

Foxley News

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



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Editorial

The Helicopter Air Ambulance on the front page, is the one that took Cecily to New Cross Hospital in Wolverhampton on Saturday 2 July having suffered a heart attack. The helicopter took off at 5.55pm and landed at Wolverhampton at 6.10pm. By the time I had travelled up to Wolverhampton arriving at 8pm I found Cis sitting up in bed having had her operation (angioplasty) and taken to the ward by 7pm. Cis was discharged at 4pm on the following Monday. She is now well on the mend and extremely grateful for the scores of cards and flowers and good will messages she received. So a big thank you from Cecily to you all.

We are so impressed with the Air Ambulance service that in the near future we will be raising money for their fund. We also think very highly of the ground Ambulance service which made it from Hereford to Mansel Lacy in 8 minutes when Cis has a chest infection on the 8th July and spent another 3 days in hospital in Hereford.

If anyone wants to sell some items through the magazine. Single issue adverts are acceptable at £5.00 for a quarter page. Preparing a single ad. takes just as much time and effort as a yearly advert, which is why the cost is as stated.

Your life history would make very good reading in this magazine. We all have a tale to tell so get writing and send me a story for the next issue please.

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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,

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Community Association (CA)

The Fete and Flower Festival with the Classic car display was successful in raising money for the Community and the Parochial Church Council but lessons were learnt from the experience. A huge amount of work was put into decorating the church for a relatively small profit return of £256. The Fete and Classic car display was more successful in raising a profit of £1170. We are very grateful to all those who designed and displayed a mass of beautiful flowers in the church, and to Jane Cox for co-ordinating the work. The Flower Festival profits are going to the PCC and the Fete profits are being split between the CA & PCC.

Many thanks to Tammy, Gill, Maggie, Nicky, Angie, Vera, Lindy, Wendy and Pam and to all those who made scones including, Jackie, Rachael Trixy and Vera. The cream teas made the largest profit of £480, followed by the grand draw of over £200 (thanks to John & Jennifer Spinks) and the bottle stall with £182 (thanks to Dave & Clare Jones and Brian & Caroline Barrett). Ann Fairhurst with Jackie Gardner made £109 out of Bric a Brac, GT contributed £81 as did Peter and Trixy Gooddger with their plant stall. Our thanks go to Sybil & Snowy Davoll who ran the ladder game and collected £33 and to Barbara Stevens who made £38 selling ducks on a pond. One of the outstanding contributions was made by a cockerel named George, carefully controlled by Queenie & Keith Jones, making £49 towards the event total. Christmas Cards sold by Mike & Carol Bracebridge made £34 and there are still cards left which will be on offer later in the year. Other contributions for which thanks are offered go to Peter Baines who entertained children and some adults too. Pat Shaw manned a stall representing The Royal British Legion which was supported on the Sunday by the Riders Branch of motor cyclists who came up from Cardiff and thoroughly enjoyed themselves

The Bar run by Tom took £65. Music was provided by Mark McCarthy and hot food by Rosie Davies who gave us a cut of £31. There are other people to thank for their efforts, in helping with the tentage and site preparation, all in all a good example of how Mansel Lacy gets together with local friends and does things.

The CA have decided to purchase two water heaters for the toilets in the hall. These are instantaneous water heater which operate by a no-touch sensor activating the water supply. I have used such water heaters personally and am convinced that they will suit our requirements. They are costing £99.00 each (discounted from £155.00) and will be fitted in the near future.

The three 'Easy-Up' gazebos which we bought some years ago are slowly falling apart. I have cannibalised one to keep the other two in a repaired state, but thoughts are turning to replacements. At the next CA meeting a demonstration of an Event Shelter will hopefully convince the committee of its efficacy.

We are considering whether to hold our annual Christmas Dinner at Lunchtime at the Wormsley Golf Club as a 'Carvery' which will be a change. Tell us what you think.

