



Foxley News

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



*Published by CalMac/Community Association with financial
support from a Foxley Group Parish Council grant.*

Printed by Express Printing, Wellingborough

Editorial

Remember Captain Sir Tom Moore and all those others that have passed away

A big thank you to two residents of Mansel Lacy village, who regularly walk to the River Wye at Bridge Sollars; They became increasingly annoyed with the amount of rubbish on the verge and decided to take two carrier bags and their marigolds, on their return journey filled the bags with 'stuff' obviously thrown out by drivers.

I think now is a time to be optimistic, lets consider how good life is! The vaccine programme is going great guns and by May almost all those who need it will have got it . It will be great to once again meet up with our friends and have a face to face chat with a cup of coffee or other means of refreshment that we might choose.

Spring is getting close, snowdrops are out and closely followed by crocus and daffodils.

And census day is March 21 this year of 2021

Then there's an election for the next Police & Crime Commissioner in the Community Hall on Thursday May 6th.

What more is there to say

Cal

The poem on page 5 (Moles & Voles) is by Kevin Bayliss (hidden talent)

*Editor Cal Edwards
Assistant Editor Joyce Potts*

All articles, letters or other items may be subject to editorial discretion. The editors do not accept responsibility for articles printed in this magazine. Please send or deliver your copy to:-

Cal Edwards, Yew Tree Cottage, Mansel Lacy.

Tel: 01981 590625

e-mail:- calan.edwards@btinternet.com

Web-site: www.mansellacy.org.uk

Foxley News

Publication date 2020/21 Editions Copy deadline

Summer	Monday May 31	Monday May 17
August	Monday Aug 30	Monday Aug 16
Winter	Monday Nov 29	Monday Nov 15

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

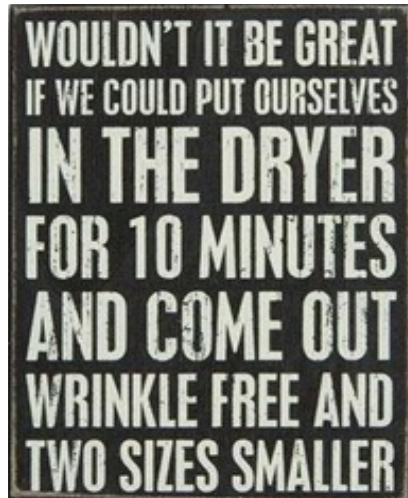
Chairman's Report

Dear Members, friends, and readers.

Firstly, I would like to express my thanks to all those involved in the tremendous work that is being done by the emergency services during this exceedingly difficult time, and those involved in the care of others, we are lucky we have people that care and those who keep working in difficult and stressful conditions, and to those who have been affected by this terrible pandemic our thoughts are with you. As your local Community Association, we are looking forward to a time when we can plan and work to engaging in social activities to the benefit of our community, we may be a small parish in numbers but we have over the years held very many successful events and our hope is that we will continue to do so. Due to the lock down we have not been able to meet as a committee and our AGM in October was cancelled, at the first opportunity we hope to call an AGM when you will be more than welcome to attend and join us in our endeavours, I know we have a number of new members to our parish so I would like through the magazine to wish them welcome, I am sure their choice to live in this part of Herefordshire will prove to be the right move.

If anyone has any views or would like to be involved with us please feel free to contact me, finally I wish everyone our absolute best wishes for 2021 so take care and stay safe.

Dave Gwynne



During the middle ages they celebrated the end of the plague with wine and orgies !

Does anyone know if they have anything like that planned when this one is over ?

Mansel Garden Club

To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the inauguration of the Garden Club which Covid-19 stopped us from doing last year, we have planted a Tree, an Acer- "Little Princess" in the churchyard near the double gate entrance. Later in the year we are hoping to have a party at Brinsop Court to celebrate both the Garden Club and the Community Association's 25 years of existence.

Mansel Garden Club

Life changed so very quickly, all the things we took for granted suddenly did not happen, now if you are lucky an outing to the supermarket/garden centre, is something to actually dress up for, and look forward to, that is if you are not 'locked down' at home. When lock down ends and we are once again allowed to visit gardens in the area, it will be a very joyful time for members. We will be happy to have new members, we are a friendly bunch, always enjoy a chat, not always about gardening, come along, give us a try. Details when we do start again will be in Hereford Times Village Section. February has already blown in some very variable weather, the sun is out today, and the birds are singing very loudly, snowdrops in bloom, daffodils peeping through, shrubs are budding, I am awaiting my first camellia bloom, this happens when the temperature is right, nature is so clever, and whatever happens it stays in control, as this little virus seems to be proving.

