

Foxley News



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



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Editorial



We always like to welcome people into Mansel Lacy, sometimes it happens almost without any one noticing, but I bumped into the new occupants of Paddock Bungalow, who are Jim and Debbie Galvin, they have moved down from Yazor lodge... more to follow.

From an editorial point of view, I have very little to say, apart from wishing Ken a very rapid recovery and our best wishes. It's difficult to keep up with the house moves in the area at the moment so if any reader has just moved, drop me an e-mail or letter or ring me up and get your name and a photo if possible in the Foxley News, I include the following incentive example because it rings true.

A special thank you and a Very Merry Christmas to the good people who put the Foxley News through your letter box each quarter and every other month the Foxley Flyer. They are: Keith Jones, Kevin Baylis, Kath Morgan, Peter Baines, Brian Barrett, Stella Icke, John Spinks and Sue Davies. Thanks also to the editor of the Foxley Flyer - Joyce Potts

I don't think there has ever been a better explanation of the importance of incentive than this example These are possibly the 5 best sentences you'll ever read and all applicable to this:

1. You cannot legislate the poor into prosperity by legislating the wealthy out of prosperity.
2. What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving.
3. The government cannot give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody else.
4. You cannot multiply wealth by dividing it!
5. When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work because the other half is going to take care of them, and when the other half gets the idea that it does no good to work because somebody else is going to get what they work for, that is the beginning of the end of any nation.

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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

Mansel Lacy Community Association held its yearly A.G.M on the 24th October, re-elected to the committee were David Gwynne Chairman, Michael and Joyce Potts Secretary's and Michael Jones Treasurer; Cal Edward Booking Agent for the Community Centre, other members elected to the full committee are Vera Cole, Kevin Baylis, Joyce Lewis, Rosa Williams, Sue and Rob Hallett, Stuart and Angie Dean, Ann Fairhurst, Fiona Horwood, Viv Griffiths, Ken King, Sue Rawlinson, Kath Morgan and Angie and David Starling.



The meeting was well attended and has become a mini social event with wine and cheese after to which all were welcome; the committee look forward to seeing all those living in the village and surrounding area at any of the forthcoming events. November saw the annual firework and Bonfire event, held with the kind permission of the Davenport family, on the estate; although the numbers were a little down on previous years the weather held well and those attended were not disappointed the bonfire this year one of the best we have had and the fireworks were up to the usual standard.

Big thanks to the committee and members who helped to prepare the site and provide the food and refreshments.

A reminder of events to complete the year include a Christmas Market on Saturday 9th December and the Community and village Christmas lunch to be held at The Herefordshire Golf Club, Wormsley anyone interested in attending this lunch can obtain details from Dave Gwynne on 01981 590532.

I was asked to negotiate an extension to the St. Michael's Mansel Lacy Community Association "Licence to Occupy" the community space in the church, on behalf of the Community Association.

A meeting was held with Wendy Coombey, Diocesan representative and Rev. Rana Davies-James, Priest in Charge of the Magnis Benefice and myself on the 7th November at which various aspects of the "agreement", originally signed on the 22nd March 1996. by the then incumbent George Usher, were examined. From a legal point of view the signing on behalf of the church needs some clarification, which Wendy will pursue.

There will be a requirement for the submission of a faculty, but this was not considered a problem. In general it was agreed that the use of that part of the church for community use has been a great success and every endeavour will be made to ensure it's continuation.

Cal

The husband had just finished reading the book, 'MAN OF THE HOUSE'. He stormed into the kitchen and walked directly up to his wife. Pointing a finger in her face, he said, "From now on, I want you to know that I am the man of this house, and my word is law! I want you to prepare me a gourmet meal tonight, and when I'm finished eating my meal, I expect a sumptuous dessert afterwards". Then, after dinner, you are going to draw me my bath so I can relax. And when I'm finished with my bath, guess who's going to dress me and comb my hair?" His wife replied, "The funeral director would be my guess?!"

