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# Foxley News

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

Calor Village of the Year 2008

Mansel Lacy - overall Herefordshire County Winners.







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#### **Editorial**

Sadly we report the death of Cliff Edge, on Thursday 22 May, after suffering a series of strokes. His funeral was held in the Weoblev church on Friday 30 May. His cheery presence in his Weobley shop will be missed as will all the services he provided, from Spring seeds to tools, and printing services

Congratulations to David Eckley and Brian Williams for their long services to agriculture. In their 50 years in the industry they must have seen some dramatic changes in farming. Didn't they use horses in 1958?

Our popular vicar Cliff Knight is awaiting an operation of triple proportions. We send him our best wishes and look forward to him being fully recovered.

The front page picture is of Melanie Evans' artistic metalwork in support of the Calor Village of the Year 2008 competition. It has already resulted in enquiries being made about her work., which is very pleasing.

In addition I am pleased to say that Mansel Lacy have won the Herefordshire County competition and will now go forward into the Regional competition. The corresponding Worcestershire County winners were Menithwood.

#### Editors Cal Edwards & Elaine Hillier

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# Foxley News

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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.

#### **Community Association**

The redecoration of the Community Hall and Church has been completed, at a total cost of £7,267.37. The grant aid was supplied by the National Lottery to the tune of £5,500, which was paid before the work started. £1403.12 was paid by the Herefordshire Council on completion of the work, and the remaining £364.25 was paid by the PCC and CA equally split. I am extremely grateful to the funders and record my thanks here.

In order to obtain theses grants it was necessary to fill in forms. For the Lottery 19 pages were required with additional paperwork like estimates and copies of accounts etc.

For Herefordshire Council the application form was nine pages long, plus all the extra paperwork required. It was also necessary to send in reports on completion of the work. This was done but in the case of the Herefordshire Council a Supplementary report was requested. I have reproduced it in it's entirety on page 5 so as to give the reader a flavour of the process. Incidentally, the supplementary report was accepted.

During August the churchyard drive lights have been replaced. The remaining four lights along the narrower pathway will be replaced as required. Both toilet fans, which had stopped working have been replaced. Work on the ramped entrance to the tower, which had become displaced, was repaired, thanks to David Davenport.

Our ride on mower suffered a broken left hand steering knuckle - this was replaced by John Spinks. Thanks again.

All the above work had been completed before the judges for the Calor Village of the Year competition came to see us on Tuesday 12 August. A;though cagey they appeared to be impressed. We await the results with hope. More on page 24

On Wednesday 20th August I received the first whisper that Mansel Lacy had won it's area. Letters were being written and would confirm the matter. Today it is Wednesday 20th August and I have in my hand a letter, the second paragraph of which reads:

"I am pleased to tell you that Mansel Lacy has been chosen as overall county winners and will be able to go forward to the regional competition. The Worcestershire winner (Menithwood) and runners up will be announced in the local press as soon as possible" The presentation of certificates and awards at a celebration will be held in October.

The judges feedback will be made available soon.

At the latest meeting of the Association, which was poorly attended it was agreed that the next meeting would be the Annual General Meeting, to be held Tuesday 14th October. This is an open meeting and everybody is welcome. It is a good opportunity to have your say about anything the Community Association does or perhaps doesn't do!. The Community Association is a constitutional organisation registered with the Charity Commission and therefore bound by normal rules of behaviour. So please come along at 7.30 pm Tuesday 14 October 2008

The heating problem in the Community Hall is being addressed by the introduction of warm air at floor level. This should in theory stop those cold draughts up the legs, that people have been complaining about.

The Community Access Point project has been completed by the Herefordshire Council. The CAP is now independent of council control and will decide it's own future. It is hoped that it will continue to offer help and advice to anyone who wishes to learn more about computing, printing photographs, making videos, surfing the internet etc. The broadband connection will also continue to be available although after March 2009 the CAP will have to pay £240 per annum for the service.

Do come to the Duck race on Friday 12 September. It will start at 6.30 pm along Brookside and promises to be a lot of fun. The course is longer this time so the excitement prolonged. Following the race come to the Community Hall and sample some excellent puddings and, buy the recipes. We'll be doing Hot Dogs too.