In the storm last week, I took a walk to see the Yazor Brook, on our land, in flood, wearing my shiny new black hunter wellingtons, I walked away from the brook, a very tiny way through water, only to suddenly be at the top of my wellies in water and sinking mud, stuck. Vanity kicked in with my new purchase, they were so comfortable, but I had to use a jack to get them off, but this was not now an option, I had not told anyone where I had gone, typically my phone was out of battery. Eventually after much shifting, glugging of mud, and nearly falling over, my wellingtons lifted out of the mud, I was free. My vision of being stuck in the field for many hours quickly disappeared, but I wonder when would the other half have noticed I was missing, it could have been a very long wait. Happy gardening everybody and keep away from flooded brooks.

Pam Powell



Lacy Ladies & Gentlemen in suspension

Unfortunately we are still not up and running. As soon as we can safely all get together again talks will be rebooked and the kettle will be on.

Until then stay safe

Angela

The mole or vole
Down in his hole,
Cannot foresee its fate.
Above the ground,
Within one bound,
Mestophiles does wait.



Time stops for him.
Twas not a whim
That brought him to this post.
Food for the day,
Or toys for play,
Whatever suits him most.



He'll wait for hours
Amongst the flowers,
Preparing for that leap.
A sunny day,
Thoughts drift away,
And soon he's fast asleep.

The four Goldberg brothers, Lowell, Norman, Hiram, and Max, invented and developed the first automobile air-conditioner.

On July 17, 1946, the temperature in Detroit was 97 degrees. The four brothers walked into old man Henry Ford's office and sweet-talked his secretary into telling him that four gentlemen were there with the most exciting innovation in the auto industry since the electric starter.

Henry was curious and invited them into his office.

They refused and instead asked that he come out to the parking lot to their car. They persuaded him to get into the car, which was about 130 degrees, turned on the air conditioner, and cooled the car off immediately.

Old Henry got very excited and invited them back to the office, where he offered them \$3 million for the patent.

The brothers refused, saying they would settle for \$2 million, but they wanted the recognition by having a label, 'The Goldberg Air-Conditioner' on the dashboard of each car in which it was installed.

Now old man Ford was more than just a little anti-Jewish, and there was no way he was going to put the Goldberg's name on two million Fords.

They haggled back and forth for about two hours and finally agreed on \$4 million and that just their first names would be shown. And still to this day, all Ford air conditioners show Low, Norm, Hi, and Max - on the controls.

Richard Ekanite

For expert Advice & Service

Oil and Solid Fuel Cookers - serviced and repaired

Woodstock Cottage, Dilwyn, Herefordshire HR4 8HS

Tel: 01544 318189 Fax: 01544 318449



St aunt on On Wye Pr eSchool

For Children aged 2-5 years

Opening times (term time only)

Mon – Fri 8.00am – 3.30pm

Tue, Wed & Fri Kids Club 3.30 – 5.30pm

Toddler Group Thursday Morning from 9.00am

For further information and to reserve your child's place Please phone

Joy on 01981 500682

“Outstanding..The children make excellent progress..are confident, happy and very well settled. They are consistently motivated to take part and are inspired to learn.”

Ofsted (Jan 2016)



Ofsted: EY4313519

www.stauntonpreschool.co.uk

Emma Bishop
Painter & Decorator
Over 20 years experience

Mobile 07827259242

E-mail emmaloxton@hotmail.co.uk

The Great Escape

The Great Escape, untouched for almost seven decades, the tunnel used in the Great Escape has finally been unearthed.



Although the Hollywood movie suggested otherwise, NO Americans were involved in the operation. Most were British, and the others were from Canada (all the tunnellers were Canadian with backgrounds in mining) Poland, New Zealand, Australia and South African. The 111 yard passage Nicknamed 'Harry' by allied prisoners was sealed by the Germans after the audacious break-out from the POW camp Stalag Luft III in Western Poland.

Despite huge interest in the subject, encouraged by the film starring Steve McQueen, the tunnel remained undisturbed over the decades because it was behind the Iron Curtain and the Soviet authorities had no interest in its significance.