Please see the adverts on page 23 for our annual Hog Roast again cooked by Chris Ogleby. The location will be outside the Community Hall and bookings are already being taken, so don't delay - give me a ring or as is now the fashionable thing to do send me an e-mail.

Next year is the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebration on Tuesday 5th June. This has been declared a bank holiday, so why don't we have a street party in Mansel Lacy to mark the occasion. We can use the children of the local area to give us an excuse to have a rollicking good time. We can couple this with Community Games (pre cursor to the Olympic Games) which is a government sponsored idea and already has a website to look at : www.communitygames.org.uk Feedback about these ideas should be put to any Committee Member who are all listed on page 16 .

Cal.

At the third stroke...

Happy birthday to the Speaking Clock which has just reached its seventy fifth anniversary. It was first introduced by the GPO on 24th July 1936 and cost callers one penny if dialled from home and tuppence from a phone box.

Now the service is run by British Telecom and with inflation over the years, calling 123 will set you back 31p.

When it was first launched, the equipment needed to run it took up the entire floor space of a small room at Rugby Radio Station and the driving crystal oscillator was mounted on a rubber base within an enclosed copper lined cabinet. It was accurate to within one tenth of a second. Now it gets its time from the National Physical Laboratory and is accurate to within one second in three million years.

But in our internet-enabled lives, why does the service still receive 30 million calls a year?

Many believe it's because we're British and, like our obsession with the weather and our innate ability to queue in an orderly fashion, we are also fixated with a need for accuracy and precision in all things. In reality, demand for the service peaks at time-sensitive points during the year. We want to celebrate the New Year on the stroke of midnight (exactly); the two-minute silence on Remembrance Day must start at 11.00am (precisely); and we get confused and like to check the right time when the clocks have gone backwards or forwards (naturally!).

Knitting and Crochet Workshops

The first knitting and crochet workshop of the season will be on Tuesday 4 October 10.00 – 12.00 in Weobley These are very informal get-togethers on the first Tuesday of the month for anyone wishing to improve their skills - with a cup of coffee and a biscuit! The charge is £2.

If you wish to attend the workshop please let me know at least a day or two before the workshop and please bring your slippers.

Kate Best 01544 318513

Language!

A refuse collector in Cairns , Australia , is driving along a street picking up the wheelie bins and emptying them into his compactor.

He goes to one house where the bin hasn't been left out, and in the spirit of kindness, and after having a quick look about for the bin, he gets out of his truck goes to the front door and knocks. There's no answer.

Being a kindly and conscientious bloke, he knocks again - a bit harder and then harder still. Eventually a Chinese man comes to the door. "Harro!" says the Chinese man. "Giddyay, mate! Where's ya bin?" asks the collector. "I bin on toiret," explains the Chinese bloke, a bit perplexed. Realising the fellow had misunderstood him, the bin man smiles and tries again.

"No ! No ! Mate, Where's your dust bin?"

"I dust been to toiret, I toil you!" says the Chinese man, still perplexed. "Listen," says the collector. "You're misunderstanding me. Where's your 'wheelie' bin?" "OK, OK." replies the Chinese man with a sheepish grin and whispers in the collector's ear.

"I wheelie bin having 'fun' wiffa wife's sista!"

Always wear clean underwear in public, especially when working under your vehicle. From the Daily News comes this story of a Leicester couple who drove their car to ASDA, only to have their car break down in the car park. The man told his wife to carry on with the shopping while he fixed the car. The wife returned later to see a small group of people near the car. On closer inspection, she saw a pair of hairy legs protruding from under the chassis. Unfortunately, although the man was in shorts, his lack of underpants turned his private parts into glaringly public ones.. Unable to stand the embarrassment, she dutifully stepped forward, quickly put her hand UP his shorts, and tucked everything back into place. On regaining her feet, she looked across the bonnet and found herself staring at her husband who was standing idly by watching. The AA mechanic, however, had to have three stitches in his forehead.

