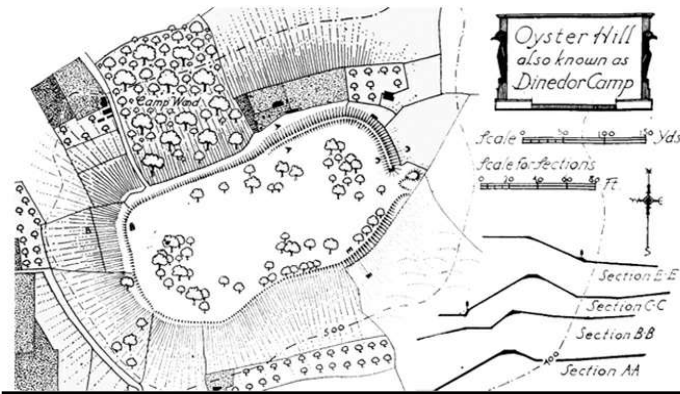


Dinedor Newsletter

MAY/JUNE 2025



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weds June 4	Sports Planning Meeting	7.30 pm
Sat June 7	Coffee Morning, DVH	10.30 am
Sat June 21	Repair Cafe	10.30 am
Fri June 27	Quiz Night, DVH	7.00 pm
Sun July 13	Big Lunch	12.30 pm
Tues July 15	PC Meeting	6.00 pm
Sat July 19	Repair Cafe	10.30 am
Sat July 26	Dinedor Sports	2.30 pm

COFFEE MORNING



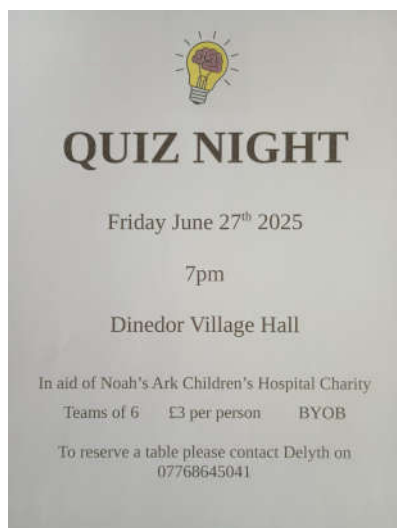
Saturday June 7th

Call into the village hall any time between 10.30 and 12 noon

Enjoy coffee/tea/cakes and a chat with friends and neighbours!

Everyone will be made most welcome.

QUIZ NIGHT



There is a quiz night at the village hall on Friday June 27th at 7.00 pm. Get a team of 6 together and book in with Delyth Waters by ringing 07768645041. Cost is £3 per person and funds raised will go to Noah's Ark Children's Hospital Charity. Bring your own refreshments!!

THE DEADLINE FOR
THE NEXT EDITION IS
FRI JULY 18

PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council meetings have had to be re-arranged several times this year because some councillors were unavailable - but this should now be easier as, at the April meeting, we were very pleased to co-opt Nick Austin who was previously a councillor.

This report covers the April and May meetings. The May meeting, which is the Annual Parish Meeting was not until May 29th, which delayed publication of this newsletter.

The April meeting is when we have the final account figures for the financial year. Spending was within budget and we have appropriate reserves of nearly £9,000, carried forward to the current year. It is not considered good practice to have too much money in reserve, but wise to have some. If you would like to have more details, please look on the Parish Council website or contact Liz Kelso, our clerk.

Our accounts must be audited each year and we agreed to use our exemption from external audit. The internal audit was carried out by Mulberry Local Authority Services Limited. In May we received their report which found no issues and thanks have been expressed to our clerk for her good management.

The Parish Council has for some years given a grant towards the maintenance of the churchyard and this will continue for 2025.

Planning Applications

In April, we considered an application for change of use for part of a large general purpose agricultural building so that it could be used for the sale of vehicles at Wye Stud Farm on Hollow Farm Road.

Councillors expressed serious concerns over this application and decided to object on several grounds, including that the application was not in line with the Neighbourhood Development Plan, the road is single track, and that the application had several anomalies. We found a comment by the applicant about the Parish Councillors to be unprofessional and offensive as we always consider applications in accordance with valid planning considerations and in accordance with our approved Neighbourhood Planning Plan.

At our May meeting, we noted that Herefordshire Council had approved the Wye Stud Farm application, but with several important conditions. You can see full details in the PC minutes and on the Herefordshire Council Planning portal.

We also considered an application for The Vern, Dinedor for re-modelling and ground-floor extension, and for Clear Storage for surfacing for caravans and motor home storage. Both applications were in line with Dinedor's Neighbourhood Development Plan and we had no objections

Readers may be aware that there are national changes to the planning process which will provide for significantly more housing.

Fortunately, our Neighbourhood Development Plan was ratified less than 5 years ago, so it is still valid.

