

Foxley News



*For the residents of Mansel Lacy, Brinsop, Moorhampton,
Upperton, Wormsley, Yarsop & Yazor.*



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Editorial

Foxley News history

The Foxley News is an independent magazine, which was started in the Spring of 1991, originally called Mansel Lacy News and was priced at 10p per 4 page copy. The original editing team consisted of John McKee, who was a retired newspaper journalist and the magazine was printed by Tony Davies a retired lecturer at Coventry Polytech and was the only man in the village with a printer, and myself

After three editions went out the Foxley Parish Council realized it's value and offered a grant towards the distribution costs, so that it became a free issue to all the houses within the Foxley Group Parish Council area and changed it's name to Foxley News. The main costs of the magazine are covered by the sale of adverts.

Any comments and advice as to the running of the magazine should be addressed the editor. Periodically invites are made for readers to write 'Letters to the Editor', but over the years very few have been received. Any local news items sent to the editor are almost always printed, but again there is a shortage apart from the regular reports from, the Vicar, the Garden Club, Lacy Ladies & Gentlemen, the Parish Council and the Community Association but some of that is not very comprehensive. The spaces that remain are usually filled with amusing stories which are very well received. I get many requests from people who are not in the parish council area for copies which I am happy to comply with if there are sufficient spare copies. Anyone who does not wish to receive a copy let me know and you will be removed from the circulation list.

The discussions between the Vicar Rana, Wendy Coombey, Diocesan representative and myself on an extension to the "Licence to Occupy" were put on hold over Christmas due pressure of work but will now resume on March 1st, hopefully successfully. Cal

*Editor Cal Edwards
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Foxley Flyer

The supplement to the Foxley News will be published at the beginning of the months when the Foxley News is resting. Viz. January, February April, May, July, August, October, November. It is a single A5 sized sheet. - Brief items of interest should be sent to Joyce Potts, editor, within the copy deadlines. Tel: 01432 356392 e-mail - joycemike06@gmail.com

Community Association

Dear Reader,

Well 2018 is now well and truly with us I we as an association wish you all a fantastic new year.

At our January meeting various events were discussed all of which we hope you will support. They will include a games evening in the hall in February, March fun evening on the lines of Mr and Mrs which or as we want it Me and my Mate, the question master will be Ken King the date for this will be finalised at our February meeting, we are hoping include this year, the annual duck race in May, Open gardens in June, a music and entertainment evening date to be confirmed in August, Progressive Supper in September, October a ten pin bowling or skittle evening, bonfire on the estate in November and the Annual village Christmas lunch; so plenty for everyone to enjoy.

The full dates and more detail will be circulated through this magazine or flyers during the year.

If anyone would like to be involved in the Association please contact Dave Gwynne on 01981 590532.

Our aim is to promote our village and support the community.

Dave Gwynne

At a meeting of the Community Association held on Monday 12th February the programme for the year was changed. It was decided not to hold an Open Gardens event so soon after last years effort. The dates of other events have changed as a result.

The "Me & My Mate" gameshow will now take place on Saturday April 14th at 7 for 7.30pm. There will be refreshments provided and an entrance fee of £5.00. Ken King would appreciate volunteers to take part. Ring him on 590524.

The "Duck Race" will now run on Saturday June 9th starting at 3pm . There will be tea, coffee and cakes available.

The main fundraiser for this year will be a Barbecue on Saturday August 11th hopefully in the barn and will be accompanied by professional entertainers, such as the 'Compost Heap' or the 'Houden Jones duo'.

See page 23 for further information

Cal

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Mansel Garden Club

January 2018 : The speaker for our January talk, Nathalie Mignotte, had to cancel at short notice because of illness.

We were going to cancel the meeting but Cal offered to step in and show some videos. We had a trip down memory lane and watched a film of Mansel Open Gardens from 1994 which was very interesting. A few short films about ice houses in Siberia brought us to the end of the evening when we enjoyed our usual chat over tea and biscuits.

Many thanks to Cal for taking the time to set everything up and providing us with good entertainment.