Cal.

#### A letter to a friend

The other day a young person asked me how I felt about being old. I was taken aback, for I do not think of myself as old. Upon seeing my reaction, she was immediately embarrassed, but I explained that it was an interesting question, and I would ponder it, and let her know.

Old Age, I decided, is a gift.

I am now, probably for the first time in my life, the person I have always wanted to be. Oh, not my body! I sometime despair over my body, the wrinkles, the baggy eyes, and the sagging butt. And often I am taken aback by that old person that lives in my mirror (who looks like my mother!), but I don't agonise over those things for long.

I would never trade my amazing friends, my wonderful life, my loving family for less grey hair or a flatter belly. As I've aged, I've become more kind, and less critical of myself. I've become my own friend. I don't chide myself for eating that extra cookie, or for not making my bed, or for buying that silly cement gecko that I didn't need, but looks so avante garde on my patio. I am entitled to a treat, to be messy, to be extravagant.

I have seen too many dear friends leave this world too soon; before they understood the great freedom that comes with ageing. Whose business is it if I choose to read or play on the computer until 4 am and sleep until noon?.

I will dance with myself to those wonderful tunes of the 60 & 70's and if I at the same time, wish to weep over a lost love....I will.

I will walk the beach in a swim suit that is stretched over a bulging body, and will dive into the waves with abandon if I choose to, despite the pitying glances from the jet set.

They too will get old. I know I am sometimes forgetful. But there again, some of life is just as well forgotten. And I eventually remember the important things. Sure, over the years my heart has been broken. How can your heart not break when you lose a loved one, or when a child suffers, or even when somebody's beloved pet gets hit by a car? But broken hearts are what gives us strength and understanding and compassion. A heart never broken is pristine and sterile and will never know the joy of being imperfect.

I am so blessed to have lived long enough to have my youthful laughs be forever etched into deep grooves on my face. So many have never laughed, and so many have died before their hair could turn silver.

As you get older, it is easier to be positive. You care less about what other people think. I don't question myself anymore. I've even earned the right to be wrong.

So to answer your question, I like being old. It has set me free. I like the person I have become. I am not going to live forever, but while I am still here, I will not waste time lamenting what could have been, or worrying about what will be. And I shall eat dessert every single day (If I feel like it).

May our friendship never come apart especially when it's straight from the heart. May you always have a rainbow of smiles on your face and in your heart forever and forever! Friends forever!

#### St. Michael's Mansel Lacy Community Association

## Supplementary end of grant report To Herefordshire Council

The ten extra persons now using the facilities in the Community Hall since it's refurbishment include

An It course tutored by Clare O'Grady (HVA) with eight students Birthday party for 20 children on Saturday 12 July 2008

Hire of hall by the Red Cross organisation for an Annual General Meeting on 15 July 2008.

The 15 volunteers directly involved comprised the Community Association Committee:

Three officers as below plus Mike Potts, Jane Cox, Jackie Jones, Joyce Lewis, John Spinks, Elaine Hillier, Dave Gwynne, Viv Griffiths, Angie & Stu Deane, Vera Cole, Ann Fairhurst.

The above visited the hall during the decoration and made comments as necessary. Publishing and marketing.

The article as below will be published in the Autumn edition of the 'Foxley News' which is widely distributed within the area and is also published on the website: www.mansellacy.org.uk

#### "Community Hall Refurbishment

The redecoration of the Community Centre in Mansel Lacy church has now been completed, including the porch seating. The redecoration has been sorely needed after 11 years of use and makes a much more pleasant environment in which to pursue all the activities that have grown over the last decade. Grateful thanks are due to S C Joseph Ltd, the decorating firm. To the National Lottery for their grant of £5,500 and to the Herefordshire Council for making up the difference of £1400 at short notice, which became necessary when the first tender was withdrawn at a late stage. As the judges for the 'Village of the Year' competition are due to visit the village on 12 August 2008 it is also just in time. Many thanks to all those who helped this project to its completion"

#### Cal Edwards

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**Mansel Garden Club** - June, July, and August by Jean Loosemore We enjoyed a very successful visit to Lawton Hall Herbs in June. The weather was kind; we had a dry evening and enjoyed the enormous variety of herbs and plants all growing so healthily. Many members were tempted to add to their own herb gardens with new varieties of rosemary, thyme and sage.

