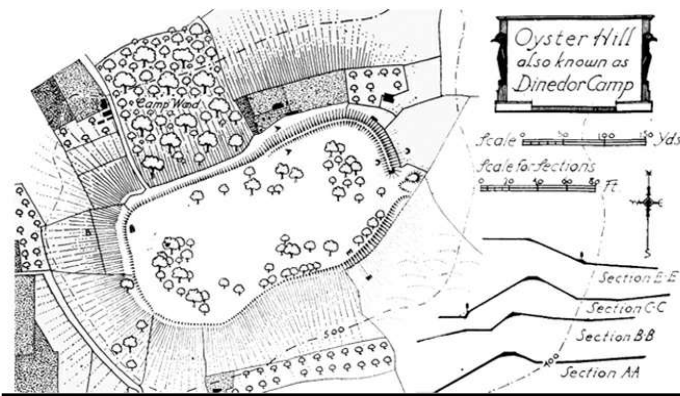


Dinedor Newsletter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat Oct 4	Coffee Morning	10.30 am
Friday Oct 17	Quiz Night DVH	7.00 pm
Saturday Oct 18	Repair Cafe DVH	10.00 am
Tuesday Oct 21	Parish Council DVH	6.00 pm
Sunday Oct 26	St Andrews Harvest & Celebration lunch	11.00 am
Tues Nov 11	Heritage Group AGM	7.30 pm
Tues Nov 18	Parish Council DVH	6.00 pm
Tues Nov 25	Dinedor Sports AGM	7.30 pm
Sat Dec 20	Christmas Celebration	4.00 pm
Mon Dec 22	Carol Service	6.30 pm

DINEDOR QUIZ NIGHT

The village hall is holding its annual quiz night on **Friday October 17 at 7 pm**. You can form a team of up to 6 or just come along and we'll make sure you have a team to play with.



Just bring a few drinks and snacks and we'll provide the rest. There will be a small entrance fee of £3 per person, which will go towards the village hall.

As always, there will be a prize for the winners, plus of course the kudos of being this year's champions.

If you are planning to come, it would be helpful for us to know so that we can judge numbers, just drop us an email at admin@dinedorvillagehall.org.uk.

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday October 4th

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.

THE DEADLINE FOR
THE NEXT EDITION IS
SUN NOV 23

PARISH COUNCIL

These notes are from our September meeting - we do not meet in August. This was our first paper-free meeting and it worked well.

We were pleased to have several residents and our Herefordshire Councillor, David Davies.

DRAINAGE

You probably won't be surprised that, yet again, we had to spend time agreeing our application for the drainage grant - the small grant that Herefordshire Council (HC) gives us, for onward payment to the local company which does the road drainage work. It's a cumbersome process as parish councils have to submit detailed applications and it's very likely that only a small percentage of requests will be granted.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

In our previous edition we reported the concerns about the very poor state of the road up the hill to the houses past the Outdoor Centre. HC has now appointed a consultant to look at all the details, going back several hundred years, as we are contesting its claim that it is not responsible for maintenance. I won't go into all the detail here - there wouldn't be room for anything else - but there is evidence which shows that it has been maintained by the highway authorities for many years. Thanks to the local residents who have very diligently collected the evidence for the meeting with the consultant. His report will go to HC but we are not expecting it to be a quick process.

ROAD SAFETY

We are still looking at ways to improve the signage and other traffic calming measures. Hopefully we will have positive news to report in our next edition. Speeding traffic is not only dangerous to road users and pedestrians, but it also causes damage to the verges which then collapse and contribute to the road flooding - please drive carefully, particularly large vehicles.

PLANNING

There were no new applications for us to comment upon. The application to move the temporary house at Wye Stud Farm has been granted, with conditions. You can see the details on Herefordshire Council's website.

FOOTPATHS

Pleasing news that our application has been successful, thanks to the efforts of our Footpath Officers. Details are in their report on page 2.

TREES

We have been asked if anyone would be interested in becoming a 'Tree Warden.' It's not difficult and you do not have to be an expert on trees. If you are interested, please do contact Liz Kelso, the Parish Council clerk or any councillor and we can give you more details.