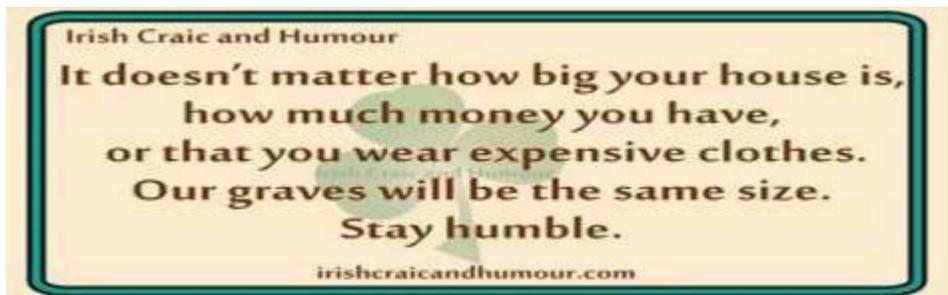
Brief Report AGM - New members - we now have 2 new members, but do have space for more. Officers stay the same - but if you fancy going on the committee don't be shy.

At the meeting on Monday 6th November 2017, 7.30 pm - Mansel Lacy Community Centre Jill and Alun Whitehead - Alden Farm from Conception to Chaos - Members will no doubt remember our visit to Alden Farm earlier in the year, and found this talk very interesting, Pat Astley collected members subscriptions, also the Christmas Supper monies, if you have not paid and were not be at this meeting please make sure you make contact with Pat on 01981590283

Tom had his Christmas Food List - Christmas Party Monday 4th December, 7.00 for 7.30 pm, please make contact with him confirming your offering, on 01432 760145. It is a lot of work coordinating food so please help Tom by making contact.

Mansel Lacy Christmas Fayre - Saturday 9th December - Mansel Lacy Community Hall. I am sure you will appreciate being able to hold our meetings at Mansel Community Hall, and understand that like all villages Mansel Lacy has to fund raise. Sue Carpenter, Pam Powell and Jan Kersley will be manning a stall on behalf of Garden Club, but would very much appreciate if members could bring along something for the stall, garden related, anything that can be recycled - suitable for Christmas presents - produce, jams, cakes. Please bring along to the November/December meeting, or Sue, who lives at The Thatch Cottage Mansel Lacy is very happy for you to leave goodies with her nearer the date, if that suits you better. Members are welcome to attend.

Harvest Festival Mansel Lacy Church. Just a thank you to Vera Cole and her band of helpers who gave the Church a harvest makeover. The congregation very much enjoyed the traditional Harvest hymns. We were treated to a lovely service, the sun shone through the stained glass, a little girl enjoyed offering her teddy to the congregation, but her Granny was the only one actually allowed take it. A couple of bible readings, and gifts offered to local charity. A Ploughman's Lunch with Cider, followed by delicious puddings, a great atmosphere and a lovely way to say thank you for such a good harvest in 2017. Pam



A special thankyou to Simon from Lyonshall nursery, Kington for supplying plug plants which have been planted in the church wall. This should help not only with holding the wall together and give us lots of flowers but will also give the wildlife living in it some vital cover.

Garden Waste!

Brian Ellis of Chapel Cottage, Mansel Lacy (up the street) will convert your garden waste into compost. (New Machine). Give him a call on 07946273862 or Call Denise on 07492770282

Lacy Ladies & Gentlemen

August: Cal Edwards showed us a film of his and Cis's holiday to China. They visited a nursery school and met the children who were happily playing. We saw many of the interesting buildings and places. We also saw Cal and Cis taking a walk on the Great Wall of China. A very interesting and enjoyable evening.

September: Mrs Patricia Wilkin MBE visited us and gave an illustrated talk on the history of Eastnor Castle. There has been a Manor House at Eastnor since the 16th century. The building of Eastnor Castle was commenced in 1812. In 1949 James Hervey--Bathurst's father and mother took over the estate, he and his brother George were brought up there. James and his family moved into the castle in 1989. English heritage was able to contribute to the cost of repairs of the exterior of the building. Over the years the interior has been restored and redecorated. They get income from commercial activities such as Land Rover Experiences, The Big Chill, Wedding Parties, Film and Television, Caravan Rallies, Corporate and Private groups and also many visitors. There is also a 300 acre Deer park with a herd of red deer. Mrs Wilkin is a guide at Eastnor castle and is very passionate and knowledgeable about the castle.