But at last British archaeologists have excavated it, and discovered its remarkable secrets. Many of the bed boards which had been joined together to stop it collapsing were still in position. And the ventilation shaft, ingeniously crafted from used powdered milk containers known as Klim Tins, remained in working order. Scattered throughout the tunnel, which is 30ft below ground, were bits of old metal buckets, hammers and crowbars which were used to hollow out the route. A total of 600 prisoners worked on three tunnels at the same time. They were nicknamed Tom, Dick and Harry and were just 2 ft square for most of their length. It was on the night of March 24 and 25, 1944, that 76 Allied airmen escaped through Harry. Barely a third of the 200 prisoners many in fake German uniforms and civilian outfits and carrying false identity papers, who were meant to slip away managed to leave before the alarm was raised when escapee number 77 was spotted.



Tunnel vision: A tunnel reconstruction showing the trolley system. Only three made it back to Britain. Another 50 were executed by firing squad on the orders of Adolf Hitler, who was furious after learning of the breach of security. In all 90 boards from bunk beds, 62 tables, 34 chairs and 76 benches, as well as thousands of items including knives, spoons, forks, towels and blankets, were squirreled away by the Allied prisoners to aid the escape plan under the noses of their captors.

The site of the tunnel, recently excavated by British archaeologists. The latest dig, over three weeks in August, located the entrance to Harry, which was originally concealed under a stove in Hut 104. The team also found another tunnel, called George, whose exact position had not been charted. It was never used as the 2,000 prisoners were forced to march to other camps as the Red Army approached in January 1945. Watching the excavation was Gordie King, 91, an RAF radio operator, who was 140th in line to use Harry and therefore missed out. 'This brings back such bitter-sweet memories,' he said as he wiped away tears. 'I'm amazed by what they've found.'

Kenny Stephenson Tree Care & Garden Services



- Pruning
- Crown reductions
- Crown Raising
- Limb removal

- Tree dismantling
- Felling
- Hedge reduction
- Hedge trimming

VAT Free

Fully qualified & insured

Email. Info@kennystreecare.co.uk Mob. 07967 700774 Tel. 01568 620502



www.herefordoakbuildings.co.uk

Traditional Oak Buildings

Garages Stables

Extensions Carports

Morning Rooms Porches

We also manufacture bespoke joinery

Doors Windows

Staircases Gates Bookcases

01568 720266 / 07966 535737

Monkland Leominster HR6 9DF

Escape from WWII POW Camps

Starting in 1940, an increasing number of British and Canadian Airmen found themselves as the involuntary guests of the Third Reich, and the Crown was casting about for ways and means to facilitate their escape..

Now obviously, one of the most helpful aids to that end is a useful and accurate map, one showing not only where stuff was, but also showing the locations of 'safe houses' where a POW on-the-lam could go for food and shelter.

Paper maps had some real drawbacks -- they make a lot of noise when you open and fold them, they wear out rapidly, and if they get wet, they turn into mush.

Someone in MI-5 (similar to America's OSS) got the idea of printing escape maps on silk. It's durable, can be scrunched-up into tiny wads and, unfolded as many times as needed and, makes no noise whatsoever.

At that time, there was only one manufacturer in Great Britain that had perfected the technology of printing on silk, and that was John Waddington Ltd. When approached by the government, the firm was only too happy to do its bit for the war effort.

By pure coincidence, Waddington was also the U.K. Licensee for the popular American board game Monopoly. As it happened, 'games and pastimes' was a category of item qualified for insertion into 'CARE packages', dispatched by the International Red Cross to prisoners of war.

Under the strictest of secrecy, in a securely guarded and inaccessible old workshop on the grounds of Waddington's, a group of sworn-to-secrecy employees began mass-producing escape maps, keyed to each region of Germany, Italy, and France or wherever Allied POW camps were located. When processed, these maps could be folded into such tiny dots that they would actually fit inside a Monopoly playing piece.

As long as they were at it, the clever workmen at Waddington's also managed to add:

1. A playing token, containing a small magnetic compass
2. A two-part metal file that could easily be screwed together
3. Useful amounts of genuine high-denomination German, Italian, and French currency, hidden within the piles of Monopoly money!

British and American air crews were advised, before taking off on their first mission, how to identify a 'rigged' Monopoly set -- by means of a tiny red dot, one cleverly rigged to look like an ordinary printing glitch, located in the corner of the Free Parking square.