Mansel Garden Club

28 members enjoyed a lovely sunny afternoon visit to The Laskett at Much Birch, the home of Sir Roy Strong. The head gardener gave us a short talk about how the garden has developed since 1974, it is 4 acres but seems bigger. It is set out as a series of rooms with vistas, topiary, statues and memorials. It's formal yet informal with a clever mixture of plants. The garden is a reflection of Sir Roys' and Julias' lives, it has drama, Julia was a set designer and planned most of the garden. Since Julias' death a lot of the hedges and evergreen trees have been taken out, Julia was a very private person. Some would say there's still not enough areas that show the lovely Herefordshire countryside, some would say "oh all that box and hedging to clip" but we don't have to do it so let's enjoy it! Having arrived there with doubts, I came away loving their creation. Audrey Mayson

4th July - On this balmy Monday summers evening, the Mansel Garden club visited Fawley Court nestled in the north side of the River Wye, opposite Foy on the south side. The Head Gardener, Steven, has been developing the garden of this 15th Century listed house owned by Mr. and Mrs J P Clay. The garden has been lovingly planned by Mrs Clay over many years and Steven has implemented and nurtured the ideas into fruition over the past 14 years. There are two other full time employees to help him.

The Majestic iron gated house can be seen from the minor road that winds past it. The gardens are split into two sections. The part to the Left of house are on tiered levels which have been used to great advantage and have an amazing selection, in fact a breath taking array of of colourful flowering plants and shrubs. What caught my eye were the blocks of colours of white roses, 8ft tall delphiniums in a delicate mix of blues, and low boundaries of blue and pink lavender. There was so much more and much appreciated by the members even though Steven said that the garden was past its best period.

In the other section were three lakes to wander around on interesting curved patterned pathways of stone and pebbles. The garden boundaries were various, holly, beech, roses and one lake was partly surrounded with day lilies of subtle unusual colours. The petal of the pale peach day lilies were really beautiful and looked fabulous in such abundance. Tall trees hung over the pathways and the Prickly Pears had been cut into globe shapes to add interest when casting an eye over all there was to see. A few members stayed to picnic by one of the tranquil lakesides. The members raised £68.00 to add to the Recent Red Cross activities that had taken place in the gardens earlier in June.. Gilli Nickolson

The August 2012 Summer B.B.Q. was held at Three Barns, Wellington, the home of our Chair Gilli Nicolson and John her husband. The lunch time b.b.q. now seems here to stay and we were lucky with fine weather although it did threaten us with dark clouds. Gilli and John's garden is very new but already the shape and plants are taking hold. There are also wonderful vegetables loving their new soil. As always thanks to Viv for organising the amazing selection of salads to complete the b.b.q. feast. Local raspberries and strawberries with homemade sorbet and meringues delighted everyone. Our thanks to John and Gilli for a super afternoon which ended in glorious blue sky and sunshine.

Audrey Mayson

Weobley Theatre Group

The new season starts with **Top Hat** on Wednesday 7 September at the Birmingham Hippodrome. Leaving Bell Square, Weobley at 9.30, promptly! Arriving approx 11.30, performance starts at 2.00pm At Malvern on 30th November is *Wynyard Browne's wonderful uplifting Christmas drama The Holly and the Ivy*. leaving Bell Square at 12.30pm for a 2.30pm performance.

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A lady Canadian libertarian wrote a lot of letters to the government, complaining about the treatment of captive insurgents (terrorists) being held in Afghanistan National Correctional System facilities. She received back the following reply:

National Defense Headquarters

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Dear Concerned Citizen,

Thank you for your recent letter expressing your profound concern of treatment of the Taliban and Al Qaeda terrorists captured by Canadian Forces who were subsequently transferred to the Afghanistan Government and are currently being held by Afghan officials in Afghanistan National Correctional System facilities.