October: Tony French came along and showed a film and told us about the work of SSAFA. He told us that anyone in the Forces or who had been in the Forces and their families could call on SSAFA in their hour of need. They offer advice, counselling and monetary help. On leaving the Forces if they then become homeless SSAFA would help to get them rehomed, if they or their family had medical problems and needed special equipment again they would help with this. SSAFA is a voluntary organisation who raise money to help these people, if a large amount of money is needed they ask for help from the larger Forces organisations. A very interesting and informative evening.

For more information contact Joyce Lewis Tel: 01981 590638

Tom was a single guy living at home with his father and working in the family business. He knew that he would inherit a fortune once his sickly father died.

Tom wanted two things: to learn how to invest his inheritance and, to find a wife to share his fortune. One evening at an investment meeting, he spotted the most beautiful woman he had ever seen. Her natural beauty took his breath away.

"I may look like just an ordinary man," he said to her, "but in just a few years, my father will die, and I'll inherit 20 million dollars." Impressed, the woman obtained his business card. Two weeks later, she became his stepmother.

Women are so much better at estate planning than men...

Sally was driving home from one of her business trips in Northern Arizona, when she saw an elderly Navajo woman walking on the side of the road. As the trip was a long and quiet one, she stopped the car and asked the Navajo woman if she would like a ride. With a word or two of thanks, she got in the car.

After resuming the journey and a bit of small talk, the Navajo woman noticed a brown bag on the seat next to Sally. "What's in the bag?" asked the old woman. Sally looked down at the brown bag and said, "It's a bottle of wine. Got it for my husband."

The Navajo woman was silent for a moment, and then speaking with the quiet wisdom of an elder said, "Good trade."

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 My pulse is weak, and my blood is thin,
 But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm
 in.

Arch supports I have for my feet,
 Or I wouldn't be able to be on the
 street,

Sleep is denied me night after night,
 But every morning I find I'm all right,
 My memory is failing, my head's in a
 spin

But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm
 in.

The moral is this as my tale I unfold
 That for you and me who are growing
 old,

It's better to say 'I'm fine' with a grin
 Than to let folks know the shape we
 are in.



Moral Dilemma

Please answer this carefully after giving it some thought. Remember your answer needs to be honest yet spontaneous. You are in Scotland, by the River Clyde actually. There is great chaos going on all around you, caused by high winds and severe flooding. There are masses of water all over you. You are a tabloid photographer and you are in the middle of this great disaster. The situation is nearly hopeless.

You're trying to shoot impressive photos. There are houses and people floating around you, disappearing into the water. Nature is showing all its destructive power and is ripping everything away with it.

Suddenly you see a man in the water, he is fighting for his life, trying not to be taken away by the masses of water and mud. Somehow the man looks familiar.

All of a sudden you realise who it is - its Donald Trump!

At the same time you notice that the raging waters are about to take him away, forever. You have two options.

You can save the life of Donald Trump, or you can shoot a Pulitzer prize winning photo, a unique photo displaying the death of one of the world's most powerful men.

So here's the question (please give an honest answer)

Would you select colour film, or rather go with the classic simplicity of black and white

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Next year we commemorate the centenary of the ending of the First World War. This brings into sharp focus the incredible sacrifice made by a generation of young men and women in order to help make the world a better place. You may have recently seen in the local papers, the story of Allan Leonard Lewis. He was born in Whitney-on-Wye Wye in the far West of Herefordshire and later moved to a neighbouring parish of Brilley. Allan served in the First World War (1914-18) and went on to show exceptional bravery that was witnessed on two separate occasions during the final allied push to break the German Hindenburg Line in late 1918. Tragically, he was killed on 21st September 1918, only a short time before the end of the war. He has no known grave. To date, he remains Herefordshire's only county-born Victoria Cross winner. There are memorials for him in both Whitney and Brilley church yards; the one in Whitney on the side of the church is in wood and was hand-carved by his father. To coincide with the 100th anniversary of his death, the **A L Lewis VC Memorial Fund** has been set up. The group is working with the support of Herefordshire County Council to honour this Herefordshire hero and to also commemorate all those who died in the conflict. The aim is to commission a life-size bronze statue of Allan to be located in a prominent position in Hereford. The artist will be Jemma Pearson, who sculpted the statue of Elgar which stands in the Cathedral grounds.

