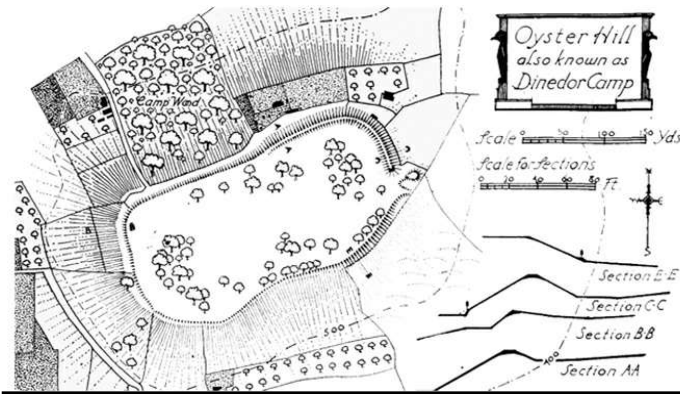


Dinedor Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2024



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PARISH COUNCIL

Fri	Sept 27	Pub Night	7.00 pm
Sat	Oct 5	Coffee Morning	10.30 am
Sat	Oct 19	Repair Cafe	10.00 am
Thurs	Oct 24	Parish Council	6.00 pm
Fri	Oct 25	Quiz and Pub Night	7.00 pm
Tues	Nov 12	Dinedor Heritage Gp AGM	7.30 pm
Tues	Nov 19	Dinedor Sports AGM	7.30 pm
Thurs	Nov 21	Parish Council	6.00 pm
Sat	Nov 30	Dinedor Christmas Fair	10.00 am
Sat	Dec 14	Christmas Celebrations	6.00 pm
Thurs	Dec 19	Carol Service	6.30 pm

Your council did not meet in August, so this report covers just our September meeting.

We were very pleased, as always, to have 4 residents join us together with our Herefordshire councillor, David Davies.

As with all our meetings, there was an opportunity for anyone to raise issues of concern to them and a resident raised again a communication issue. Herefordshire Council continues to make on-line-only questionnaires its preferred way of gathering people's comments on issues such as strategic plans, but it is not easy to do and does prevent some people from commenting. David undertook to raise this again within the Council.

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday October 5, 2024
Any time between 10.30 am and noon in
Dinedor Village Hall

During the morning paramedic Lindsey Perrin will be demonstrating how to use our defibrillator for those who are interested

Looking forward to seeing lots of the Dinedor community on 5th!



As we mentioned in our last issue, drainage, particularly along the road through the village, is a constant topic for us. This is the season for hedge-cutting and landowners are reminded that roadside ditches can quickly clog up with the cuttings and it is their responsibility to ensure their ditches are clear before winter weather.

The lengthsman has a programme of regular maintenance and we have applied to Herefordshire Council for the small grant towards the cost which they can provide.

Disappointingly, we did not have anyone from the neighbourhood policing team at the meeting, although they are scheduled to come to the meeting once a quarter.

Councillor Joe Davey has resigned from the parish council and he was thanked for his contributions.

DINEDOR SPORTS AGM

Our upcoming A.G.M. which will be held on **Tuesday November 19th at 7.30 pm** in the village hall.

Tim Howson our treasurer has prepared the accounts for the day which can be found on the Black Barn and on the Village Hall notice board.
If you would like a copy emailed to you, please let us know.

Please do consider joining us when we will review the profits from this years events and also decide our annual allocation to local charities.

Chris Over, Chairman.

This means that there is a vacancy which will be advertised on the parish notice boards. Have you thought about becoming a councillor? We are a small council of just 5 members, so each councillor has the opportunity of contributing and making a difference. Friendly training sessions are available locally in Hereford. It is of course a voluntary role, not onerous, and a good opportunity to make a difference to village life. If you are interested, please contact, without any obligation, any councillor or Liz Kelso, our clerk.

The planning application mentioned in our last issue for Upper Gate House has been approved by Herefordshire Council with the condition of limiting outside lighting. There were no new applications for us to consider.

There is no progress on the Turnpike Lane access issue, which has been ongoing for several years now. We understand that the process is moving along, albeit slowly, and we will eventually hear the outcome. We just don't know when!

Parish Council spending is on target and we expect to meet our budget forecast for this financial year. The defibrillator outside the village hall will need some replacement pads which we agreed to fund. There will be defibrillator training for those who wish at the next coffee morning on Saturday 5th October.

