS DINEDOR

A recent survey of the church bells showed that the bells and the supporting framework is in a poor condition. Whites of Appleton, Church Bellhangers, have been asked by the PCC to look at the survey report and give a quote for repairs.

Part of the plaster work in the vestry ceiling has recently collapsed and arrangements are being made for repairs to be made. None of these problems affect regular church services.

Come and join us for a special service at St. Cuthbert's Church, Holme Lacy on Sunday September 15th 2024 at 4.00 pm.

Harvest Service this year will take place on Sunday September 22nd at 11 am and will, hopefully, be followed by Harvest Lunch in Dinedor Village Hall.

Future Services at St Andrew's.

Sunday 28 th July at 6.30 pm.	Holy Communion
Sunday 25 th August at 6.30 pm.	Evensong
Sunday 22 nd September at 11 am	Harvest Service

Tim Howson, Dinedor resident and Branch Chairman of SSAFA Herefordshire, would like to bring to your attention a Charity Concert in aid of SSAFA, being held in **St Martins Church, Ross Road, Hereford on Friday August 2 at 2 pm**.

The concert commemorates D-Day and the bravery of Violette Szabo who was captured shortly after D-Day and was later murdered by the Nazis. You may know that she had connections with Herefordshire, and there is a Violette Szabo Museum in Wormelow.



ARTHUR'S STONE, DORSTONE

Julian Thomas, Professor of Archaeology at the University of Manchester said: -
 "Arthur's Stone is a nationally important prehistoric monument in an unrivalled landscape setting. Until now it has been very poorly understood but our work this year will complete the process of putting together a comprehensive history of the site, enabling future generations to fully appreciate this magnificent structure."

This year, the excavation team, have been continuing to trace the course of the timber and stone avenue that led down into the Golden Valley. They also investigated a mysterious circular structure that showed up on a drone survey in a field to the south of the monument.

Therefore, a group consisting of members of Dinedor Heritage Group, together with friends, visited the site in mid-July. The intention was for Professor Keith Ray to guide the group but due to family events, the tour was led by a volunteer from English Heritage. The weather was kind to us and we found the tour both fascinating and full of interest.



Our AGM takes place on Thursday July 25th, almost certainly shortly before this edition of our newsletter is distributed.

Our chairman will report on our activities during the year including the opening of Repair Café in April, 2023, the introduction of a line dancing class in November and the launching of "Pub Night" in March 2024.



With the financial support of the Parish Council and a committee drawn from the community, we arranged a well-attended Coronation Lunch in May, and over the months we have enjoyed talks from Herefordshire & Worcestershire Fire & Rescue Services, Kate Labarre and Tim Howson on the Armed Forces Covenant, and Clare Cherry on the Great Collaboration. In July we organised a very interesting visit to NMITE, in late October a Halloween Quiz Night and in December a Christmas Social with the Dinedor Harmony Singers again providing musical entertainment.

We have conducted an environmental survey on the hall from which we shall shortly install a new smart thermostat and thermostatic radiator valves in the hall together with additional insulation in the roof space. We have also taken the first step in renovating the kitchen with the relocation and installation of a new electrical consumer unit. We have purchased a new exterior notice board, with a generous donation from Variety an 80-place Viners cutlery set for "special occasions", numerous new coffee mugs, with the Repair Café contributing several cafetieres, a metal shelf unit in the store room and undertaking repairs to half of dozen broken chairs.

I, as Treasurer, will then report on the financial implication of this, making accounts available which have been reviewed by Apple accountants. The profit & loss for the year to March 31st, 2024, shows a surplus of £1,004, but this includes a £1,000 donation which has been ring fenced towards the cost of a commercial dishwasher for the kitchen. Therefore, despite the increase in hire charges in April, 2023 the hall only managed to break even. Revenue was higher but with inflationary pressures, so was expenditure.



Repair Café incurred significant set up and running costs but these were more than offset by Herefordshire County Council grants and donations so that by the end of

the year it had achieved a surplus of £1,800 which is included in the hall's overall profit & loss figures.

The committee decided not to increase hire charges again in April 2024, but these will almost certainly need to be reviewed in April 2025.

We have, with the support of the design team at Howdens Hereford, very recently been looking at several new design options for our kitchen, and we expect very shortly to consult more widely with those who regularly use the kitchen on our preferred option. The redesign will involve all aspects of the kitchen from floor, to layout, to units, to equipment, to lighting with the objective of producing a very attractive, efficient, modern kitchen which hopefully will give us greater opportunity to profitably hire the hall out for corporate and private events. The intention is that although DVHMC will fund a small part of the cost from its reserves the greater part will be funded by grants.

Hopefully, at our AGM or shortly thereafter, several members of our community will newly join our committee as charity trustees. For several months we have been obliged to operate with the chairmanship of meetings rotating between the committee's other officers.

To fully maintain our activities and introduce new ideas which will keep them fresh we particularly need some of our younger residents to step up not necessarily initially to administer the day-to-day running of the hall but to form an "Activities Committee" to spear head new activities at the hall which will attract a wider and larger cross section of our community.

We have a well-equipped hall which visitors tell us is attractive and superior to many other such halls nearby, but what goes on inside the hall requires organisation and a little inspiration, and if you consider that you may be able to assist with this, please do let us know!

Allan Simnett

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FOOTPATHS OFFICERS UPDATE

The weather

The weather, while not ideal for walking, has been very good for vegetation resulting in overgrowth of the undergrowth impeding ease of access at several stiles and gates. While some effort has been made to clear overhanging branches and intrusive brambles this is unrelenting; for while we sleep the brambles creep. You too, and at your own risk, can join the battle against the bramble by carrying secateurs with you when you go walking. Alternatively, if you come across obstructive vegetation on a footpath, please contact a footpath officer, and our dedicated team will clear the path as soon as possible.

Keep dogs on leads

There is some evidence that indicates that since COVID-19, a noticeable increase in dog walkers from the city has discovered the footpaths up to and around Dinedor Camp. As a consequence, and as previously reported, our farmers are not only facing damage to fencing and hedging but, more seriously, unrestrained dogs that instinctively harry livestock, sometimes fatally.

We have two signs designed to reinforce the country code that gates must be closed after use and dogs must be restrained where livestock is grazing. We invite suggestions where these signs might most effectively be displayed.

Rural Services Delivery Grant

Since our last report our application for funding has been submitted to Herefordshire Council.

Our application will improve access to Dinedor Camp Iron Age Fort and circular walks from the village. The proposed improvements include:

Adding dog gates to two stiles.

Installing a self-closing kissing gate next to a farm gate that currently lacks a pedestrian facility.

Replacing four stiles with self-closing pedestrian gates.

Replacing one stile with a self-closing metal kissing gate.

Replacing an aged and repaired wooden kissing gate with a self-closing metal kissing gate.

These enhancements are designed to improve pedestrian access, ensure gates remain closed, facilitate dog access, and prevent further damage to fencing adjacent to stiles.



WORDSEARCH

This edition of the newsletter has been unusually short of items to fill it up! So we are giving you the opportunity to engage the brain, put your feet up, hopefully outside, and test your skills and knowledge to find Herefordshire's Hillforts.

More local word search puzzles can be found in Claire Jenkins book 'Word Search Herefordshire'.

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HUNTSHAM
IVINGTON CAMP
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