The design will not be martial or triumphal, but will show Allan in his soldier's uniform with a smile on his face, looking upwards in anticipation of a better future; a future that evaded him and many others. To make this a reality, the Memorial Fund has been set up and is actively seeking your support. If you would like to help, donations can be made as follows:

1. Online via the *JustGiving* page

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Hi. I'm Ken, some of you may know I am your local garden/fencing contractor (Genesis) – or you may have seen my van around. On Tuesday September 19th I was working for a lovely couple in the village, carrying out a hedge reduction 10 feet up a ladder until I fell off... backwards. An ambulance journey and a CT scan confirmed that the gash on my head while it bled profusely was superficial, my thumb was broken but of more concern was the news that I had severely damaged T12 and other damage to my spine, in short I had broken my back, but praise God everything appeared to be working. Then on Sunday after 6 days flat on my back waiting for a bed in the QE Birmingham, the news came, that a bed was available, however the thought of a land ambulance transfer filled me with dread, the 3 hourly log rolls to check for bed sores were bad enough, miracle number two I was air lifted to the QE by helicopter. After several false starts finally 3 days later I underwent a 7 hour operation to 'pin' my spine, two 9 inch metal rods inserted down the side of my spine then screwed and plated into place. In addition to the surgery there were the side effects, firstly severe hiccups every few seconds 24/7 and more distressingly because of not eating or moving plus the large amounts of morphine the bowel went to sleep, forget all the adverts on TV about bloating, however after 3 Goat curries and other medical intervention I'll just say everything started to work again. One week later I was transferred back to Hereford to learn to walk again and remarkably a few days later returned home. All less than 3 weeks after the fall.

I must say I have been blessed by all my visitors while in Birmingham, Hereford and since returning home, I'd like to say a big thank you for all the prayers, thoughts, enquires, cards and presents, particularly the chocolates and beers. I look forward to continuing to be a member of the Community Association, plus can I encourage you to support the local air ambulance, as I have found out you never know when you may need them.

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A SHOT OF WHISKEY - In the old west a .45 cartridge for a six-gun cost 12 cents, so did a glass of whiskey. If a cowhand was low on cash he would often give the bartender a cartridge in exchange for a drink. This became known as a "shot" of whiskey.

BUYING THE FARM - This is synonymous with dying. During WW1 soldiers were given life insurance policies worth \$5,000. This was about the price of an average farm so if you died you "bought the farm" for your survivors.

IRON CLAD CONTRACT - This came about from the ironclad ships of the Civil War. It meant something so strong it could not be broken.

RIFF RAFF - The Mississippi River was the main way of traveling from north to south. Riverboats carried passengers and freight but they were expensive so most people used rafts. Everything had the right of way over rafts which were considered cheap. The steering oar on the rafts was called a "riff" and this transposed into riff-raff, meaning low class.

COBWEB - The Old English word for "spider" was "cob".

SHIP STATE ROOMS - Traveling by steamboat was considered the height of comfort. Passenger cabins on the boats were not numbered. Instead they were named after states. To this day cabins on ships are called staterooms.

SLEEP TIGHT - Early beds were made with a wooden frame. Ropes were tied across the frame in a crisscross pattern. A straw mattress was then put on top of the ropes. Over time the ropes stretched, causing the bed to sag.

The owner would then tighten the ropes to get a better night's sleep.

SHOWBOAT - These were floating theaters built on a barge that was pushed by a steamboat. These played small town along the Mississippi River.

Unlike the boat shown in the movie "Showboat" these did not have an engine.

They were gaudy and attention grabbing which is why we say someone who is being the life of the party is "showboating".

OVER A BARREL - In the days before CPR a drowning victim would be placed face down over a barrel and the barrel would be rolled back and forth in an effort to empty the lungs of water. It was rarely effective. If you are over a barrel you are in deep trouble.

BARGE IN - Heavy freight was moved along the Mississippi in large barges pushed by steamboats. These were hard to control and would sometimes swing into piers or other boats. People would say they "barged in".

HOGWASH - Steamboats carried both people and animals. Since pigs smelled so bad they would be washed before being put on board. The mud and other filth that was washed off was considered useless "hog wash".

CURFEW - The word "curfew" comes from the French phrase "couvre-feu", which means "cover the fire". It was used to describe the time of blowing out all lamps and candles. It was later adopted into Middle English as "curfeu" which later became the modern "curfew". In the early American colonies homes had no real fireplaces so a fire was built in the center of the room. In order to make sure a fire did not get out of control during the night it was required that, by an agreed upon time, all fires would be covered with a clay pot called-a "curfew".