Of the estimated 35,000 Allied POWS who successfully escaped, an estimated one-third were aided in their flight by the rigged Monopoly sets. Everyone who did so was sworn to secrecy indefinitely, since the British Government might want to use this highly successful ruse in still another, future war.

The story wasn't declassified until 2007, when the surviving craftsmen from Waddington's, as well as the firm itself, were finally honoured in a public ceremony.

It's always nice when you can play that 'Get Out of Jail Free' card!

Some of you are (probably) too young to have any personal connection to WWII (Sep. '39 to Aug. '45), but this is still an interesting bit of history for everyone to know.

I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle. -- Winston Churchill

The inherent vice of capitalism is the unequal sharing of the blessings. The inherent blessing of socialism is the equal sharing of misery.-- Winston Churchill

We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office.-- Aesop

A government big enough to give you everything you want, is strong enough to take everything you have.-- Thomas Jefferson

Talk is cheap, except when parliament does it.-- Anonymous

Firewood for Sale

Please contact

Foxley Estate Office

on

01981 590 224



*Herefordshire
Headway*

Headway House
Trenchard Avenue
Credenhill

The next four Coffee Mornings
are on

Not on at the moment but keep
watching 'cos we will be back
Between 10.30 and 12 noon.
join us for a chat. All Welcome



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



Woodburners & Multi-fuel Stoves

Oak Tree Stoves

Plumbing & Heating

showroom 01981-590454 mobile 07891-433534

www.oaktreestoves.co.uk





We are the pandemic from which the earth is suffering. We, who have valued human life above all other. We, who by avarice and self-centredness have desecrated earth's perfection, plundered her life-giving bounty and turned it into life-taking plastic. A cull is long overdue. Yet we would not be culled. Our ego ingenuity makes us more pernicious than the most pernicious virus.

If 2020 taught us anything it was that our economy has built nothing but inconsequentialities. We value feeling safe above being safe and so delude ourselves with things and entertainment, fiddling while earth burns on the bonfire of our ego-desires.

Now is not the time to strive for the restoration of what masqueraded as 'normal'. We have to turn our ingenuity toward finding a new normal, one that will restore the earth and mankind.

Brian Holly- Weobley

Hug

There's something in a simple hug that always warms the heart;
 It welcomes us back home and makes it easier to part,
 A hug's a way to share the joy and sad times we go through,
 or just a way for friends to say they like you 'cos you're you',
 Hugs are meant for anyone for whom we really care,
 From your Grandma to your neighbour, or a cuddly teddy bear,
 A hug is an amazing thing - it's just the perfect way
 To show the love we're feeling but can't find the words to say,
 It's funny how a little hug makes everyone feel good
 In every place and language. It's always understood
 And hugs don't need new equipment, special batteries or parts-
 Just open up your arms and open up your hearts.

KILN DRIED LOGS



100% British hardwood

Below 20% moisture content, maximum heat output

FREE crane delivery within 40 mile radius, 1hr time slots

Multi bag discounts & community buy scheme

Tel: 01981 251796
local.certainlywood.co.uk



Firewood Scheme to Help Local People

Herefordshire-based Certainly Wood has been working with a small community group near Ludlow to help them save money on firewood thanks to its Community Buy Scheme. Ludlow resident, Graham Edwards, rallied his local community and got 20 people on board, to make a staggering saving of £1,800. By clubbing together, the group were able to place a large, bulk order on kiln dried logs, which was then divided up between everyone, resulting in huge savings. What's more, Certainly Wood then delivered the logs directly to everyone participating.



A COMPLETE, BESPOKE TREE SURGERY SERVICE

Highly qualified, fully insured staff

Pruning fruit trees • Felling • Crown reduction
• Site clearance • Tree surveys • Consultancy •
FREE, NO OBLIGATION SITE VISIT

Please contact the team on: 01981 251114 or
07966 178884 | www.woodcuttreesurgery.com