Herefordshire's Local Plan is being reviewed, but we do not think this was reflected in its recent decision, when a village site, with outline planning permission for 6 houses was given approval for just one very large house, meaning that the local Dinedor target for new houses is now under pressure.

Continued overleaf:

Parish Council Report continued.

In our last issue we reported the good news about ditching and drainage work. Our lengthsman has undertaken an asset survey for Herefordshire Council to record the drainage system.

For Dinedor Camp we agreed to the hire of equipment to clear scrub, provided that the work was in line with the Camp Maintenance Plan and Historic England's requirements.

The May Annual Parish Council meeting is where we elect the Chair, Vice-chair, and other roles and representatives.

PC Chair - Suzanne Penny, **Vice-chair** - Julia Over

Footpaths Officers - Malcolm Louch and Peter Keyse

Village Hall representative - Helen Roberts

Camp Steering Group - Malcolm Louch, Tim Greenow and Nick Austin,

HALC - Suzanne Penny.

We are moving our meeting from Thursdays to Tuesdays at 6.00 pm, in the expectation that this will make it easier to arrange. Tuesday is also a day when the Village Hall is more likely to be available.

Please come along to the next meeting on **Tuesday July 15th at 6.00 pm.** There is always an opportunity at the meeting for you to raise any parish matters and you will have a warm welcome. If you are unable to join us, please contact the clerk or any councillor to raise an issue.

DINEDOR HERITAGE GROUP

Dinedor Heritage Group were able to take part in the Herefordshire Histories Festival recently.

Jake Bharier led a very interesting walk around Dinedor Camp and several members and friends were able to join us.

A second walk visiting the Church and Garrison Field ended up with tea in the village hall. This was arranged by Malcolm Louch and included talks by Bill McKie and Chris Over.



Another walk from Warehouse 701 to Rotherwas Chapel was organised as well as a separate programme in the Chapel. Barbara Ferris played a major part in arranging all these events but sadly was quite unwell and has had to undergo surgery so most of her input was orchestrated from behind the scenes. We send her our thoughts and good wishes.

ROAD CLOSURE - HOARWITHY

The landslide that occurred on the road through Hoarwithy has caused the road to be closed for a considerable period of time causing disruption and necessary diversions. Our ward councillor has advised that work to fix this is now imminent and there is a plan to remove the rocks and make the slope safe. Barriers will be in place to prevent further mud slides that may potentially happen in the future. Disruption will continue however until the work is complete.

THE BIG LUNCH



The Big Lunch, a UK-wide event aimed at bringing communities together, was launched in 2009 by the Eden Project. Its core concept is a simple gathering where neighbours share food and drink together, fostering community, friendship and fun.

Dinedor's Big Lunch has been held at The Laurels since 2011 and once again this year Suzanne is opening her home and garden to host this event.

Bring some food and drink to share and just turn up on **Sunday July 13th from 12.30.** If it is wet, it will still go ahead indoors.

This is a great occasion and one of Dinedor's regular summer fixtures. If you want to know more give Suzanne a call on **873170 or 07971 544889 .**

ST ANDREWS CHURCH



Forthcoming Services at the Church

Sunday 25th May. 6.30 pm Evensong
Sunday 22nd June. 6.30 pm Holy Communion
Sunday 27th July. 6.30 pm Evensong

THE DINEDOR PHONE BOX

If you have been travelling or walking past the phone box situated at Upper Cross you will have noticed that it is being lovingly renovated by a willing volunteer, Jan Grzonka, with funds provided by the Parish Council.

The subject of what we could do with our now redundant phone box has been the subject of lengthy debate and discussion with no conclusion as yet. Ideas are still invited but we should not let it go to waste now it will be looking so much more attractive.

As you pass by the phone box, give a word of encouragement to the renovator and if you have an idea, pop it in an envelope and leave it in the phone box.



Walk into our main hall now and you cannot fail to be impressed by our display of pictures. Some have been gifted to the hall including a tranquil scene of horses grazing under trees on Dinedor Hill and a multi-head composition which frankly has long left me puzzled. Many have been loaned by members of Dinedor Arts & Crafts, and several date back to the early days of our hall.

I know that a favourite among several of our older residents is the sepia 'Donkey' print by M.H. Long (1878) for which I apologise for the poor quality of picture I have taken. It reminds us of a time past when Dinedor was famous for its damson orchards and donkeys were used to transport the crop from our village to market in Hereford. Several house names in Upper Dinedor still include the word "orchard", and many of the damson trees that remain possibly are approaching one hundred years old.



Margaret Bircher has pictured a local ploughing match and featured a village farming family whose name I will leave you to work out, and also transported us to a colourful Croatian street market.

Jan Grzonka with his two pictures of the Rotherwas armament factories very much in the colours of Ukraine has powerfully linked the war whose end 80 years ago we have just celebrated with the current conflict in Europe. Neither to be forgotten.