BARRELS OF OIL - When the first oil wells were drilled they had made no provision for storing the liquid so they used water barrels. That is why, to this day, we speak of barrels of oil rather than gallons.

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- * Do twins ever realize that one of them is unplanned?
- * What if my dog only brings back my ball because he thinks I like throwing it?
- * If poison expires, is it more poisonous or is it no longer poisonous?
- * Which letter is silent in the word "Scent," the S or the C?
- * Why is the letter W, in English, called double U? Shouldn't it be called double V?
- * Maybe oxygen is slowly killing you and it just takes 75-100 years to fully work.
- * Every time you clean something, you just make something else dirty
 - The word "swims" upside-down is still "swims".
 - Intentionally losing a game of rock, paper, scissors is just as hard as trying to win.
 - 100 years ago everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars. Today everyone has cars and only the rich own horses.
 - Your future self is watching you right now through memories.
 - The doctors that told Stephen Hawking he had two years to live in 1953 are probably dead.



A woman ran a red traffic light and crashed into a man's car. Both of their cars are demolished but amazingly neither of them was hurt. After they crawled out of their cars, the woman said, "Wow, just look at our cars! There's nothing left, but fortunately we are unhurt. This must be a sign from God that we should meet and be friends and live together in peace for the rest of our days."

The man replied, "I agree with you completely. This must be a sign from God!" The woman continued, "And look at this, here's another miracle. My car is completely demolished, but my bottle of 75 year old scotch didn't break. Surely God meant for us to drink this vintage delicacy and celebrate our good fortune." Then she handed the bottle to the man.

The man nodded his head in agreement, opened it, drank half the bottle and then handed it back to the woman. The woman took the bottle, immediately put the cap back on, and handed it back to the man. The man asks, "Aren't you having any?" She replies, "Nah. I think I'll just wait for the police."





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Sally was driving home from one of her business trips in Northern Arizona, when she saw an elderly Navajo woman walking on the side of the road. As the trip was a long and quiet one, she stopped the car and asked the Navajo woman if she would like a ride. With a word or two of thanks, she got in the car.



After resuming the journey and a bit of small talk, the Navajo woman noticed a brown bag on the seat next to Sally. "What's in the bag?" asked the old woman.

Sally looked down at the brown bag and said, "It's a bottle of wine. Got it for my husband." The Navajo woman was silent for a moment, and then speaking with the quiet wisdom of an elder said, "Good trade."

In Ireland there is a mental institution that every year picks two of its most reformed patients and questions them. If they get the questions right they are free to leave. This year the two lucky patients were Patty and Mike. They were called down to the office and left there by the orderly. They were told to wait as the doctor got their files. The doctor came out and motioned for Patty to come in for her questioning.

When Patty came into the office, she was instructed to sit in the seat across from the doctor. "Patty, you know the tradition of this institution so I imagine you know why you are here. You will be asked two questions, and if you get them right, you will be free to go. Do you understand all that you have been told?" said the doctor with a rather sly grin. Patty nodded, and the doctor began to question her. The first question was this: "Patty, if I was to poke out one of your eyes, what would happen?"

"I would be half blind of course," Patty answered without much thought.

"What would happen if I poked out the other eye?"

"I would be completely blind," said Patty knowing that she had just gotten her freedom. The doctor then sent her outside while he drew up the paperwork and accessed Mike's files. When Patty got into the waiting room however, she told Mike what the questions would be and what the correct answers were. The doctor calls in Mike and he followed the same procedure that he had with Patty.

"Mike, the first question is what would happen if I cut off your ear?" "I would be blind in one eye," he said remembering what he had been told. This received a perplexed look from the doctor but he just simply asks the other question so that he could figure out what the man was thinking. "Mike, what would happen if I cut off your other ear?"

"I would be completely blind," he answered with a smile as if he knew he had passed.

But then the doctor asked him what his reasoning was, and he said flatly, "Me hat would fall down over me eyes"

A young woman brought her fiancé home to meet her parents. After dinner, her mother told her father to find out about the young man. The father invited the fiancé to his study for a talk. "So, what are your plans?" the father asked the young man.

"I am a biblical scholar," he replied. "A biblical scholar, hmmm?" the father said. "Admirable, but what will you do to provide a nice house for my daughter to live in?"

