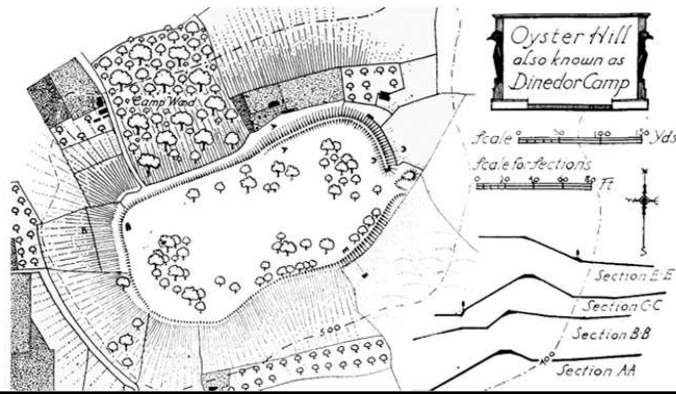


Dinedor Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2026



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Sat	October 3 rd	Coffee Morning DVH	10.30 am
Tues	October 13 th	Parish Council DVH	6.00 pm
Sat	October 17 th	Repair Cafe DVH	10.30 am
Sun	October 25 th	Harvest Thanksgiving	11.00 am
Fri	November 6 th	Quiz Night	7.00 pm
Tues	November 10 th	Dinedor Sports AGM	7.30 pm
Tues	November 17 th	Parish Council	6.00 pm
Sat	November 21 st	Repair Cafe	10.30 am
Tues	November 24 th	DHG & AGM	7.30 pm
Weds	December 3 rd	Wreath Workshop	7.00 pm
Sat	December 5 th	Christmas Coffee Morning	10.30 am

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday October 3rd 10.30 - 12 noon.

Join friends and neighbours in our village hall on Saturday October 3rd from 10.30 and enjoy a tea or coffee together with a cake. This is a great occasion to greet newcomers to Dinedor and catch up with neighbours you may not have seen for a while. Please consider joining us. If you need transport, please contact the editors and we will gladly arrange this.



ST ANDREWS

A Harvest Thanksgiving Service will take place at St Andrew's on **Sunday October 25th at 11 am**. Afterwards there will be an auction of donated produce followed by a Harvest Lunch in Dinedor Village Hall.



The event has always been well attended and the cold buffet lunch with dessert greatly enjoyed.

To book a place at a table please contact Ann Edwards (870461) by October 18th. Bring your own drinks. Tickets this year are Adults £14 and Children £7.

Future Church Services.

Sunday October 25th 11 am Harvest Thanksgiving
Sunday November 22nd 11 am Morning Service
Wednesday December 23rd 6.30 pm Carol Service

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Another good news story to start off this Parish Council update. After very many years of trying to get the Dinedor Camp Road repaired, it was finally done at the beginning of August. It is a very welcome improvement for the residents and for visitors to the Outdoor Centre and the Camp. David Davies, our Herefordshire Councillor, has been helpful in this long saga and we have thanked him on behalf of our residents.

PLANNING

This report covers the August meeting, as we did not meet in September. There were no new planning applications for consideration.

In our last Newsletter, we reported our concerns about apparent breaches of planning conditions in already approved applications. We do not yet have an update but will ensure that it is monitored closely.

You can find details of planning applications on Herefordshire Council's website <https://dinedorparishcouncil.gov.uk/dinedor-parish-council-planning-applications/>

FOOTPATHS

There is a long-term footpath issue concerning the Turnpike Road. Our footpaths officer, Malcolm Louch, has raised the protracted delay (since 2023) in submitting the application to the Secretary of State with the Herefordshire Council's cabinet member for Highways. Even when it is submitted, we were told that there is likely to be 2 year waiting list before it is registered. This is very frustrating for all involved.

DRAINAGE AND LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

Unfortunately, the Lengthsman, Mr Terry Griffiths, was not at our meeting and we did not have an update. It is important to ensure that the work programme is effectively carried out and we will be monitoring progress throughout the year.

We have been given just over £9,000 grant by Herefordshire Council for drainage work. The grant application was based on agreed priorities across the parish, with work having to be completed by the end of March next year.

TRAFFIC CALMING

Later in this Newsletter, you will see that Nick Austin is asking for comments and suggestions. Please do respond to him, as we know that there are quite a few concerns about the speed and amount of traffic through the village.