DINEDOR CAMP

We agreed on a small grant to the Camp Steering Group for health and safety equipment, including first aid supplies and signs to show where volunteers are working.

Whilst the Camp area is owned by the Parish Council, it is controlled by Heritage England so any work has to be done in line with their strict protocols and the PC's insurance rules. Any work, particularly any chainsaw work, cannot take place without the specific agreement of the Parish Council. This is to protect the safety of the volunteers doing the work and any visitors who may be in the vicinity. Our insurance will not cover anyone who might have an accident if they do not have prior agreement.

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Our next meeting is on **TUESDAY 21 OCTOBER at 6.00 pm.**
Please do come along - it's a good opportunity to raise issues that are concerning you. We are your elected volunteer representatives - but we can't represent you if we don't know your views. Meetings must be conducted within the laws which govern Parish Councils, but as there are usually no more than 8 or 9 people in total, we are able to make it as informal as possible. If you do not want to come to a meeting just contact any councillor - details on the Dinedor Parish Council website.

FOOTPATHS OFFICERS REPORT



As part of the Rural Services Grant from central government via County Councils, Dinedor Parish has had an application accepted that we made for grant support for updating some stiles and replacing some with gates to improve accessibility

There are six locations and we have until the Spring to install these (after which the grant expires) so plan to undertake

the work, with the assistance of volunteers and the lengthsman one location at a time over the next few months - weather conditions permitting.

Over recent months Herefordshire Council has been developing their support for volunteers involved with Public Rights of Way (PROWS) and particularly Footpaths and to this end we, as Footpaths Officers, have received training in various activities and legal aspects and attended a very helpful First Aid course which was most useful although we rather hope we'll not need to implement what we learned while out on the Paths!

Malcolm Louch and Peter Keyes
Parish Footpaths Officers

10th ANNIVERSARY EDITION

The first edition of the newsletter in its current format was produced in November 2015. We will be celebrating 10 years of the newsletter in the next edition.

We will be going back through old editions to highlight any significant events we have covered but would welcome any thoughts or ideas that you might like to make.

Please send these by email to julia.over@me.com or to suzannespenny@aol.com.

A ROUND UP OF DINEDOR SPORTS 2025

Our Sports Event now seems long gone but a big thank you to all who made the day such a success. We made a profit on the day of just over £1200! Well done all!

Winners for the trophies were: -

- John Cleland Memorial Trophy – Ethan Strong
- David Price Cup – Sofia Williams
- Ladies Cup – Joint Winners Rosa Thompson & Emily Bell
- Men's Pillow Fight - Matt Cleland
- Middleton Cup – Isla Cleland
- Ladies Salver – Julia Over
- Men's Presentation Wooden Spoon – John Glover

Tim Howson our treasurer has prepared the accounts for the day which can be found on the Black Barn, on the Village Hall Notice Board and Electricity Pole close to the phone box at Upper Cross.

If you would like a copy emailed to you, please let us know.
Our upcoming A.G.M. will be held on **Tuesday November 25th at 7.30 pm** in the village hall. Please do consider joining us when we will also decide our annual allocation to local charities. **Chris Over 07443 221846**

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH



Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be held on **Sunday October 26 at 11 am.** An auction of donated harvest produce will take place in the church after the service in aid of church funds.

This will be followed by Harvest Lunch in Dinedor Village Hall.

Please contact Ann Edwards (870461) to book by:
Sunday October 19, 2025

Prices remain the same as 2024, Adults £12. Children £6.

Incorrect figures were submitted for publication in the last Newsletter for the amount raised at the Jumble Sale held at St Martins, organised by Joyce Nicholls earlier in the year. The correct amount raised was £323 which is £120 more than the figure given originally.

Future Services at St Andrew's.

Sunday 26 th October.	Harvest Thanksgiving	11 am
Sunday 23 rd November	Morning Service	11 am
Monday 22 nd December	Carol Service	6.30 pm

The Changes in Education

One of the things that I have been involved with over the last 20+years is as a governor of various schools in Herefordshire.