"I will study," the young man replied, "and God will provide for us."

"And how will you buy her a beautiful engagement ring, such as she deserves?" asked the father. "I will concentrate on my studies," the young man replied. "God will provide for us." "And children?" asked the father. "How will you support children?" "Don't worry, sir, God will provide," replied the fiancé. The conversation proceeded like this, and each time the father questioned, the young idealist insisted that God would provide. Later, the mother asked, "How did it go, honey?" The father answered, "He has no job and no plans, and he thinks I'm God."

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Foxley Group Parish Council

Good Neighbours Tea Party Feedback

Foxley Group Parish Council discussed this at its general Meeting held on August 16. Useful suggestions covered many areas of interest and can be summarised as follows.

1. It was a strongly held view that we should make every effort to make the most of what currently exists within the three Parishes from social events to local tradespeople. Services such as the Oil Consortium were highly valued.
 2. Maintaining minor roads, ditches and drains were a high priority.
 3. Foxley News was seen as a useful vehicle for letting the Community know what is going on but some thought that information could be presented in a more user friendly way.
 4. More `social get togethers` like the two tea parties would be appreciated
 - 5 All supported the concept of `Good Neighbourliness` but no-one felt able to offer support as a volunteer
 6. Nobody raised objection to a reasonable increase in the Parish Precept, particularly to maintain Lengthsman coverage at its present level.
- Several of these points have been passed on to the Community Association and the Editor of Foxley News for consideration but there was general agreement that the Parish Council should be proactive in encouraging community wellbeing. Links between relevant local web sites will be explored. A more detailed Action Plan will be discussed at the next Parish Council Meeting in November, but the Chairman wishes to thank everybody for their helpful responses.

Brian Barrett Parish Clerk

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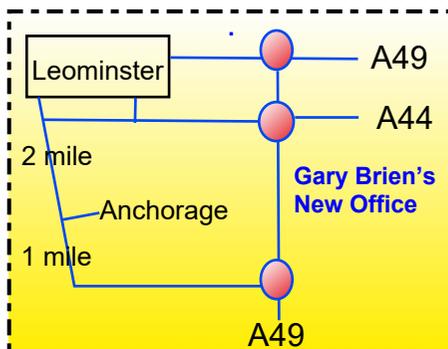
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Dear Friends,

You probably have noticed, as I have, the changes taking place in the past few years, to remove "Christ" from Christmas. The main shopping stores' Christmas adverts this year seem to have even less of the spirit of Christmas as their main message. Public Christmas displays increasingly contain less and less of the Biblical theme of Christmas. Many displays today contain absolutely nothing of religious or Biblical content. In some places even the name of the Christmas holiday was changed a few years ago to the "Sparkle Season", and "The Seasons Greetings" replaces the traditional "Happy Christmas" in many Christmas cards. The extent of this effort to remove "Christ" from Christmas was brought to my attention last year when I heard one man greet another man with the words "Merry Christmas". The man responded with the remark, "It is no longer politically correct to say "Merry Christmas". I was astounded to realise how far the world has come in its effort to remove "Christ" from Christmas. When the Saviour came into the world it says in (Luke 2: 7) "She (Mary)... laid him in a manger, because there was NO ROOM for them in the inn". There was no room for Jesus when he came 2000 years ago and there is still no room for him today. Is there "any room" in your heart and life for the Saviour?

On the positive side, each Christmas season gives occasion to emphasise anew the wonderful story of the love of God that led him to send his only begotten Son into the world. The scripture verse in the Bible (Luke 2:11), "Unto you is born... a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord", was part of the announcement of the angel of the Lord to the shepherds. It is also God's Word to every person born into this world since that time. As you read this message, think of these words as God's personal word to you. "Unto YOU is born a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord". God gave YOU a gift. Have you received Him?

With Blessings and prayers for a holy, joyful and peaceful Christmas for you all,
Rana

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 10am

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

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Creamy garlic mushrooms with white wine and cream
Duck liver pate with ginger chutney

Main courses;

Slow braised blade of beef with horseradish mash
Breast of turkey with cranberry stuffing with smoked bacon roll
Mushroom, brie and cranberry wellington with a wild mushroom sauce(V)
Served with red cabbage, cauliflower cheese and fresh vegetables
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