DINEDOR CAMP

At the time of our meeting in August, there were widespread alerts across the country about the danger of wild fires in the tinder dry conditions. Fortunately, there have not been any major issues in the parish.

The Camp Steering group has not been able to meet because of holidays etc, but a meeting is being arranged as soon as possible, which will look again at the management plan and the insurance regulations for volunteers, particularly in the context of climate change.

The Camp tree survey needs updating and the Clerk will contact the original tree surveyor.

BROADBAND ON DINEDOR HILL

No progress to report on this as we have been told by BT Openreach that it will contact us again if/ when it has considered its own options and plans for the installation.

VILLAGE HALL

We were very pleased to hear from Helen Roberts, the village hall rep who was at our meeting, that a village Entertainments Team has been formed, with a number of volunteers. Please see more details later in this newsletter.

FINANCE

There have been no unexpected calls on parish finances, so as you should expect from your councillors and clerk, the finances are within budget with income and expenditure as forecast.

At the end of the public part of our meeting, we held a closed session for councillors and clerk only. In that session, we decided on a minimum balance of £1,000 in the current account, with any other monies being transferred to an interest-bearing savings account. We also agreed a business continuity plan, as part of our risk management strategy.

FUTURE OF DINEDOR PARISH COUNCIL

Next May, 3 of our present 4 councillors are expected not to stand for a further term. We looked at ways of encouraging people to come forward and will be doing everything we can. You can contact any councillor or Liz Kelso, the clerk, for an informal, without obligation chat.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 13th October at 6.00 pm in the Village Hall. You will be very welcome and will have the opportunity to let us know your views. Please do come along.

ROAD SAFETY PLAN

Increasingly, over the past few years Dinedor parishioners have become more aware of the speed of vehicles driving through the village. The Parish Council has spoken with the police and Herefordshire Council about this but has been unable to make any progress.



Parish councillors recently met with a representative of West Mercia Police and walked through the village showing various hazard areas and discussing the sort of measures that can be taken to slow traffic down. Dinedor is not all alone in suffering from this problem and some villages have drawn up Road Safety Plans which seek to put forward measures and costings to alleviate the dangers. There are little or no funds available from West Mercia Police or Herefordshire Council to support these plans so parishes have to be pragmatic in what they plan to do.

I have offered to draft a road safety plan to be put before the Parish Council.

To do this I want to collect from parishioners both details of where they think the major hazards are in the village and any ideas of what could be done to overcome or at least reduce the dangers. There can be no doubt that our village roads are going to become more and more busy with the new houses that are being built in the village and nearby, and the developments close to us in Rotherwas.

I welcome all comments about this. Please write to me at the following email address:

nick.austin@dinedorparishcouncil.gov.uk

I would be happy to meet with anyone about what they have to say and to walk with them to see the hazard(s) that concern them or to discuss possible remedies.

The team had its first meeting in August and we came up with some great ideas, the first being the Quiz Night in November. We are also busy planning the Christmas social and other events for 2027. Watch this space!

If you would like to be involved in the team or if you have ideas for events, please contact **Delyth 07768645041**

QUIZ NIGHT



Our first event, a quiz night will be held on **Friday November 6th at 7 pm** in the village hall.

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.

Tea/coffee and other refreshments will be supplied but you are very welcome to bring your own drinks as well.

There will be a small charge of £2 per person and monies raised will go towards future events.

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

Please do support us. The more we are the better it will be.

It would be helpful for us to know if you are planning to come so we can judge numbers. Please call Julia on 07814 089705 or send an email: julia.over@me.com

ADVANCE NOTICE

FESTIVE WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

WEDNESDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2026

7 pm - 9 pm

DINEDOR VILLAGE HALL

ALL MATERIALS INCLUDED FOR YOUR PERSONAL CHRISTMAS WREATH

Inc. Refreshments £30

To register your interest and to enable purchasing of materials for the workshop

please contact Brenda Louch on mobile 07971 543373.

For a fun evening and create your own version of a hanging door wreath.

Time To Sing!?

Dinedor Harmony Singers, part of Sing Out Strong, are meeting regularly on Thursday mornings at 10.00 am in the Village Hall.

If you have half a notion that you would enjoy a good sing, come and give us a go! We want YOU. There's no audition – you simply turn up, introduce yourself and you will join the section for your voice. We have a big website that provides us with sheet music, recordings of all the parts for practice purposes and other information. Besides singing, we laugh and have a lot of fun.