On a sunny afternoon, the Hereford Cathedral gardens visit on 7<sup>th</sup> July attracted over 30 members . With Dr. Anthony Evans and Dr Henry Connor to guide us, we all spent a wonderful, informative afternoon discovering many nooks and crannies in the Bishop's, Dean's and Cloister gardens. Even those of us who have lived in Hereford for many years had much to discover. Our thanks to our knowledgeable and hard-working guides who not only guide but also maintain the gardens. Neither must we forget the Cathedral tea and cake shop who helped us to round off a delightful visit.

As usual, our August meeting was a delicious barbeque held in the lovely gardens of Raymond and Sylvia Jones, our Chairman and his wife. The rain held off and much fun was had by all with good food, good company, and excellent surroundings. We all made a note of the use of a very effective weed-killer. A big 'thank you' to our kind hosts who provided shelter for us all and to our chefs - Alan and John.

#### Visit, 6.30 pm Monday, 1st. September 2008

Directions for Little Llanavon, Dorstone, HR3 6AT

Little Llanavon Farm is situated on the right hand side of the road when travelling on the B4348 from Dorstone to Peterchurch. From Mansel Lacy, cross the river on the Bredwardine Bridge and turn left towards Hereford on the B4352. After about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile turn right (known as Pentre Lane) and keep going up and over the hill to Dorstone. This lane joins the B4348 at a right angle in the main road. Turn left towards Peterchurch and Little Llanavon is about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile on the right hand side of the road. The house will be signposted with yellow 'open garden' signs and there is parking in an adjacent field. Entrance, including tea and biscuits, will be £3.00

In the 1500s lead cups were used to drink Ale or Whisky. The combination would sometimes knock the imbibers our for a couple of days. Someone would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather round and eat, drink and wait and see if they woke up. Hence the custom of holding a wake.



Duck Race and
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Hire a duck for £1
After racing eat a
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And taste some delicious
puddings at £1
Hot dogs and Puddings in
the Community Hall

#### **Lacy Ladies**

May; We visited Hereford Cathedral. Our guide was Morley Smith who gave a most interesting and informative tour of the Cathedral. The evening ended differently when we discovered 12 ladies and Morley locked inside the Cathedral, a call had to be made to come and let us out. Thank goodness for mobile phones!

June; Queenie Jones and her husband plus 3 of her Ryeland sheep visited us. Queenie told us about the history of the Ryeland sheep. They are one of the oldest breeds, having originated in the county 800 years ago. She has been keeping and breeding them for many years. They are very docile and friendly and enjoy being made a fuss of. Queenie uses some of their wool in spinning to make into knitted garments, some in peg weaving making bags, rugs and blankets. A most interesting evening.

July; By popular request we returned to the Herefordshire Golf Club, Wormsley for our Summer celebration buffet supper. A beautiful meal enjoyed by all who attended.

August: A visit to Almeley church and Bridge Farm to see stained glass work by Mrs Olive Morgan, meeting at Mansel lacy church at 6.40 pm.

September; A talk and slides by Ellie Target of her journey with her isster to retrace their father's flight to freedom from Norway to escape from the Nazis.

October: By request a return of Sasa and her owl friends.

September and October will be open meetings where guests, male and female will be very welcome, please contact me for further details on 01981 590638

Joyce Lewis

.Light travels faster than sound.

This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

#### CURTAIN RODS---- PRICELESS

She spent the first day packing her belongings into boxes, crates and suitcases.

On the second day, she had the movers come and collect her things.

On the third day, she sat down for the last time at their beautiful dining room table by candle-light, put on some soft background music, and feasted on a pound of shrimp, a jar of caviar, and a bottle of spring-water.

When she had finished, she went into each and every room and deposited a few half-eaten shrimp shells dipped in caviar into the hollow of the curtain rods.

She then cleaned up the kitchen and left. When the husband returned with his new girlfriend, all was bliss for the first few days.