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THE DEADLINE FOR
THE NEXT EDITION IS
SUN NOV 24

We were pleased that Malcolm Louch and Peter Keyse, our footpaths officers, have secured funding under the Public Rights of Way initiative for some new gates and stiles. You can find more details in a separate article below.

We had an update from the Village Hall Committee - a full report is on page 3.

The Camp working party is continuing its good work every third Sunday of the month and thanks were given for this excellent voluntary community work.

There is a change of date for our next meeting - it will be on Thursday 24th October at 6.00 pm. Please do come along.

FOOTPATHS OFFICERS REPORT



We are delighted to report that the general state of the stile leading from the public footpath aside the River Wye up to the Holme Lacy Road, otherwise known as DD1A, has been substantially improved. We owe our gratitude to Ceri Belli from the council and the Hoople PROW team, for conducting the work which includes the fresh cutting of steps leading up to the stile from the field.

Having walked the path, we can recommend its use. The stroll across the water meadows toward the city will remain delightful until the annual flood.

While Dinedor's application for funds to improve the stiles around Dinedor Camp on the east side has been acknowledged by Herefordshire County Council we have yet to resolve how the installations will be effected. Unsurprisingly replacing old stiles with new is no trivial matter and is, I am afraid, beyond our combined competence. All or any suggestions, opinions and offers of help are urgently sought from the community to help resolve this practicality as there is a tight deadline for the work to be completed. We have requested assurance from PROW that this deadline will be extended but, to date, have received an uncomfortably vague response. Needless to say, we are enthusiastically seeking clarity on this matter.

Finally, if you are able, please find time to walk our footpaths and let us know of any obstructions or hazards you come across. If you remember to carry your secateurs all the better as every snip matters.

DINEDOR SPORTS MEMORIES 1936

For your interest below is a copy of the Dinedor Sports report that appeared in the local church magazine for October 1936.

The Sports on August 31st were a great success, everything went with a good swing; kindly good humour and keen enjoyment marked the whole proceedings. The judges had no easy task, especially in the Fancy Dress Competition and our kind friends, Mrs Perkins, Miss Perkins, and Miss Workman, who adjudicated in this are most warmly thanked for their services.

The Portrait Gallery puzzled its patrons, whose guesses, complementary to the subjects, were often very wide of the mark. Clock Golf, and Ladder Croquet attracted many; the refreshment stall and Ice Cream Vendor did a roaring trade, and few were allowed to pass the sheep at the entrance gate without having a guess as to its weight.

As the chief of the Organising Committee is away from home, the exact amount of the proceeds cannot be given in this issue of the magazine.

The Dance which followed was very well patronised and was one of the most enjoyable of those which have been held during the last five years.

Services:

October 13 – Harvest Praise at Little Dewchurch at 3.00 p.m.

October 27– Holy Communion at Dinedor at 11.00 a.m.

Please save the date! The Christmas Carol Service has been pencilled in for **Thursday December 19 at 6.30 pm**.

Reflection

I have a little notification on my phone set up with Google to remind me of where I have been in the last month. Around the 3rd or 4th of the month, an email pops up and shows me where I have been over the previous month. It is a great little reminder of the places and the people I have seen.

Some months it is relatively local – Herefordshire mostly – and some months it can be quite wide-ranging. And it reminded me that we tend to take travel for granted. In the time of Jesus, if you weren't rich enough to have a chariot, you walked everywhere. That meant you knew the area around your home really well, but trips to far off Jerusalem, for example, might only be done a few times in your life. Jesus and his disciples walked the towns in and around Galilee, Jerusalem and a little wider – exploring the areas that almost seemed as foreign, yet were only 30 or 40 kilometres away from home! Jesus was often the one who seemed the most confident – when Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at the well, the story implies that the disciples were afraid to talk with her, just in case they became "unclean". But Jesus, recognising her innate humanity and seeing that she has a story to tell and is worth listening too, doesn't dismiss her as some foreign person beneath his dignity to speak with but values her as someone also made in the image of God, even if she is not perfect.

So for all our travelling, we are called to respect those we meet, even those who have a different language and culture. They, like us, are made in God's image. **Rev'd Mark**

Are you over State Pension age, or know someone who is?

Pension Credit tops up pension income and can help with day-to-day living costs.