If you still need convincing, give me a ring – **Nick Austin on 01432 870730.**



DINEDOR VILLAGE HALL

SOUTH HERFORD REPAIR CAFE

We are pleased to advise you that finally new flooring has been laid in our kitchen and servery and that a commercial dishwasher has been installed. To accommodate the dishwasher kitchen cupboards have been slightly reconfigured and also new kick boards have been fitted to produce what we hope will be a more attractive and hygienic working environment. The kitchen is still to be repainted and this is currently scheduled for the second week of October.

We do wish to stress that the dishwasher is a commercial appliance which works completely differently from a domestic dishwasher, and before use we request that you thoroughly read the operation instructions which are in a file in the kitchen and if in doubt please ask Chris Waters for clarification.

The appliance requires salt, detergent and rinse aid and the detergent and rinse aid are drawn from 5 litre containers below the sink. These will be regularly checked and replenished as necessary. It is powered through a 13 amp plug and there is an isolator switch for the dishwasher and the twin sockets adjacent to the sockets which must be switched on before use.

There are now four dishwasher baskets in the kitchen with inserts for:

- Plates, bowls etc
- Cups and mugs
- Glasses
- Cutlery and larger items

which can be cycled through the appliance depending on what is being washed making its use as efficient as possible.

Three major differences between the Classeq dishwasher and a domestic appliance are that:

- (1) it will take approximately 45 minutes for water to heat up before it can be used
- (2) the wash and dry time is then very short taking between 2 and 5 minutes per cycle depending on the programme selected with a choice of light, standard or intensive. The dishwasher will rinse at a temperature of up to 82 degrees centigrade so items coming out of the machine will be VERY HOT. Do take care!
- (3) after use the dishwasher must be drained down.

The appliance has been purchased in the expectation that it will be used mainly for events at which there will be large amounts of crockery, glassware, cutlery and saucepans to wash, and not for much smaller weekly sessions when there will only be a few plates, cups, mugs, and pieces of cutlery to be washed and dried.

Once again, we hope that on those special occasions when there will be a lot to wash up that the new appliance will prove its worth and make clearing up at the end of the event very much easier.

Finally, we would like to express our thanks to Delyth Waters. In the July newsletter we stated that our committee will no longer arrange and put on special events at the hall for parishioners, but that we would welcome and support individuals or indeed an entertainment committee wishing to put on such events. As you will see from her feature in this newsletter Delyth has stepped forward to lead a new entertainment team, and we are very grateful to her for all her efforts and look forward to working with her.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Timothy Howson DL on the award of an MBE in the King's Birthday Honours list. The award is given for services to the community in Herefordshire and is well-deserved.

Tim is a long time supporter of Rotherwas Together and the work done to remember the munitions workers. He is a willing helper at many events and in his own parish, Dinedor.

Image: Hereford Lieutenancy website



International Repair Day – 17th October 2026

October is an important month in the Repair Café calendar with International Repair Day which this year falls on Saturday 17th October being an annual celebration for everyone who makes repair happen in their community around the world.

With volunteer numbers at Repair Cafés globally now exceeding 60,000, repairing more than an estimated 72,000 items every month in more than 4,000 repair cafes this celebration will be significant – particularly as it is also its 10th anniversary!

The day is dedicated to highlighting the importance of repair, reuse and extending the life of the things we own and shines a spotlight on repairers and everyday people who choose to fix rather than discard. It is also a reminder that repair is not just practical, but a statement about sustainability, creativity and the value we put on what we already own.

Being the third Saturday in the month, South Hereford Repair Café will actually meet on 17th October and you will be very welcome to come along to that session (or indeed any of our sessions) and if you have an item in need of repair or a little TLC to have it assessed by one of our skilled volunteers and hopefully repaired. Or, if you prefer, simply come along, have a coffee and cake in our cafe, and watch repairs taking place.

We look forward to see you at our Village Hall on the 17th!



Image courtesy of the Restart Project

DINEDOR HERITAGE GROUP

We shall be holding our AGM on **Tuesday 24th November** in the Village Hall starting at 7.30. Following the brief meeting there will be an update on recent developments at Arthur's Stone. This will be given by Professor Keith Ray. We shall also be accepting annual subscriptions.

Light refreshments will be available with any donations going towards the cost of the hire of the hall.