Then slowly, the house began to smell. They tried everything; cleaning, mopping and airing the place out. Vents were checked for dead rodents and carpets were steam cleaned. Air fresheners were hung everywhere. Exterminators were brought in to set off gas canisters, during which they had to move out for a few days and in the end they even paid to replace the expensive wool carpeting. Nothing worked. People stopped coming over to visit. Repairmen refused to work in the house. The maid quit.

Finally, they could not take the stench any longer and decided to move.

A month later, even though they had cut their price in half, they could not find a buyer for their stinky house.

Word got out and eventually even the local realtors refused to return their calls.

Finally, they had to borrow a huge sum of money from the bank to purchase a new place. The ex-wife called the man and asked how things were going.

He told her the saga of the rotting house. She listened politely and said that she missed her old home terribly and would be willing to reduce her divorce settlement in exchange for getting the house back.

Knowing his ex-wife had no idea how bad the smell was, he agreed on a price that was about 1/10th of what the house had been worth, but only if she were to sign the papers that very day.

She agreed and within the hour his lawyers delivered the paperwork

A week later the man and his girlfriend stood smiling as they watched the moving company pack everything to take to their new home........

And to spite the ex-wife, they even took the the curtain rods!!!!!!

I LOVE A HAPPY ENDING, DON'T YOU?

An Introduction to

Gold Thread Embroidery

By Jean Wells Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September

7.30 pm Mansel Lacy Church Centre

All welcome - male and female

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. A nurse was on duty in the A&E when a young woman with purple hair styled into a punk rocker Mohawk, sporting a variety of tattoos, and wearing strange clothing, entered . . . It was quickly determined that the patient had acute appendicitis, so she was scheduled for an immediate operation... When she was completely disrobed on the operating table, the staff noticed that her pubic hair had been dyed green, and above it there was a tattoo that read . . . 'Keep off the grass.'

Once the surgery was completed, the surgeon wrote a short note on the patient's dressing, which read 'Sorry . . . had to mow the lawn.'

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#### Soap Box Derby

At a meeting held in the Community Hall on Wednesday 13 August the financial situation to date was discussed. The figure of £6,219.68 still awaited a couple of returns but the figures were around £1,000 less than last year. It was agreed that an interim payment be made to Homestart of £2,000

The meeting agreed that next year's event would take place on Sunday 7th June 2009, David Davenport having agreed to the same location being used.

Dave Gwynne said that he wished to stand down as Chairman, but would help on the day, as did Brian Lycett, Mike Bodkin and Brian Lewis.

The remaining committee members agreed the date of the next meeting to be on Tuesday 9th September at 7 pm.

The whole Committee thanked Dave Gwynne for his efforts over the last 7 years and wished him well with his health.

#### The Sheer Gown

A husband walks into Victoria's Secret to purchase a sheer Negligee for his wife.

He is shown several possibilities that range from \$250 to \$500 in price, the more sheer, the higher the price.

Naturally, he opts for the most see-through item, pays the \$500 and takes it home. He presents it to his wife and asks her to go upstairs, put on the gown, and model it for him. Upstairs, the wife thinks, "I have an idea, it's so sheer that it might as well be nothing. I won't put it on, but I'll do the modeling naked, return the gown tomorrow and keep the \$500 refund for myself."

She appears naked on the balcony and strikes a pose. The husband responds, "Good Grief!, You'd think for \$500, they'd at least iron it!"

He never heard the shot.

FUNERAL ON THURSDAY AT NOON. CLOSED COFFIN

#### The Sharing of Marriage

The old man placed an order for one hamburger, french fries and a drink.