Our administration takes these matters seriously and your opinions were heard loud and clear here in Ottawa. You will be pleased to learn, thanks to the concerns of citizens like yourself; we are creating a new department here at the Department of National Defence, to be called 'Liberals Accept Responsibility for Killers' program, or L.A.R.K. for short. In accordance with the guidelines of this new program, we have decided to divert one terrorist and place him in your personal care.

Your personal detainee has been selected and is scheduled for transportation under heavily armed guard to your residence in Toronto next Monday.

Ali Mohammed Ahmed bin Mahmud (you can just call him Ahmed) is to be cared for pursuant to the standards you personally demanded in your letter of complaint.

It will likely be necessary for you to hire some assistant caretakers. We will conduct weekly inspections to ensure that your standards of care for Ahmed are commensurate with those you so strongly recommend in your letter.

Although Ahmed is a sociopath and extremely violent, we hope that your sensitivity to what you described as his 'attitudinal problem' will help him overcome these character flaws. Perhaps you are correct in describing these problems as mere cultural differences.

We understand that you plan to offer counselling and home schooling. Your adopted terrorist is extremely proficient in hand-to-hand combat and can extinguish human life with such simple items as a pencil or nail clippers. We advise that you do not ask him to demonstrate these skills at your next yoga group.

He is also expert at making a wide variety of explosive devices from common household products, so you may wish to keep those items locked up, unless (in your opinion) this might offend him. Ahmed will not wish to interact with you or your daughters (except sexually) since he views females as a subhuman form of property.

This is a particularly sensitive subject for him and he has been known to show violent tendencies around women who fail to comply with the new dress code that he will "recommend" as more appropriate attire. I'm sure you will come to enjoy the anonymity offered by the burka over time. Just remember that it is all part of 'respecting his culture and religious beliefs' as described in your letter.

Thanks again for your concern. We truly appreciate it when folks like you keep us informed of the proper way to do our job and care for our fellow man. You take good care of Ahmed and remember we'll be watching.

Good luck and God bless you.

Cordially,

Gordon O'Connor

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Lacy Ladies

May: Viv and Jane came along to tell us about making soap also hair and body washes, which are made from natural products with no added chemicals. Viv informed us of all the regulations involved with making these products. She uses a variety of fragrances. We were kindly given samples of soap and able to purchase products. A very interesting evening.

June: We were invited to the home of Jenny Lewis for a cookery demonstration and supper. Jenny had been on holiday in Tuscany, while there her family had arranged for her to attend a cookery course with a local Tuscan lady. Jenny demonstrated the proper way to make Tuscan Ragu Meat Sauce, Beef with Artichoke Omelette also Cantuccini, which is a traditional Tuscan biscuit with almonds. We then sat down and enjoyed the food which Jenny had cooked.

A lovely evening.

July: One of our members Vera Cole kindly volunteered to come and demonstrate the art of flower arranging. Vera told us she had come into flower arranging by chance, she was working at a greengrocers, when the florist left and Vera was asked to take over, she was given a few tips and just carried on from there. She showed us several arrangements and answered questions from members. Vera was assisted by Kim. Janet Brown had also made arrangements using dried flowers. Members were then invited to do flower arrangements themselves with guidance from Vera. Thank you Vera for an informative evening.

Next Meeting: August 25th Summer Meal at Herefordshire Golf Club

September meeting: a game of skittles at the Three Horseshoes Norton Canon, partners invited. I need to know numbers who wish to attend.

Please contact Joyce Lewis for further details. Tel: 01981 590638

We Must Stop This Immediately!

Have you noticed that stairs are getting steeper. Groceries are heavier. And, everything is farther away. Yesterday I walked to the corner and I was dumbfounded to discover how long our street had become!

And, you know, people are less considerate now, especially the young ones. They speak in whispers all the time! If you ask them to speak up they just keep repeating themselves, endlessly mouthing the same silent message until they're red in the face! What do they think I am a lip reader? I also think they are much younger than I was at the same age. On the other hand, people my own age are so much older than I am. I ran into an old friend the other day and she has aged so much that she didn't even recognise me.