February : We were shown how wool can be brought to life by adding colour and texture. Jane Meredith came the short distance from Byford where she lives at 'The Forge' and showed us how she started with a fleece from a sheep. Washed it. carded it, spun it and then produced some fantastic items. During the preparation she dyed it by using plants that had been grown in her garden to produce wonderful colours. For example onion skins produce a soft brown colour when boiled.

With Spring around the corner we welcome Malc and Jude Mallart whose presentation "Gardening for Wildlife, Gardening with Wildlife" is on March 5th

The Big Spring Walk 2018 Sunday 18th March

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Garden Waste!

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Weeping Window at the Cathedral. This will show a cascade of poppies flowing from a window on the north facade. Similar to the poppy display at the Tower of London last year. It will cost £70,000 paid for by the Hereford County Council and the Cathedral. It will be on display from the 14th of March through to 29th April. Well worth a visit.

Two blondes were walking down the road and the first blonde said, "Look at that dog with one eye!" The other blonde covers one of her eyes and says, "Where?"

Lacy Ladies & Gentlemen

On November 23rd Steve Chandler come and told us about his work as a volunteer teacher in a school in Dar es Salaam. The slides he showed demonstrated how lucky we are, not to live in a deprived area of the world. The children knew they were the lucky ones, because most of the time they had smiley faces. His fee for the talk went straight to his African charity.

As you all know there was no meeting in December but there was a meal to look forward to in January. This was held at the Bay Horse and as usual was well attended by 30 participants and heartily enjoyed.

This piece has been ghost written for Joyce because she is preparing for a knee operation to relieve considerable pain. This will have taken place on the 13th February. So lets all wish for her a speedy recovery. Cal

On March 22nd at 7.30pm

Angela Williams Is coming to talk about,

“Canary Girls & Munitions at Rotherwas”

Please bring any photographs of anyone who worked there

Subscriptions are due at this meeting and will £8.00 for the next 12 months

Joyce

A reminder that one word in the English language that can be a noun, verb, adjective, adverb and preposition: This two-letter word in English has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that word is 'UP.' It is listed in the dictionary as an [adv.], [prep.], [adj.], [n] or [v].

It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP?

At a meeting, why does a topic come UP? Why do we speak UP, and why are the officers UP for election and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report? We call UP our friends, brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver, warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen. We lock UP the house and fix UP the old car.

At other times, this little word has real special meaning. People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses.

To be dressed is one thing, but to be dressed UP is special.

And this UP is confusing: A drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP.

We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night. We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP! To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look UP the word UP in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost 1/4 of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions. If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used. It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with a hundred or more.

When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP. When the sun comes out, we say it is clearing UP. When it rains, the earth soaks it UP. When it does not rain for awhile, things dry UP. One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP, for now . . . my time is UP!

Oh . . . one more thing: What is the first thing you do in the morning and the last thing you do at night?

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P !

Did that one crack you UP?

Now I'll shut UP!

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Mrs Evans known to the admin workers at the Head Post office, Broad Street Hereford and her extended family, her postmen, as Aunty Emm. Aunty Emm kept the Post Office for 50 years and along with Mr Perks, the shop, was very much the focal point of the village. I, Pete the post would arrive at Aunty Emm's at 4.00pm every weekday afternoon for tea. While having my tea and talking, the Post Office doorbell would ring, she would trot off down the kitchen to the door, it was a fair distance and she was only 5ft tall and 7 stone in weight. One of the villagers wanted to buy some paraffin, either for their lights or heating; occasionally buying half a dozen eggs.

Very often Survey Branch HPO would phone asking if the mailman had been, her reply would be "he'd just gone up the camp", little did they realize she had no idea where we were. She would never give the game away. I'd fetch her a new batch of chickens from Woodseves, several miles off route. Next stop was Mrs Osbourne's pension, then Yarsop house letter box at 3.45pm. Waiting at the gate would be Simon, Aunty Emms dog, in he'd jump grateful for a lift back home.

Driving through the camp I'd have to put the brakes on as the late Mrs Davenport (Major Davenport's mother) would be driving her car with her two dogs running behind.

Two more calls before grub time, next a letter for Mrs Polly the late Brigadiers wife; she would hear you walking up the gravel drive. She always sat by an open window with an air rifle in her hands, shooting pigeons on her veg garden.