He unwrapped the plain hamburger and carefully cut it in half, placing one half in front of his wife. He then carefully counted out the french fries, dividing them into two piles and neatly placed one pile in front of his wife. He then took a sip of the drink, his wife took a sip and then set the cup down between them. As he began to eat his few bites of hamburger, the people around them were looking over and whispering. Obviously they were thinking, "that poor old couple - all they can afford is one meal for the two of them". As the man began to eat his fries a young man came to the table and politely offered to buy another meal for the old couple. The man said they were just fine - they were used to sharing everything. People closer to the table noticed the little old lady hadn't eaten a bite. She just sat there watching her husband eat and occasionally taking turns to sipping the drink. Again the young man came over and begged them to let him buy them another meal . This time the old woman said, "No, thank you, we are used to sharing everything". Finally the old man finished and was wiping his face neatly with the napkin, the young man again came over to the little old lady who had yet to eat a single bite of food and asked "What is it that you are waiting for?" She answered - THE TEETH

# St George's Church Brinsop - A Sponsored Walk of 154 miles round Herefordshire, September 2008 by Raymond Jones.

Brinsop Church is still a place of worship, but, with a very small community, keeping the doors open for all who wish to enter to appreciate the history that lies within, is an ever increasing burden. The Church's history includes windows dedicated to William Wordsworth and his family, the Canopy and Reredos designed by Sir Ninian Comper,

15th century wall paintings, carvings by the famous Herefordshire School of Carvers, Francis Kilvert having visited and wrote about the Church in his diaries... and so the list continues. This is your opportunity to help to keep alive this quintessential Herefordshire Church by sponsoring Raymond Jones on his 154 mile walk round the boundary of Herefordshire which he will undertake in September.

A note from Raymond Jones - "This will be my seventh long distance trail in England. Now, in my seventieth year, this will be a challenging, but I am sure very enjoyable, walk in the county of my birth. Having been living away for forty years what better way to reawaken my love for Herefordshire whilst helping the beautiful Church of St. George's Brinsop to thrive on into this Millenium. With my wife, Sylvia, I have started the 'build up' to September by walking 100 miles across Northern Spain to Santiago de Compostela, a walk we completed in April this year."

Anyone wishing to sponsor Raymond should apply for a sponsor form on <u>r.jones1@tiscali.co.uk</u> or telephone 01981 590603

#### David Eckley & Brian Williams

David Eckley of Mansel Lacy, and Brian Williams of Hereford have each been presented with an award for 50 years of service in the agricultural industry by Lord Apsley, President of the Three Counties Agricultural Society. The presentation was made at the Three Counties Show, and was followed by a luncheon in the recipients' honour. Both David and Brian are in the employ of D J & I R Powell of Yazor Court, Yazor, David having worked on the Foxley Estate of which Yazor Court is part since he was 22, Brian having worked for the Powell family from the age of 16. They are still invaluable members of the team at Yazor Court, working together on all jobs, rain or shine. David & Ian Powell comment that not only their skill and experience, but also lifelong reliability have made the pair irreplaceable, and hope to see many years of work in them yet!

#### Extracts from 1500.

The wealthy had slate floors which would get slippery when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on the floor to keep their footing. As time wore on, they added more thresh until, when the door was opened, it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entranceway to stop this. So became 'The Threshhold' Sometimes the poor would obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could 'Bring home the bacon'. They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and 'Chew the fat'

#### Holidays in the Sun!

Willhouse showing the Patio and French window entrance



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#### About Herbs by Lucy Browne

In times past, when people were ill, the first place they looked for a cure was the hedgerow or their garden. In the days when a visit to the doctor was an expensive business, it was to the wisdom of the "old wives" (your wife, your mother or your grandmother) that people turned

These days, we have a health service free at the point of care, and good GPs available to everyone. But we all get niggling ailments which aren't enough to drive us to the doctor, or against which the mixed blessing of antibiotics aren't effective. We can still turn to the hedgerow, the garden, and our kitchen cupboards, for a variety of remedies which are effective and free. Three of the herbs that are easily grown in any garden are a treasure chest of healing powers; rosemary, sage and thyme. I'm going to tell you what to use them for and how to prepare them.

First the important bit: these herbs contain *volatile oils* that give them their therapeutic properties. These evaporate into steam - useful when you want to do a steam inhalation to breathe them in, not so useful if you want to keep them in your tea. It is therefore very important that when making a tea from these, you put a lid on the container. Most of the steam then condenses on the lid, and drips back into the tea. You need to keep it covered! You will need: A teapot. Or you can use a mug with a plate over the top. Boiling water. A tea strainer.