Tillington Village Stores & Post Office Open

Monday to Saturday
From 7.30am til 6.30pm
Sundays from 10am til 4pm

Contact

Tel: 01432 769420

E-mail

heather.holmes4
@btinternet.com

One dark night outside a small town in Saskatchewan , a fire started inside the local sausage plant and in a blink it exploded into massive flames. The alarm went out to all the fire departments from miles around. When the volunteer fire fighters appeared on the scene, the sausage company president rushed to the fire chief and said, 'All of our secret formulas are in the vault in the center of the plant. They must be saved and I will give \$50,000 to the fire department that brings them out intact.' But the roaring flames held the firefighters off. Soon more fire departments from surrounding towns had to be called in as the situation became desperate. As the firemen arrived, the president shouted out that the offer was now \$100,000 to the fire department who could bring out the company's secret files. From a distance, a lone siren was heard as another fire truck came into sight. It was the nearby Melville rural township volunteer fire department composed mainly of Ukrainians over the age of 65. To everyone's amazement, the little run-down fire engine, operated by these Ukrainians, passed all the newer sleek engines parked outside the plant and drove straight into the middle of the inferno.

Outside, the other firemen watched as the Ukrainian old timers jumped off and began to fight the fire with a performance and effort never seen before. Within a short time, the Melville old-timers had extinguished the fire and saved the secret formulas.

The grateful sausage company president joyfully announced that for such a superhuman feat he was upping the reward to \$200,000, and walked over to personally thank each of the brave, though elderly, Ukrainian firefighters. The local TV news reporters rushed in after capturing the event on film asking, 'What are you going to do with all that money?' 'Vell,' said Nick Sputski, the 70-year-old fire chief,

'.....da furst thing vee gonna do is fix da brakes on dat focking truck.'

A man walks out to the street and catches a taxi just going by. He gets into the taxi, and the cabbie says, "Perfect timing. You're just like Frank. Passenger: "Who?

Cabbie: "Frank Feldman.. He's a guy who did everything right all the time. Like my coming along when you needed a cab, things happened like that to Frank Feldman every single time." Passenger: "There are always a few clouds over everybody

Cabbie: "Not Frank Feldman.He was a terrific athlete. He could have won the Grand-Slam at tennis. He could golf with the pros. He sang like an opera baritone and danced like a Broadway star and you should have heard him play the piano. He was an amazing guy.

Passenger: "Sounds like he was something really special."

Cabbie: "There's more. He had a memory like a computer. He remembered everybody's birthday. He knew all about wine, which foods to order and which fork to eat them with. He could fix anything. Not like me. I change a fuse, and the whole street blacks out. But Frank Feldman could do everything right." Passenger: "Wow, some guy then." Cabbie: "He always knew the quickest way to go in traffic and avoid traffic jams. Not like me, I always seem to get stuck in them. But Frank, he never made a mistake, and he really knew how to treat a woman and make her feel good. He would never answer her back even if she was in the wrong; and his clothing was always immaculate, shoes highly polished too. He was the perfect man! He never made a mistake. No one could ever measure up to Frank Feldman."

Passenger: "An amazing fellow. How did you meet him?" Cabbie: "Well, I never actually met Frank, He died and I married his dang widow."

Don't part with any of your personal information, bank cards, money or valuables.

Remember:

Criminals may be calling.

Suspect anyone you don't know, regardless of who they claim to be.

Answer 'NO' to any personal questions.

Don't part with any of your personal information or money. Remember, the police and your bank would NEVER ask for such details as your PIN or account numbers over the phone.

Leave the conversation.

If you are suspicious or feel uncomfortable with the caller's questions, then end the call.

Let us know.

If in doubt hang up and wait 10 minutes.

Then report to Action Fraud (0300 123 30 40 or www.actionfraud.police.uk) or the police (101)*.

*Report to the police if the crime is still happening, the suspect is in the local area or if you are vulnerable and unable to contact Action Fraud.

Please use this sticker on your phone as a reminder to CALL

A genuine caller will never ask to:

- ✗ send a courier to collect cash, bank cards, or valuables
- ✗ ask for your PIN
- ✗ ask you to withdraw or transfer money

If in doubt hang up and wait 10 minutes, then report to Action Fraud (0300 123 30 40 or www.actionfraud.police.uk) or the police (101).



www.westmercia.police.uk

Sew It Felt Right

Lovely hand made gifts and decorations.

10% discount for Foxley News residents



Find all these and much more on the website

<http://www.etsy.com/uk/shop/SewItFeltRight>

Apply code Fox123 for 10% discount. See website for info including contact details.