Last call, Major Davenport's estate office and then tea with Aunty Emm.

My afternoon shifts began at 2.00pm and ended at 10.00pm; letters arriving at the sorting office by train during the course of the morning, would be delivered to prewar houses at side of main roads. Cut off delivery time would be the time of your first letter delivery box time of collection.

The above memories are by Peter Mayne, ex postman, who is an historian and committee member of the magazine "In Our Age". If you wish to obtain copies write to: Herefordshire Lore, c/o Castle Green Pavilion, Castle Green,

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The above: Make of it as you will!!

If you ever testify in court, you might wish you could have been as sharp as this policeman.

He was being cross-examined by a defense attorney during a felony trial. The lawyer was trying to undermine the police officer's credibility.....

Q: 'Officer --- did you see my client fleeing the scene?'

A: 'No, sir. But I subsequently observed a person matching the description of the offender, running several blocks away.'

Q: 'Officer, who provided this description?'

A: 'The officer who responded to the scene.'

Q: 'A fellow officer provided the description of this so-called offender. Do you trust your fellow officers?' A: 'Yes, sir. With my life.'

Q: 'With your life? Let me ask you this then officer. Do you have a room where you change your clothes in preparation for your daily duties?'

A: 'Yes sir, we do!' Q: 'And do you have a locker in the room?'

A: 'Yes, sir, I do.' Q: 'And do you have a lock on your locker?'

A: 'Yes, sir.' Q: 'Now, why is it, officer, if you trust your fellow officers with your life, you find it necessary to lock your locker in a room you share with these same officers?'

A: 'You see, sir, we share the building with the court complex, and sometimes lawyers have been known to walk through that room.'

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"Oh my, I am so sorry," the woman says as she pops her eye back in place. "Let me buy your dinner to make it up to you," she says.

They enjoy a wonderful dinner together, and afterwards they go to the theatre followed by drinks. They talk, they laugh, she shares her deepest dreams and he shares his. She listens. After paying for everything, she asks him if he would like to come to her place for a nightcap.

They had a wonderful time. He stays for breakfast. The next morning, she cooks a gourmet meal with all the trimmings. The guy is amazed.

Everything had been SO incredible!

"You know," he said, "you are the perfect woman, are you this nice to every guy you meet?" "No," she replies. . ."You just happened to catch my eye."

This would be an acceptable reason to laugh at a funeral....A very prestigious cardiologist died, and was given a very elaborate funeral by the hospital he worked for most of his life.....

A huge heart... covered in flowers stood behind the casket during the service as all the doctors from the hospital sat in awe. Following the eulogy, the heart opened, and the casket rolled inside. The heart then closed, sealing the doctor in the beautiful heart forever.

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Blonde Interview:

The executive was interviewing a young blonde for a position in his company.

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The blonde quickly responded, "The living one."

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A poem to which some of us can relate.

I remember the corned beef of my
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And the bread that we cut with a knife,
When the Children helped with the
housework,
And the men went to work not the
wife.

The cheese never needed a fridge,
And the bread was so crusty and hot,
The Children were seldom unhappy,
And the Wife was content with her lot.

I remember the milk from the bottle,
With the yummy cream on the top,
Our dinner came hot from the oven,
And not from a freezer; or shop.

The kids were a lot more contented,
They didn't need money for kicks,
Just a game with their friends in the
road,
And sometimes the Saturday flicks.

I remember the shop on the corner,
Where biscuits for pennies were sold
Do you think I'm a bit too nostalgic?
Or is it, I'm just getting Old?

Bathing was done in a wash tub,
With plenty of rich foamy suds
But the ironing seemed never ending
As Mum pressed everyone's 'duds'.

I remember the slap on my backside,
And the taste of soap if I swore
Anorexia and diets weren't heard of
And we hadn't much choice what we
wore.

Do you think that bruised our ego?
Or our initiative was destroyed?
We ate what was put on the table
And I think life was better enjoyed.

Author, Unknown...

Do Las Vegas churches accept
gambling chips?

This may come as a surprise to
those of you not living in Las Vegas ,but
there are more Catholic churches
than casinos.

Not surprisingly, some worshipers at
Sunday services will give
casino chips rather than
cash when the basket is passed.