Chris Over, Secretary.

DINEDOR HILL FORT

Do you know the diggers?

For the second time this year, a two foot deep hole has been refilled with soil taken from it to build a ramp, perhaps used for cycles to ride over. Digging the hole is an illegal act, and the hole itself represents a serious health and safety hazard.

The hill fort is a registered ancient monument and is governed by specific laws which make it an offence to disturb the ground surface of an ancient monument. This applies to the parish council, as much to any individual, and the council cannot give permission for any such activity to take place.

The hole also represents a serious hazard to people walking on the camp during the evening or even at night. So if you know who the diggers are, please ask them to carry out their digging elsewhere but not on the hill. Thank you.

A ROUND UP OF DINEDOR SPORTS 2026

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 £1,300! Well done all!

We have also received a donation from someone who wishes to remain anonymous of £400.00.

Winners for the trophies were: -

John Cleland Memorial Trophy – Robert Sheppard

David Price Cup – Nev Ellis

Ladies Cup – Mandy Lloyd

Men's Pillow Fight – Archie Probert

Middleton Cup – Barney Probert

Ladies Salver - Ann Edwards

Men's Cookery Wooden Spoon – Chris Waters



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.

Our upcoming A.G.M. will be held on **Tuesday November 10th 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, Chairman.**

Police Impersonation Scam

01245 491491 is the telephone number of Essex Police Headquarters in Chelmsford: so, when a person claiming to be a police officer calls you on your mobile from that number and advises you that a man of Sudanese origin they have arrested has been found to have on his laptop your passport details, three 16-digit credit card numbers, and several passwords you surely pay attention!



And when he goes on to question you about how you may know the person they have arrested and how he may have had the opportunity to obtain your passport details, it becomes a little more worrying and certainly more credible. However, when the questions turn to protecting your identity, and to the banks and other financial institution with which you regularly deal, you hopefully become suspicious and more cautious about the information you reveal.

I stopped the call I received a couple of days ago at this point, suggested that I would telephone Essex Police directly, and the caller then advised me he would e-mail contact details to my e-mail address which he also had. Of course, I never received an e-mail and after speaking to West Mercia police reported the call to reportfraud.police.uk by text to **7726** and completed a fuller report on the Essex Police website to which I received the following reply:

"There is an ongoing scam that matches the circumstances of this call, please do not act on what they are asking".

Subsequently, I found on the web under www.who-called.co.uk "Phone number 01245491491 is commonly reported as a Police Impersonation Scam". It certainly now pays to be 100% certain who you are communicating with by phone, message or social media!

Allan Simnett

Rev Mark writes....'Hi everyone, here is a question I sometimes get asked by the children at the schools I go to. What's that thing around your neck? Most of us call it a dog-collar, but the history of Clergy garments is a convoluted one that bears a little bit of history. So let's begin with what the clergy wear in the early church. And the answer to that is Roman! Because the church spread through the Roman Empire, clergy – Bishops, Priests and Deacons, took to wearing Roman dress. They kept this up, even after the Roman Empire splintered in the 5th and 6th Centuries. By that time, the monastic movement had begun to spread, and so many clergy followed in the footsteps of the monks and started to wear simple habits. Monks, as I'm sure you are aware, wore different-coloured robes to reflect the order they belonged to. Franciscans, from the 12th C wore brown. Dominicans wore white, symbolising purity, as do Carthusians. Benedictines wear black, symbolising humility and repentance, and Capuchins wear brown with a pointed hood, but as you saw their white heads, they gave their name to Capuchin monkeys and cappuccino coffee!

By the time we get to Luther, fashions have changed once again, and clergy start to wear a ruff around the neck, like gentlemen and academics, with black gowns and by the 18th century in England, these ruffs have fallen out of fashion, and a simple silk cravat is worn. To offset the white cravat, black shirts for clergy and purple shirts for Bishops start to become the mainstay of the clergy wardrobe and, by the turn of the 20th century, as male shirt collars evolved to take ties, a simple white ring of starched cloth is then being used. Eventually, this becomes the slip-in collar that I have around my neck.

It is an instantly identifiable item of clothing, as recognisable as any Postie's uniform (though I only wear shorts in the really hot weather). It is something that I think is an important part of my role as a clergy person. People know what I am and I don't think that, apart from having a range of colours and patterns for clerical shirts, it needs much changing.

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