I got to thinking about the poor dear while I was combing my hair this morning, and in doing so, I glanced at my own reflection. Well, REALLY NOW - even mirrors are not made the way they used to be! Another thing, everyone drives so fast these days! You're risking life and limb if you happen to pull onto the motorway in front of them. All I can say is, their brakes must wear out awfully fast, the way I see them screech and swerve in my rear view mirror. Clothing manufacturers are less civilized these days. Why else would they suddenly start labelling a size 10 or 12 dress as 18 or 20? Do they think no one notices? The people who make bathroom scales are pulling the same prank. Do they think I actually believe the number I see on that dial? HA! I would never let myself weigh that much! Just who do these people think they're fooling?

I'd like to call up someone in authority to report what's going on -- but the telephone company is in on the conspiracy too: they've printed the phone books in such small type that no one could ever find a number in there!

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Community Transport Schemes operate in every parish in the county and rely on volunteer drivers to provide transport for local people, who often have no other means of getting about. With local bus services under threat due to cuts in local authority funding, it is important that community transport providers have the resources to meet the demand for their services. If you are a good driver and have some time to spare, even if it's only a couple of hours a week, then you could make a big difference to someone's life in your community. You could either drive your own car, for which you would receive a mileage allowance to reimburse your running costs, or a minibus or smaller vehicle owned by the scheme. Journeys are usually made within Herefordshire, but schemes may also take people further afield e.g for hospital appointments.

If you would like more information on being a volunteer, or details of your nearest community transport scheme, please contact Paul Paice, Rural Transport Adviser, on 01432 262971 or email paulp@comfirst.org.uk

SO, A PIRATE WALKED INTO A BAR

A pirate walked into a bar, and the bartender said, "Hey, I haven't seen you in a while. What happened? You look terrible." "What do you mean?" said the pirate, "I feel fine." "What about the wooden leg? You didn't have that before." "Well," said the pirate, "We were in a battle, and I got hit with a cannon ball, but I'm fine now." The bartender replied, "Well, OK, but what about that hook? What happened to your hand?" The pirate explained, "We were in another battle. I boarded a ship and got into a sword fight. My hand was cut off. I got fitted with a hook but I'm fine, really." "What about that eye patch?" "Oh," said the pirate, "One day we were at sea, and a flock of birds flew over. I looked up, and one of them shit in my eye." "You're kidding," said the bartender.. "You couldn't lose an eye just from bird shit." "It was my first day with the hook."

I want to die while asleep like my grandfather, Not screaming in terror like the passengers in his car.

I went into a shop and I said, 'Can someone sell me a kettle' The bloke said 'Kenwood' I said, 'Where is he then

I visited the offices of the RSPCA today. It's tiny: you couldn't swing a cat in there.

The Irish have solved their own fuel problems. They imported 50 million tonnes of sand from the Arabs and they're going to drill for their own oil.

My mate's missus left him last Thursday, she said she was going out for a pint of milk & never come back! I asked him how he was coping and he said, "Not bad, I've been using that powdered stuff."

The police came to my front door last night holding a picture of my wife. They said, "Is this your wife, sir? Shocked, I answered, " Yes." They said, "I'm afraid it looks like she's been hit by a bus." I said, "I know, but she has a lovely personality."

Two drunk Irishmen find a mirror in the road. The first one picks it up & says, "Blow me I know this face but I cant put a name to it." The second picks it up & says, "You daft bastard it's me!"

Paddy's in jail. The Guard looks in his cell and see's him hanging by his feet. "What are you doing?" he asks. "Hanging myself," Paddy replies. "It should be round your neck," says the guard. "I tried that," says Paddy, "but I couldn't breathe."

Two Irishmen are hammering floorboards down in a house. Paddy picks up a nail, realises it's upside down & throws it away. He carries on doing this until Murphy says, "Why are you throwing them away? "Because they're upside down," says Paddy. "You daft prat," replies Murphy, "save 'em for the ceiling!!"