I have helped support Hereford Academy, Much Birch Primary, Little Dewchurch Primary, and what is now the Fern MAT, which is based at Marlbrook School.

Each of these schools is special and different. They have committed teachers, great support staff and children who are often a delight but can sometimes be a handful. The children's learning styles vary greatly, and it is always a challenge for teachers and support staff to help these children to fulfil their potential. However, it is a rewarding, if challenging, experience. We now have a teacher in the family as our eldest teaches special needs in Cambridgeshire.

Education has changed over those 20+ years, and will continue to do so into the future as the nature of work and society changes as well. However, I would say that the fundamentals stay the same. The ability to access learning is key. Can a child understand the work being set? Can they access the curriculum? And can they retain what they have learned as they go through the school system?

There are always things we learned at school that we never thought we would use in real life, but in a fast-changing world and a world full of disinformation, teaching our children to think clearly and critically about the world around them might just be the best thing we can teach, and for that they need to be literate and numerate and know where to find accurate information.

Teaching has always been something more than just knowledge retention – as Dickens highlighted in his novel "Hard Times". It is about expanding horizons, about fulfilling potential and about helping people to live fulfilling and fulfilled lives.

Rev Mark Johnson

DINEDOR VILLAGE HALL

Our main hall and foyer have been repainted and Dinedor Arts & Craft Group has expanded its display of pictures and artwork creating what we hope you will agree is a very attractive backdrop to the activities taking place in our main hall. Over the summer we have had a new Fire Risk Assessment undertaken, and to comply with the latest standards you will see over the next few weeks the addition of intumescent strips and smoke seals to the edges of our fire doors, new signage, and in the disabled toilet the fitting of a Visual Alarm (VAD) to alert people who are deaf or hard of hearing in an emergency. We shall in October ask each group to hold a short fire drill to ensure that in case of a fire everybody knows what procedures they should follow. In December, SES will also prepare a 5-yearly Electrical Installation Condition Report, and any deficiencies we shall address. Your safety while at the village hall is our priority, and if at any time you should have any concerns about safety in the hall please do not hesitate to report them to a committee member.



We are making progress with the kitchen refurbishment, with two quotations received for new equipment and a third being sought. New equipment will include a commercial oven, a fume extraction system, a commercial dishwasher and a wall-mounted water boiler. The sink unit will be replaced and the surface adjacent to the oven will become stainless steel. Over the next few days we shall also have three flooring companies coming to advise and quote on how the kitchen floor can be best upgraded. Details of our proposals and how we plan to fund them will be publicised in due course.

After lengthy discussions and consultations over the charity status of Dinedor Village Hall we have decided to remain as an unincorporated charity, but on the recommendation of ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) and Community First, advisers to village halls and community centres in Herefordshire & Worcestershire, and with the support of Dinedor Parish Council we are moving away from vesting the property that is Dinedor Village Hall with local Holding Trustees to vesting the property with the Official Custodian of Charities. This change is now in process and will hopefully be complete by the end of this year. Our registration with Land Registry will then also be updated.

As we go into the autumn, we continue to have a fairly full programme of activities with Short Mat Bowls on Monday evenings, the Arts & Crafts Group on Tuesdays, the "Move & Improve" fitness group on Wednesday mornings, the Harmony Singers choir on Thursday mornings, and Line Dancing on Thursday evenings. The Heritage Group, Parish Council and Repair Café meet monthly, and every other month there is a coffee morning. On October 17th at 7 pm we will hold a Quiz Night and on 20th December from 4 pm we shall have a parish celebration of Christmas to which you all are warmly invited.

In January, we again hope to hold "January Jackets" but on a Saturday, and in February we are lining up a speaker.

As ever we are keen to make maximum use of the village hall, but to do so we do desperately need new volunteers – particularly with the organising and catering for social events. What we would like is a group of, say, 8-10 people who would take turns to assist at an event, and thereby enable the hall to offer a wider range of events but without unduly burdening any individual volunteer. If you feel you could offer us, say, up to 4 hours every couple of months, please do let us know.