#### How to do it:

I have given all measurements as teaspoons (tsp) of the herb **per mug of water (PMW)** - a normal sized mug. You can use fresh or dried herbs, but use less if it's dried. Measure the herb into your teapot or mug. Pour on the required quantity of water. Cover immediately. Leave for 10 - 15 minutes (as stated), then strain into mug.

#### Rosemary (Rosmarinus officinalis)

What it does: Eases muscular aches Stimulates the circulation, especially to the head. Calms the digestion. Soothes the nerves and lifts the spirits. Alleviates headaches. Tonic, restorative and strengthening to the body and mind Stimulates hair growth.

What to use it for: Aches and pains, cold hands and feet. Headaches, especially those connected to stress or digestive problems. Indigestion or wind. Feeling sad, overwhelmed, under the weather or stressed. When you need a 'brain boost' ie. increased powers of concentration.

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How to use it: 1-2 teaspoons of the leaves pmw to make a tea. Keep it covered! Drink freely as needed. Use as a final rinse for hair. Pour a mug or two into a hot bath to ease muscular aches and the stress of a long day.

#### Caution! Do not drink during pregnancy.

Can be stimulating - see how it affects you before using late at night.

#### **Sage** (Salvia officinalis)

**What it does:** Antiseptic. Cooling. Drying. Tonic for the mind and body. Aids the digestion, calms the stomach.

What to use it for: Sore throats. Any inflammation of the mouth, gums or throat. Mouth ulcers. As a tonic when feeling weak, run down and exhausted. Decreasing production of breast milk - use when weaning your child. Decreasing sweating, night sweats, hot flushes. Cooling the body. Sage is said to impart wisdom and longevity! How to use it: 1-2 tsp pmw. Steep for 10 mins. Make slightly stronger for mouthwash or gargle. Drink up to 3 mugs a day. Can drink chilled as a cooling drink. Gargle or rinse 4 times a day.

Caution! Do not drink during pregnancy or breastfeeding (unless you are weaning). Do not take very high doses of sage.

#### Thyme (Thymus vulagaris)

What it does: Very effective expectorant and tonic for the respiratory system; it strengthens the lungs and helps get the mucous up. Is strongly antimicrobial (antibiotic) in the lungs and the gut. Antiseptic and anti-inflammatory to the skin. Helps the immune system fight infection. Soothes inflammation of the throat, mouth and skin.

What to use it for: Coughs, chest infections, chest congestion. Sore throat, throat and mouth infections (including fungal conditions such as oral thrush). Skin wounds, athlete's foot. Take during any infection!

#### How to use it:

1tsp **PMW**, steep for 10 minutes. **Keep it covered!** Drink 3 cups a day. Gargle for sore throats, in combination with Sage. Apply to skin.

Shakespeare invented the word 'assassination' and 'bump '.
Stewardesses is the longest word typed with only the left hand.
The human heart creates enough pressure when it pumps out to the body to squirt blood 30 feet.

The electric chair was invented by a dentist. Like fingerprints, everyone's tongue print is different.

#### Mansel Lacy Community Association

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Jackie Jones & John Spinks

#### Lacy Ladies

Chair - Rosa Williams Vice Chair - Vera Cole Treasurer and Social Secretary - Joyce Lewis

#### Mansel Garden Club

Chair - Raymond Jones Vice-Chair - Malcolm Ainsley Secretary - Jean Loosemore Treasurer - Peter Griffiths Social Secretary - Viv Griffiths

#### Mansel Lacy Churchyard Grass Cutters

John Spinks, Cal Edwards, Mike Jones & Robin Cox.

#### **Foxley Group Parish Council**

Chairman - David Davenport
Councillors Tom Bailey, Edgar Davies,
Mike Powell, Cal Edwards,
Eddie Williams, Morley Smith
Clerk - Rosemary Lancaster

#### Mansel Lacy P C C

Chairman - David Davenport
Vice Chairman - Morley Smith
Vicar - Rev. Clifford Knight
Rev Angie Deane
Churchwardens:
Morley Smith & Jane Cox
Secretary - Cal Edwards
Treasurer - Stuart Deane
Deanery & Synod Rep.- Brian Barrett
PCC Members - Joy Smith,
Lindy Davenport, Robin Cox
Jennifer Spinks, Jackie Jones,
Peter & Trixy Goodger
Caroline Barrett, Mike Bodkin
& Mike Wilkinson.