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Physics

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Two elderly Gentlemen from a retirement home were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turns to the other and says: 'Slim, I'm 83 years old now and I'm just full of aches and pains, I know you're about my age. How do you feel?' Slim says 'I feel just like a new born baby' Really!? Like a new born baby!? 'Yep , no hair, no teeth, and I think I just wet myself'

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Foxley Group Parish Council

The Parish Council have recently appointed a lengthsman to undertake minor works such as litter clearance, low level hedge trimming, road sign maintenance and gully clearance. Dave Campbell has already been hard at work cleaning our road signs and trimming overgrown areas but if you know of any location which would benefit from his attention, please let the Council know by calling Brian Barrett on 01981 590706. The lengthsman cannot undertake any work on the A480 but is available for all other Council adopted roads.

At long last, pressure from the Parish Council has resulted in significant improvements to the local roads, in particular the filling in of many potholes and the partial resurfacing of the Mansel Lacy to Bishopstone Road. Further resurfacing works on the A480 should take place in the autumn and it is hoped that some of the existing life expired road signs will be replaced at the same time. The Council are particularly keen to hear from anybody who has had a close encounter or collision with a deer in their vehicle so that we can pressure the County Council to put up suitable warning signs. Please call Brian Barrett on 01981 590706 as soon as possible.

Finally, the Parish Council are investigating the possibility of erecting a bus shelter within the Parishes. Suggested locations are Mansel Lacy Church, Brinsop Turn, Moorhampton Turn and Yazor Church. At present we are at an early stage in the process and we are seeking the views of local residents as to whether this is regarded as a good idea and, if so, the priorities in respect of location. Any views to Brian Barrett on 01981 590706 before September 30.

MBE

Parish Councillor Edgar and Sue Davies are very proud to announce that their daughter Claire who is serving as a Warrant Officer Class 1 in the Army Intelligence Corp has recently been awarded an MBE for her work in the military field.

Mansel Lacy Heating Oil Consortium

Earlier this year it was decided to try setting up an oil buying consortium, with the aim of negotiating better prices by bulk buying. So far, with only 3 modest orders put in, it has worked.

Most people seem to think they will need a top-up about September and with a much larger order I hope an even keener price can be negotiated.

The consortium covers Mansel Lacy, Westmoor, Yazor and Yarsop.

53 households are now 'on the books'

I tried to go to every household when I was canvassing for interest - but may have missed somebody out. If I have - apologies - and if you are interested in joining please contact me. E-mail is preferable as it is so much easier to publicise news and information. However I know that this is not for everyone, so telephoning will do too - messages can be left for me if I am not in.

I am not looking to take on a larger geographical area, but if others want to set up a scheme in their village/locality, I would be happy to show them how we set about it and how it works for us so far.

Mike Bracebridge The Old Barn,
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When you reach the back of your car, that is when the carjackers appear out of nowhere, jump into your car and take off. They practically run you over as they speed off in your car. And guess what, ladies? I bet your purse is still in the car. So now the carjacker has your car, your home address, your money, and your keys. Your home and your whole identity are now compromised! If you see a piece of paper stuck to your back window, lock your doors and just drive away

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Community Association**

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**Mansel Lacy
Churchyard Grass Cutters**

John Spinks, Cal Edwards,
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Mansel Lacy PCC

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G.T . Youth Club Summer Term Report

Once again it has been a busy term for GT with activities ranging from canoeing to Mountain boarding to Snowy's Fun and Games evening. Brian Gorst ran an art evening when we painted a frieze of the Fete and Flower Festival (which has been displayed in church for your delight and amazement!). Most excitingly one of our older members has set up a web site for us. There've been some teething problems but once they are ironed out it will speed up our communications and be a good place to share news and information.