If you are over State Pension age, you may be eligible to claim **Pension Credit**, even if you own your home or have savings. People who claim **Pension Credit** may also be able to get:

- The **Winter Fuel Payment*** and other help with heating costs
- Help with rent and Council Tax
- A free TV Licence for those aged 75 or over
- Help with the cost of NHS services, such as NHS dental treatment, glasses and transport costs for hospital appointments

You could be eligible for **Pension Credit** if your weekly income is below £218.15 or, if you have a partner who lives with you, £332.95. Qualifying income level may be higher in some circumstances.

Don't miss out.

Check your eligibility at gov.uk/pension-credit or by calling **0800 99 1234**

Eligibility criteria apply for the equivalent in Scotland.

SCAN TO FIND OUT MORE

DINEDOR VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

AGM

Our AGM took place on 25th July, and the following are now the officers of Dinedor Village Hall Management Committee for 2024/25:

Chairman:

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Kitchen Project

As we reported in July's newsletter, we are currently developing a proposal to redesign the hall kitchen with the objective of producing an attractive, safe, efficient, modern workspace. Initial ideas were displayed at the August coffee morning and pub night, and those of you whose e-mail address we have also received details. Thank you to all of you who completed our questionnaire or have provided us separately with comments – all of which will be carefully considered by our committee. Some comments have been fairly fundamental but this was no doubt always likely to be the case with a resident consultation regarding a facility that has served the hall well for more than 25 years. To address your comments and ideas committee members are now undertaking further research and expect to shortly visit several other community and village halls to view their kitchens and learn what they have found has worked particularly well. Taking your comments and the findings of this research, a new proposal will then be drafted for further resident consideration.

Smart Thermostat

A Hive thermostat has over the summer been fitted in our main hall which we will be able to control remotely. The Hive thermostat controls the hall heating, while the original controller in the kitchen now only manages the hot water in the kitchen and toilets. The reason for installing a smart thermostat is to enable us to pre-programme temperatures in the hall to much better match the timing of activities taking place and to hopefully avoid the need for someone to turn up early for an activity simply to turn on the heating. Timings and temperatures will be set in October. Any adjustments may be made by touching the up and down arrows on the front of the thermostat.

Hall In Bloom

It was suggested at our AGM that we should install window boxes to improve the appearance of the hall, and this has led us to also consider the development of a garden at the front of the hall. Having many keen gardeners in the village, there should be no lack of experience and possibly plants to put in the garden: but we would appreciate assistance in clearing what is there and in preparing the ground for planting, so that hopefully next Spring and Summer there will be a riot of bloom and colour at the entrance to the hall. If you are happy to volunteer, please call or e-mail our secretary.

Activities Committee

Talking about volunteers, we do wish, again as stated in the July newsletter, to form an "Activities Committee" to spearhead new activities at the hall which will hopefully attract a much wider cross section of residents and their friends to our hall. What goes on at the hall requires organisation and a little inspiration, and if you consider that you may be able to assist with this – particularly if you are under the age of 60 - please do let us know!

Forthcoming Activities

After a very successful Halloween Quiz Night last year, we shall be holding a combined **Quiz & Pub Night on Friday 25th October** from 7 pm. Quiz entry £2 per person. Bring your own drinks and snacks. Everybody welcome!

Christmas Celebrations at Dinedor Village Hall will take place on **Saturday 14th December** from 6 pm with mince pies and mulled wine and the Harmony Singers providing musical entertainment. This will hopefully provide an opportunity for all those who use the Village Hall throughout the year to come together and celebrate.

Covid

Regrettably, a new and extremely virulent variant of Covid is on the rise. Even though older members of our community are being offered Covid & Flu vaccines, please do once again help us to keep each other, and especially the more anxious and vulnerable amongst us safe by not entering the hall if you should have Covid symptoms or have tested positive for Covid, and by using the hand sanitiser provided and keeping the hall well ventilated.

Many thanks. **Allen Simnett**

DINEDOR CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Save the date!

On November 30th from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm we have the first Dinedor Christmas Fair in the village hall.

There will be lots of stalls selling a variety of local, handmade products, perfect for Christmas shopping.

Father Christmas is interrupting his busy schedule to pay us a visit and will have a little gift for children.

There will also be a book stall and a bottle stall so any donations for these stalls would be appreciated.

Refreshments will be available and any money raised from this, the book and bottle stalls will go to charity.

Please come along and support us

For further information please contact Delyth 07768645041



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, REPAIR CAFÉ INTERNATIONAL!