#### Brinsop with Wormsley P C C

Chairman - Rev Cliff Knight
Secretary - vacant
Treasurer - Mrs P Bailey
Churchwardens:Ms K Morris, vacancy
PCC Members: Mrs D Davies,
Mrs C Kingsland, Mr T Bailey,
Mr D Filsell, Mr & Mrs Spreckley,
Mrs P Reynolds & Mrs G Longford,
Mrs M Winstanley, Mrs B Mills

#### **Community Access Point**

## Flash news: Latest purchase ordered - Wii console & sports Steering Group Members:

Bettina Brien, Angie Deane, Ann Fairhurst, Jason Hartley, Mike & Joyce Potts, Gol Hartley, Barbara Stevens, Mike Jones, Richard Jones, Cal Edwards. Equipment available includes almost everything you will need to make family trees, communicate, make videos & show them, take photographs process them and play games on a big screen! Latest purchase - Nintendo Wii game Find out more - talk to the steering group.

Open each Monday evening from 7.30-9pm

#### **English National Concessionary Bus Pass**

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#### Be careful with God!

God created the donkey and said to him:- "You will be a donkey. You will work untiringly from sunrise to sunset, carrying burdens on your back. You will eat grass, you will have no intelligence and you will live 50 years."

The donkey answered: "I will be a donkey, but to live 50 years is too much. Give me only 20 years"

God granted his wish.

God created the dog and said to him: "You will guard the house of man. You will be his best Friend. You will eat the scraps that he gives you and you will live 30 years. The dog answered:

"To live 30 years is too much, give me only 15 years." God granted his wish. God created the monkey and said to him: "You will be a monkey. You will swing from branch to branch doing tricks. You will be amusing and you will live 20 years."

The monkey answered: "To live 20 years is too much, give me only 10 years." God granted his wish.

Finally God created man ... and said to him: "You will be man, the only rational creature on the face of the earth. You will use your intelligence to become master over all the animals. You will dominate the world and you will live 20 years." Man responded:

"I will be a man but to live only 20 years is very little, give me the 30 years that the donkey refused, the 15 years that the dog did not want and the 10 years the monkey refused. " God granted man's wish

And since then, man lives 20 years as a man, marries, and spends 30 years like a donkey, working and carrying all the burdens on his back. Then when his children are grown, he lives 15 years like a dog taking care of the house and eating whatever is given to him, so that when he is old, he can retire and live 10 years like a monkey, going from house to house and from one son or daughter to another doing tricks to amuse his grandchildren.

That's Life. Isn't it ??????????

#### FLICKS IN THE STICKS

# INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL ON FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER AT 7.30 PM

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I was having trouble with my computer. So I called Eric, the 11 year old next door, whose bedroom looks like Mission Control and asked him to come over. Eric clicked a couple of buttons and solved the problem.

As he was walking away, I called after him, 'So, what was wrong? He replied, 'It was an ID ten T error.' I didn't want to appear stupid, but nonetheless inquired, 'An, ID ten T error? What's that? In case I need to fix it again.' Eric grinned.... 'Haven't you ever heard of an ID ten T error before?' No,' I replied. Write it down,' he said, 'and I think you'll figure it out.'

So I wrote down: I D 1 0 T I used to like Eric......

#### The Weobley & Staunton-on-Wye Surgeries

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Once you are set up for the online facilities, booking an appointment is simple. Appointments can be made at your convenience with a doctor of your choice. A maximum of 2 appointments can be made up to 3 weeks in advance. On-line appointments are not yet available for our practice nurses and health care assistants but we expect them to be in the future.

Ordering repeat prescriptions online is done by viewing your repeat prescription list and selecting the items you need. Receiving prescription requests on-line reduces communication errors and simplifies the process for our dispensers. We will eventually be discontinuing the telephone ordering of repeat prescriptions in favour of the online ordering.