Since they get chips
from many different casinos, the churches
have
devised a
method to collect the offerings.

The churches send all their collected
chips to a nearby Franciscan monastery
for sorting and then the chips are taken to
the casinos of origin and cashed in.

This is done by the chip monks.

Let me tell you friends, that one simple
spelling mistake--even a typo--can make
your life hell.

I recently texted a short, romantic note to
my wife while I was away on a fishing trip,
and I missed one small "e".

No problem you might say. Not so. This
tiny error has caused me to seek Police
protection to enter my own house.

I wrote, "Hi darling, I'm enjoying and
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Montana Shave

An old cowboy walks into a barbershop in Red Lodge, Montana for a shave and a haircut.

He tells the barber he can't get all his whiskers off because his cheeks are wrinkled from age.

The barber gets a little wooden ball from a cup on the shelf and tells the old cowboy to put it inside his cheek to spread out the skin.

When he's finished, the old cowboy tells the barber that was the cleanest shave he'd had in years, but he wanted to know what would have

happened if he had accidentally swallowed the little ball.

The barber replied, just bring it back in a couple of days like everyone else does.

A young blonde girl in her late teens, wanting to earn some extra money for the summer, decided to hire herself out as a "handy woman" and started canvassing a nearby well-to-do neighbourhood.

She went to the front door of the first house and asked the owner if he had any odd jobs for her to do.

"Well, I guess I could use somebody to paint the porch" he said. "How much will you charge me?" Delighted, the girl quickly responded, "How about £50?"

The man agreed and told her that the paint, brushes and everything she would need were in the garage.

The man's wife, hearing the conversation, said to her husband, "Does she realize that our porch goes ALL the way around the house?"

"That's a bit cynical, isn't it?" he responded.

The wife replied, "You're right. I guess I'm starting to believe all those dumb blonde jokes."

A few hours later the blonde came to the door to collect her money..

"You're finished already??" the startled husband asked.

"Yes," the blonde replied, "and I even had paint left over so I gave it two coats." Impressed, the man reached into his pocket for the £50 and handed it to her along with a £10 tip. "Thank you," the blonde said,

"And, by the way,..... it's not a Porch,..... it's an Audi."

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Tuesday 6th March

Wednesday 4th April

Thursday 3rd May

Tuesday 5th June

Between 10.30 and 12 noon. join us



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I am contacting you from Breast Cancer Haven in Hereford, a charity that supports women through their breast cancer treatment.

We are running the Big Tea Cosy campaign in March 2018, where we are looking for hosts to hold their own Tea Cosy party for friends and within their community to raise money for the breast cancer supportcharity.

Rose Farrington Corporate Fundraiser

Disability Equipment Service Herefordshire (DESH) is a new local website which lists second-hand disability equipment no longer required which is being sold or given away by people who live locally. The site is administered and maintained by Herefordshire Carers Support.

It is **FREE** to advertise and simple to use

Visit www.herefordshirecarerssupport.org/desh or call us on 01432 356068.

'Marie Curie for Herefordshire.' Sarah Harris, the local Community Fundraiser is asking if people can spare just two hours to help support their biggest campaign the Great Daffodil Appeal. Marie Curie provides care and support for people living with a terminal illness, through their Hospices, Nursing Care, Information and Support Line and research. Contact Sarah on 0121 703 3741 / 07850 916414 / sarah.harris@mariecurie.org.uk

ACSYL Do you like people? Are you a good listener? Are you confident with people, well-organised and keen to learn? If so, you may be a good Community Connector for ACSYL (A Circle Supporting You For Life). The salary is £10.00 per hour and training will be given.

For an information pack, email info@acsyl.co.uk or

call **Michelle Sheers** on 01989 555006.

Foxley Group Parish Council

Highways:

The Parish Lengthsman has completed his programme of cleaning the drains and grips. Work on verge trimming and sign cleaning will resume in April. This work is now wholly funded by the Parish Council. Please let the Clerk know of any Highway issues you may have.

Planning: The Parish Council is invited to comment on any Planning application in it's area. Currently under review is a two storey extension at Orchard House, Moorhampton. Details of this and all other applications and decisions can be found on the Herefordshire Council website.