A key event in the term was the meeting with parents to try to find a new leader. We are delighted to report that Sarah Knight, one of our founder members has agreed to become a fully fledged leader. Several of our parents have offered to be assistant leaders. That, along with some very practical offers of help, should lessen the work load considerably and the Group seems to be on a much firmer footing. None the less if you



have a skill or expertise in anything which would be appropriate to the group we would love to hear from you. We feel that it is very important that we as church and community support the families within our villages. GT is one way of doing this and hopefully helps to address the issues of rural isolation and shows how much we value our young people.

Our new term begins on Friday 9th of September 7-9 with a Games Night at church. See you there!

Rev. Angie Deane and Jackie Jones

Mansel Lacy Church Funds

Many thanks to those who responded to our appeal. Several more people in the Parish have started regular gift aided giving and four others have increased their giving.

Consequently, after the tax has been reclaimed we shall have an extra £900 each year towards our church expenses. A great help.

Stuart Deane PCC Treasurer

***Mansel Lacy Harvest Festival Friday 14 October 2011
6.30 pm Service followed by Harvest Supper***

**Saturday 15th October 2011
Launch of New Benefice Mothers Union 10.30 am
At Credenhill School - Intro. and Bring & Buy**

Mansel Lacy Carol Service Sunday December 18th 2011

Dear Friends,

One of the great joys of being a priest is to be able to take Christening Services for families. It is wonderful to rejoice with the proud parents on the safe arrival of their precious baby or to take the service for older children who are more aware of what is going on. A theme that runs through the service is the awareness of the huge responsibility and challenge of parenthood and the importance of the support of the family and community which surrounds the parents. For most of us the early years of our children's lives are fairly easy to manage (once we have adapted to the changes of life which having a child brings!) but for some it is the transfer from childhood to adolescence and then adolescence to adulthood which causes the most friction. Our children still need us but want their independence – kicking against the boundaries but still needing that security until they are ready to fly the nest. It is at this time that the extended family and friends can be most helpful to both parent and child in defusing some of the tensions! It is also a time when parents can feel alienated as our offspring's peer group seems to have the most influence on their lives. We must not underestimate however the influence we do have and the years of love, respect and trust we have built with our children which is vital in their transition.

Many of us were shocked, angered and saddened by the rioting and looting in some of our cities last month - young people as young as 10 years old out on the streets grabbing all that they could from smashed shop windows. It is easy to condemn the children and their parents but perhaps one of the underlying issues in the troubles is the question of where we find our value – in what we own or in who we are? We all need to be valued and loved unconditionally or we do not thrive properly whatever age we are. In bringing children for baptism I believe that families are responding to the amazing experience of having their children and through that coming into direct contact with the unconditional love of God. As a church we are hoping to find new ways of supporting families and children and hopefully under the leadership of our new vicar encouraging them to take the next steps in their journey of faith. So watch this space! Meanwhile I pray that we all, whatever our age, know how precious we are to God and how much he rejoices in each one of us - for who we are not what we do or own.

With love, Rev. Angie Deane

Normal Sunday Services as follows:

Brinsop 1st Sunday in month at 9 am(Holy Communion)

Mansel Lacy 2nd and 3rd Sundays in the month at 9 am

Bishopstone 4th Sunday in month at 10 am

Mansel Lacy Community Hall and Church Cleaning/ Flower Rota

Jan - Jane Cox

July - Ann Fairhurst/Jackie Jones

Feb - Tammy Gwynne/Jo Grice

Aug -Geraldine Powell/Jennifer Spinks

Mar - Norma Hembrow

Sept - Jane Cox / Anne Chidwick

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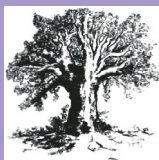
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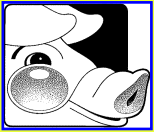
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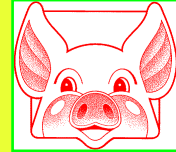
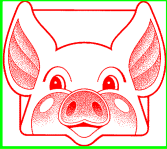
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