Alternatively call Cheryl on 0787 900 3747

So I decided to write about something we see being destroyed more and more, but something that is probably one of the most important natural structures in our environment. The beautiful Hedgerow. They have been around since our pioneering bronze age farmers and were embraced by the Romans. They increased as natural borders up until the 18C. They would of been straight but with a curve at one end to allow the team of oxen to turn around. After WW II the government saw a dramatic reduction in the number of integral hedgerows. In some cases 50% were destroyed. This was mainly to make space for larger vehicles of post war agriculture. We have left only around 450,000 km in the UK. This is constantly being reduced. Hedgerows are vital for habitat, food, soil erosion prevention and wind barriers. A number of insects, amphibians, mammals and birds utilise and rely on them. They help protect Dormice and Hedgehogs while they hibernate. They protect Newts, Frogs and Toads which live in them most of the year and only go to ponds during spring and summer to reproduce. Certain species like Bumblebees and Bat's especially the Greater Horseshoe bat use them to navigate. They provide cover for nesting and roosting birds as well as mice and other mammals. They are a corridor which allows wildlife to move around safely without getting predated. Hedgerows are also a vital food source with their array of plant life and if left to flower help our pollinators with their rich nectar. Over the year they provide natural foraging with berries and nuts. For farmers they create natural barriers that prevent water run offs from their fields so the ground is less to dry out. The diverse range of plant life within an old hedge can also help with climate change by storing carbon in its vegetation. However these important and historic structures are under threat. Many are protected by law but activity around them is having a huge impact. Constantly being savagely cut low every year can have a huge impact on bird populations and hedgerow health. They can be left up to 4 yrs before being tidied up as you might see on the way to Bromyard with their lovely high hedges which give a mass of white flowers every year. Most hedges you never see flower and all that potential nectar unused. Contamination from pesticides which not only affect the plants but also the insects and anything that feeds on either. Only 41% of hedgerows are in a favourable condition, most are too short, too thin or just in poor condition. Nitrogen fertiliser is having an increasingly distressing effect on the soils natural balance as it reduces organic matter which is obviously all the goodness within the soil that everything lives off. This has a detrimental effect on hedgerows, any woodlands close to where it's used and so the wildlife that live there. There are many brilliant farmers that are working to protect their hedges, relaying them and expanding them. But unfortunately there are many others and construction companies that are also happily ripping them out. They are also becoming collectors of all our plastic litter that's in our environment and this can also have a detrimental effect on our wildlife. On a good note the best way to manage a hedge to keep it healthy is to lay it. Driving around Herefordshire I have seen this a lot on my travels. But I do think a lot more can be done to help and protect these beautiful and incredible wildlife homes.

Angela

Fast, Reliable, Affordable.



Knowledgeable, Enthusiastic,
Resourceful, Innovative, Principled.

01544 230364 – Mayclothling.com

Outstanding Personal Service in all aspects of Waste Management.

Our experienced and friendly staff of engineers, estimators and consultants can provide technical advice and support.

Is your system not performing as it should, is it causing issues to you and your environment? We have an experienced consultant that can attend your property to help diagnose your issue and offer advice and recommendations.

Save on your empty...

Empty of your system + one neighbour = **saving of £15 each**

Empty of your system + two neighbours = **a saving of £20 each**

Empty of your system + three neighbours = **a saving of £25 each**

Empty of your system + 4 or more neighbours = **a saving of £30 each**

Emptying your Septic Tank waste...

It's what we do.

Septic Tank Emptying, High Pressure Water Jetting, Drain Cleaning and Unblocking, Drain Repairs, CCTV Drain Surveys, Home Buyers Survey, Sewage System Design and Installation, Pump Sales and Servicing



*Mansel Lacy
Community Association*

*Chairman - Dave Gwynne
Vice Chairman - Sue Hallett
Secretary - Mike & Joyce Potts
Treasurer - Mike Jones
Membership Registrar -
Hall Booking Agent - Cal Edwards
Committee Members - Vera Cole,
Angie Deane, Ann Fairhurst,
Stuart Deane, Joyce Lewis
Rosa Williams, Rob Hallett
Sue Rawlinson, Kevin Baylis
Jacky Jones, Fiona Harwood,
Ken King,
David & Angela Starling,*

Lacy Ladies & Gentlemen

*Chair - Rosa Williams
Vice Chair - Vera Cole
Treas. and Social Sec. - Angela Starling*

Mansel Garden Club

*Chairman - Cal Edwards
Vice Chairman - Tom Fitch
Secretary - Visits
Secretary - Speakers Sue Carpenter
Treasurer - Pat Astley
Social Secretary - Pam Powell
Draw organiser Jan Kersley
Supernumery Peter Griffiths*