We really have very considerable talent in our Arts & Crafts Group which we are pleased to celebrate with this display and which we will now also endeavour to regularly rotate and update.

If you should wish to purchase a picture or commission a work, do speak to Jan.

The print version of the newsletter does not do justice to the vibrant colours of these paintings. If you wish to view them in person they are on display in the hall but to view these pictures on line in colour go to:

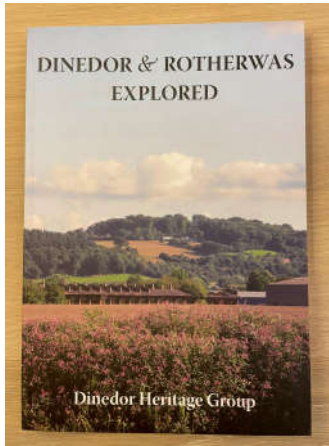
<https://dinedorparishcouncil.gov.uk/dinedor-newsletter/>

Dinedor Sports began in 1936 and was the brainchild of the then vicar's daughter Christine Evans. One day, over the Rectory garden hedge, Christine was chatting to the neighbouring farmer, John Cleland. During the course of their conversation, she suggested that something could be done for the children of the parish - an annual treat of some kind.

From this Christine and John formulated the idea of Dinedor Sports, the aim being to bring together the community and raise money to take the children of the parish to the seaside on a day trip, since in those days many had never even seen the sea!

Above is the opening paragraph of the chapter about the history of Dinedor Sports that is in the book, 'Dinedor and Rotherwas Explored'.

Copies are still available to purchase.



It contains photos taken at the time and is a great record of a village event that we wish to continue.

This year's Sports will be held on the school field on **Saturday July 26th at 2.30 pm.**
(Courtesy of Mr & Mrs Dudley Cleland)

The Sports have been interrupted over the years by war, foot and mouth disease, the weather and more recently Covid, but this year we will be celebrating the 80th Sports.

Due to the delay in publishing this newsletter, the planning meeting for this year's event will have already taken place on Wednesday June 4th.

The Sports is open to all the village (and beyond) and its success depends on all of us playing a part where we can.

We would love to have your input, help and support. Last year we were able to donate £1,100.00 to local Charities and hope to meet that target this year or even exceed it!!

Further details from Chris Over on 07443 221846 or chrisover@btinternet.com



SOUTH HEREFORD REPAIR CAFÉ

Our session on Saturday 17th May was remarkably the beginning of our third year: so, with 20 sessions under our aprons, we are no longer surprised at the range of items that may be booked in with us, nor the complexity of actually getting into some more modern items to attempt a repair. Of course, we benefit from an enthusiastic and very friendly team of volunteers with considerable skill and extensive experience who welcome a challenge, and who if ever stumped will turn to the internet for inspiration! This session we ran our first 'Cycle Clinic' with two cycle specialists temporarily joining our team to fully check the 5 bikes (including one folding and one electric bike) which were booked in with us: and with a very positive response from the cyclists who joined us, I am sure we shall be regularly running this 'Clinic'.

As you probably know, we do ask our visitors to donate towards our activities, and many are very grateful for our assistance and generous in making a donation. Our volunteers have agreed that surplus funds should be donated to good local causes. So, last year we made a donation to Herefordshire Vennture, and more recently to the Hospitality & Catering department at Hereford & Ludlow College to enable them to purchase some much-needed equipment as illustrated.



There are now 7 repair cafes in Herefordshire and to help in joint promotion and enable information sharing, communications and co-operation between us we have this month established The Association of Repair Cafes in Herefordshire, more easily to be known as **The Arches**.

Our next session is on Saturday 21st June, and bookings will shortly be opening at

www.repaircafesouthhereford.org.uk



LEAF OPEN FARM SUNDAY

Visit Dinedor Cross Farm on Sunday June 8th from 11 am to 4 pm. FREE ENTRY!



Enjoy time in the countryside, with gorgeous views over Herefordshire and find out what goes on at our Farm.

A great day out for all; lots to do for any younger visitors including a sand pit, pedal tractors, play equipment and lots more! Meet the animals with bags of feed available for 50p.

The team will be on hand to answer any farm related questions and there will be information posters displayed around the farm

Hog roast, cakes, ice-cream and hot/cold drinks will be available to purchase on the day.



INFORMATION

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We would encourage more content that comes from you, the residents of the parish - it is not always easy to fill each edition so please, if you have any ideas or news you want to share, just send an e mail to the addresses listed below.

Printing a colour version of the newsletter for distribution is costly although the quality of the on-line edition is far superior. The newsletter is already sent by email to people who are closely connected to Dinedor but do not have a copy delivered. If you would like to receive a colour version by e mail, please request this by e mailing julia.over@me.com and your name can be added to the database.

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