Saturday 19th October, the date of our next Repair Café session, is also **International**

Repair Day celebrating the 15th anniversary of the foundation of what has since

October 2009 become a global movement with now 3,255 repair cafes and an estimated 48,825 volunteers undertaking an estimated 58,590 repairs each month!



If you have a personal or household item in need of repair why not celebrate with us and book it in with us at www.repaircafesouthhereford.org.uk

DINEDOR HERITAGE GROUP THE IAN STEAD MEMORIAL TALK

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting at 7.30 pm on Tuesday November 12.

This brief meeting will be followed by a presentation entitled "Neolithic Causewayed Enclosures in Herefordshire and the Wye Valley." The Neolithic era was one that Ian was particularly keen on.

Professor Keith Ray is looking forward to the occasion which he will lead.

Subscriptions for the forthcoming year will also be collected. These will remain the same as last year.

Refreshments will be served and, because of the nature of the event, we intend to make it free admission.

Chris Over 07443 221846

HEREFORD HISTORY DAY/ENGLISH HERITAGE

A very special thank you to David Lovelace for valiantly enabling me to have 3 separate examples of what is already possible with digital mapping. Julie and I represented English Heritage at the recent History Day event. Hereford City and Rotherwas maps were displayed and we are keeping the Dinedor one for a parish meeting soon.

Rhys was able to put HARC's city presentation on rolling show on a big screen. The man from the library stall set up Julie and I with the city on one laptop and Rotherwas on another - an excellent way to see for himself the value of a bid to draw in layers of prehistory and give our public institutions the system for free public access.

The displays drew real attention to time and place - and connection to Rotherwas Chapel. English Heritage had supplied excellent pictures to add to Julie's items and book stands.

The tiles were a special talking point. (Rhys had given a presentation the previous Thursday on the Godwin Tiles at the Civic Society - the next stand. We were able to draw attention to the difference)

We were opposite the Woolhope Club (Keith Ray was on that stand and we will all meet again on Oct 8 at the Woolhope Club's Celebration of Libraries).

2 visitors, on holiday to see the Mappa Mundi, chanced on the event and were especially interested in finding us - one works for EH and the other for the National Trust.

Cllr Hitchiner was there with leaflets on Herefordshire Festival 10 -18 May 2025 (herefordshirehistories.org) - a testimony to the significance of this event. Our public institutions need the ability to spread the message to those who value the need to share stories.

Barbara Ferris

DINEDOR SPORTS 2024 REVIEW

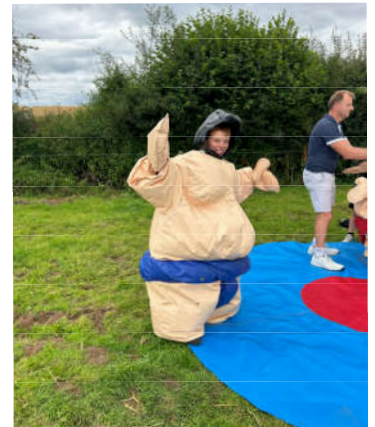
Our Sports Event now seems a distant memory but a big thank you to all who made the day such a success. We made a profit on the day of just over £1400! Well done all!

Winners for the trophies were:-



John Cleland Memorial Trophy – Ollie Rayer
David Price Cup – Bryn Meredith
Ladies Cup – Joint Winners – Jodie Goosen/Katie Ella Duke
Men's Pillow Fight - Matt Cleland
Middleton Cup – Dexter Cleland
Ladies Salver - Ann Edwards
Men's Presentation Wooden Spoon - Connor Knight-Hughes

We had two new attractions; the Michelin Man and Welly Wanging which proved fun! Once again, the Wibby Wobbly race, which never fails to amuse, and the pillow fight contributed to the Dinedor Sports traditions.



Indoors the competitions attracted a number of fine entries but special mention must go to almost 30 limericks that were submitted all starting with the line-

A lady went up Dinedor Hill.....

There were just too many to choose from to print in the newsletter - but here are just a couple. Special thanks must go to the judges who diligently scrutinised them all. Quite a task!

A lady went up Dinedor Hill
A long-standing wish to fulfil
A young man named Stan
Was part of her plan
And they now have a daughter named Gill.

A lady went up Dinedor Hill
She wanted a bit of a thrill
Not one to be shy
She'd give it a try
So she came down again dressed as Bill

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