## Childcare and Family Support Childminding

Information about childminding can be found by contacting the Childminding Services
Team on 01432 261681

#### Online Children's Resource Directory

A quick and easy way to find services that support children, young people and families in Herefordshire. The directory can be accessed online at www.herefordshire.gov.uk/childrensresources If you haven't got the internet go along to your Community Access Point in the Community Hall on Monday evenings.

#### Children's Information Service Support

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#### GT Club End of Term Report

Hi everyone! 'thought you'd like to know what G.T has been up to during the last half of the summer term. Canoeing was one of the best events as I hope you can see from the photo. We also enjoyed an evening of warm sunshine orienteering on Hergest Ridge and have had some good games nights at Mansel Lacy. We are camping on the first Friday of the new term. A display of the club was set up for the best village competition. The judges were very impressed with the articles members wrote and with the activities the club is involved in! Thank you to everyone who helps to make GT such a special club. If you know anyone who would like to join us or you have a skill you would like to share, please phone Rev.Angie Deane on 01981 590615



A man went to the police station and demanded that he be allowed to speak to the man who had broken into his house the previous night. "You'll get your chance in court", said the desk sergeant. "But you don't understand", said the man. "I want to know how he got into my house without waking the wife. I've been trying to do that for years"

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#### From: The Reverend Clifford Knight

Tel 01432 760371

Dear Friends,

Some years ago now I bought a book for my wife entitled' Out of the Ordinary' - it was a book with beautiful calligraphy and meditations

I would like to share one of the meditations with you now.

'Crumb'

Crumb on the carpet

sign of a careless housewife.

crumb sign of broken bread.

Let us break bread together, in remembrance of Jesus who died for us, in remembrance of those who have now even crumbs to sustain them.

A crumb is a leftover scrap, something not needed by those who have plenty. In the story of Dives and Lazarus,, the rich man did not even realise that the poor man at his gate was longing for the crumbs that fell from his food-laden table

We have no such excuse. We do know that our brothers and sisters in the developing countries are hungry. We do know that we eat too much.

This was sad indictment of the rich. In global terms, almost every inhabitant of the first world in our day is rich, and everyone is covetous of our crumbs. In other words, we hold on not only to what we need and what we enjoy, but to the things that are superfluous to our needs an enjoyments.

But most of us can give more than crumbs . Most of us can live more simply.

Lord help us to listen when the poor are crying.

Let us be cheerful givers,

willing to share and willing to work for justice in our world.

Food for thought indeed.

Yours sincerely Clifford Knight

Normal Sunday Services as follows:

Binsop 1st Sunday in month at 9 am( Holy Communion) Mansel Lacy 1st, 2nd, 3rd Sunday 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/Viv Griffiths July - Ann Fairhurst/Jackie Jones Feb - Tammy Gwynne Aug -Geraldine Powell/Jennifer Spinks

Mar - Norma Hembrow/ Sept - Jane Cox Apr - Lindy Davenport/Vera Cole Oct - Vera Cole

May - Pam Powell/Jackie Gardner Nov - Margaret Price/ Marion Powell Jun - Sue Webb/ Caroline Winter Dec - Christmas decor All please!

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#### **Community Access Point in the Hall**

Open on Mondays from 7.30 pm to 9 pm

Committee members will be there to show you how to use the equipment Other times by arrangement.

# Calor Village of the Year displays



#### Thanks

The above display could not have been put on without the following:
Lacy Ladies, Joyce Lewis, Rosa Williams, Vera Cole and Cis Edwards
Garden Club: Raymond & Sylvia Jones and Malcolm Ainsley
Fund Raising: Jane and Robin Cox Foxley Group Parish Plan: Morley Smith
Soap Box Derby: Dave Gwynne & Barbara Stevens
Neighbourhood Watch: John and Jennifer Spinks
The GT Club: Angie Deane CAP; Tom & Barbara Stevens plus the Wii
The Community Association put on a display with help from Viv Griffiths
Paintings by Stella Hidden (Icke), & Artistic Metalwork by Melanie Evans
Farming interests: Wheat & Oil Seed Rape per David Powell
Cis provided the coffee and biscuits for which the judges were very grateful.