YOUR VILLAGE HALL NEEDS YOU!



RICHARD LAMERTON

As the newsletter is being finalised, we have been asked to pass on the sad news that Richard has recently passed away after being quite poorly for the previous week. Patricia's daughters are currently with her and supporting her with the funeral arrangements. Our thoughts are with Patricia and her family at this time. Richard lived at Tatenda before entering a care home and was a familiar figure walking along the roads.

DINEDOR HERITAGE GROUP

We shall be holding our A.G.M. on Tuesday 11th November in the Village Hall starting at 7.30 p.m.

Following the brief meeting Jake Bharier has kindly offered to bring us up to date with developments at the Arthur's Stone excavations.



We shall also be accepting yearly subscriptions.

Light refreshments will be available with donations towards the cost of the hire for the hall. Please join with us!

Chris Over 07443 221846

GARDENING CLUB

Dinedor does not have its own gardening club ...yet ... but there is an invitation to join in with a nearby local group.

King's Thorn & Little Birch Garden Club meets on every 4th Wednesday of each month in Little Birch Village Hall. Meetings start at 7.30 pm with refreshments being served from 7.00 pm. Meetings are



free to members, with a £5 charge for non-members. New members are always welcome with an annual fee of £15 pp or £25 per couple. Any new members after the AGM in March will pay pro-rata for the remainder of the year.

Their next meetings are :

October 24th (Friday) : Guided Walk around Hergest Gardens - Entrance fee per person will be payable in advance. Lunches and afternoon teas available at Maples Tea Rooms. More details to follow concerning the afternoon.

November 26th : Living with Nature - Jim Stevenson. Jim has a history of working within a nature environment - e.g. Paxton Pits in Bedfordshire where he was the Ranger for many years.

December 10th: Garden Club winter social - Harewood End, Hereford. More details to follow.

More details about the Club and the events can be found on Instagram & Facebook or by emailing Lesley Chapman lesleychapman55@sky.com or by phone on 07834 771838



International Repair Day which takes place on 18th October is an annual celebration for everyone who makes repair happen in their communities around the world.

Every October we celebrate the power of repair to bring our communities together, reduce our impact on the planet, learn new skills and so much more. So do come along to South Hereford Repair Café in October and let us celebrate the impact we are having in reducing the amount we throw away.

This year with Microsoft ending free support for Windows 10 on 14th October we are particularly concerned that as a result perfectly good hardware will be discarded, undermining the efforts of all repairers and feeding the growing mountain of e-waste.

This was shared by one of our members on Facebook following a recent visit.....

"A huge thank you and appreciation to the Dinedor Repair Cafe. Our 1st visit although I'm sure it won't be our last! Easy booking process for items, lovely cheery welcome, eclectic set of repairs successfully completed and delicious sausage roll and fruit cake. An all round great experience. Thank you very much ladies and gentlemen of the Repair Cafe."

Some of our recent repair successes:

Successfully repaired for star-gazing!

A much -loved hat - before.....

And after... with kind permission of the wearer, Tim Howson



FROM BARBARA FERRIS

The Open Doors Event on 21 September turned from a 15-minute stroll from W701 to Rotherwas Chapel into a timeless immersion into a different world. Wye Valley Group have continued to develop their path. More treasures have been revealed and Angela and Nicola from Rotherwas Together shared telling the stories behind them. We were captivated by war stories of danger and heroism and intrigued by remains of the Bodenham estate that preceded them. Our attention was drawn to a newly exposed Ordnance site pillbox - for the protection of firemen as much as attack - and to the estate workers cottages that continued to serve the war effort – still with quality brickwork.

The restored lake with its water lilies is still a source of mystery as is the burial ground. Was it -or the Chapel – ever consecrated? And where are the bodies? We do know that Charles Bodenham was buried here temporarily. There was no room in the Chapel so Irena built a side chapel with a tomb where he was reburied and she later joined him. We have her to thank for the building we have today with the 3 priceless stained-glass windows which are testament to her husband and the family's devotion to principle and Catholicism. It was a joyous event and I thank everyone involved.



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