Defibrillator: This will be located in the Mansel Lacy phone box as soon as BT remove the telephone.

Broadband: Openreach have programmed work to install fibre cables in Mansel Lacy and Wormsley in the first half of 2020. This will enable broadband speeds of up to 1000mbps to be achieved. It is not yet clear whether this timescale or speed availability will be affected by the Government commitment that every household will have access to the broadband speeds of 10Mbps by the end of 2019. Further updates will be available on the Fastfibre or Giga clear websites.

Tree Debris: Balfour Beatty have arranged to remove the tree debris on the edges of the A480 between Brinsop turn and Credenhill.

Finance:

The Parish Precept will be increased from £2000 to £2500 for the 2018/19 Financial year. This is to enable the Parish Council to continue to employ a Lengthsman in line with the wishes of the parish expressed at our 2017 good Neighbours events

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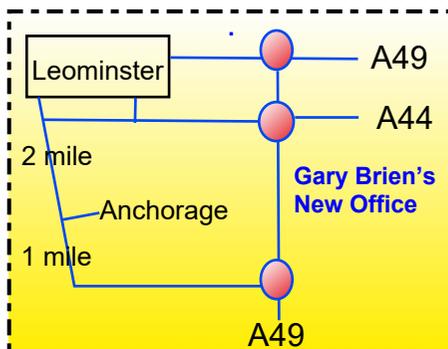
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Dear Friends,

This year Lent begins on Valentine's Day and with that in mind I have a friend who is always saying, "It's all about Love" - and the more I think about it, the more I realise that she is absolutely right! Love is an attitude that affects and determines our actions and the lack of it means that people are left feeling unwanted, unnecessary and insignificant. What is the opposite of love? Some would say 'hate' but I think it's actually 'selfishness'. Love puts others first, thinks better of others, forgives others and reaches out to others, even if only with a look and a smile. But for many of us it takes a concerted effort! It's not always easy and can be sacrificial as it was for Jesus on the cross. Why else would the first commandment be to Love God and the second to Love One Another if it wasn't 'All about Love'? The Bible tells us that God IS Love - God's love is like a reservoir within us that we can tap into and draw from, a supernatural love that never stops flowing except when we block it with our attitudes and decisions. So whether we're dealing with very difficult people, complete strangers or those we love being with, let's remember that 'It's All about Love' and behave accordingly. Hard perhaps, but worth the effort because from doing so all sorts of unexpected and beautiful things will follow.

Lent begins on February 14th and from that evening and for the next three Wednesdays we will be holding our Lent Course called 'Believe it or not!' at 7.30pm at Credenhill Headway. This course will be for everyone in the united benefice who is interested to explore exactly what we believe as we look at our creed.

With every Blessing,

Rana

Lent Lunches (delicious home-made hot soup and bread for a donation to the churches): 12.30-1.30pm on Thursdays 15/2, 22/2, 1/3, 8/3, 15/3, and 22/3. At Mansel Lacy.

Services at ML Church will be as normal 9.00am every 2nd Sunday Holy Communion, and every 3rd Sunday Morning Prayer. There are no Easter services at Mansel Lacy this year...

Normal Sunday Services as follows:

*Brinsop 1st Sunday in month at 9 am (Holy Communion)
Mansel Lacy 2nd (Holy Communion) and 3rd Sundays (Morning
prayer) in the month at 9 am*

Mansel Lacy Community Hall and Church Cleaning/ Flower Rota
January - Vacancy/vacancy. February - Tammy Gwynne/Fiona Horwood
April - Lindy Davenport/Vera Cole May - Pam Powell/Marian Powell
June - Jennifer Spinks/vacancy July - Tracey Lewis/Sue Rawlinson
August - Ann Fairhurst/Jacky Jones September - vacancy/vacancy
October - Vera Cole / Kim Williams November - Fiona Horwood/Jennifer Spinks
December - Christmas Décor All who can give time please

If you cannot do your month for any reason, please contact: Stuart Deane 590615



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Based on "Mr & Mrs" but friends, neighbours, couples etc. can take part.

Date Saturday April 14th 7.30pm

Refreshments will be available. Tickets £5.00

If you are interested in taking part contact Ken King 01981 59052



Saturday 9th June

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