Foxley Group Parish Council

*Chairman -
Vice Chairman - Cal Edwards
Councillors - David Davenport
Andrew Davies, David Gwynne,
Alan Powell, Sue Hallett, Mark Mangan
Clerk - Rob Hallett*

Mansel Lacy PCC

*Chair - Rev.Rana Davies-James
Vice Chairman - Rev. A Deane
Churchwarden: Stuart Deane
Secretary Cal Edwards
Treasurer - Stuart Deane
Deanery Synod Rep.-
Rev. Rana Davies-James
PCC Members :-
Joyce Lewis,Vera Cole,
Rosa Williams, Sue Hallett.*

Brinsop with Wormsley P C C

*Chair - Rev Rana Davies James
Vice Chair - James Spreckley
Secretary - P e t e r B a i n e s
Treasurer - Jane Simons
Churchwarden:- Katrina Morris,
PCC Members: Brenda Mills
Connie Kingsland, D Filsell,
Anna Spreckley*

Mansel Lacy

*Churchyard Grass Cutters
Cal Edwards, Mike Jones,
Angela & David Starling*

Other information you might find useful as a welcome to the village

Nearest Doctors surgery is at Weobley 01544 318472

Next door is a Dentist 01544 318166

In emergencies dial 111 and ask for Taurus Health Care

And the Hereford Hospital number is 01243 355444

A vet's number 01432

*Your local County Councillor is called Michael Jones and you can contact
him via the Herefordshire Council switchboard 01432 260000 or on
www.Herefordshire.org.uk*

*Rubbish bins get emptied every week Black bins one week and Green bins
alternate weeks*

Arguing with a woman is like
reading the Software License
agreement.



In the end you have to ignore
everything and click "I agree".

SHARED ON I'M NOT RIGHT IN THE HEAD.COM

**IF A WOMAN SAYS
"FIRST OF ALL."
DURING AN ARGUMENT
RUN AWAY, BECAUSE
SHE HAS PREPARED
RESEARCH, DATA, CHARTS,
AND WILL DESTROY YOU.**

NEVER MAKE A WOMAN MAD.
THEY CAN REMEMBER STUFF
THAT HASN'T EVEN
HAPPENED YET.

SHARED ON I'M NOT RIGHT IN THE HEAD.COM

Foxley Group Parish Council

Unfortunately, the February meeting of the Parish Council had to be cancelled due to Coronavirus. Any decisions that needed to be taken were however addressed online and so there has been no short-term detriment to the functioning of the Council. It is however hoped that with the situation improving steadily, thanks to the vaccine roll-out. The Council will be able to meet face to face, as normal in May.

The project to clear all ditches and drains was completed just before Christmas. All planned work was carried out with the exception of the road from Brinsop Court up to Wormsley. It was not possible to include this due to the higher traffic flow along this road however, the main drain here has since been programmed for jetting by Balfour Beatty. It should be said that soon after the work was completed, on 23rd December, we did suffer flooding along the road in Mansel Lacy. This was due to a combination of heavy rain and fields that were already saturated, the consequence being that the rain simply ran straight off the fields with nothing to absorb or slow it down. The ditches and drains remained clear and moved most of the water into Yazor Brook. Unfortunately, the volume of water was simply too much for the infrastructure, hence it was temporarily overwhelmed. Once the rainfall eased the water in the road cleared fairly quickly. So, in spite of appearances, the work carried out has been effective. To completely eliminate a recurrence would mean replacing the drains through the village with larger bore pipes and this is just not practical. At the moment, it seems unlikely that there will be funding available for a repeat of such a project this coming winter. The Parish Council will therefore do what it can through its lengthsman to prepare the ditches and drains for winter 21/22.

The Parish Council has an obligation to be transparent in all its activities. Agendas, minutes of meetings, audit reports, etc. are available, via the clerk, to any resident who wishes to see them. This is not a satisfactory arrangement and as a consequence the Council has launched an exercise to set up a functioning website where all of this information will be instantly available. At present we are at the definition stage, before assessing potential providers and placing an order to do the work. It is expected that the website will be up and running by the summer, at the latest, and further updates will be given in forthcoming editions of the Foxley News

Rob Hallett. (Clerk)

Two obnoxious businessmen in a new shopping mall were sitting down for a break in their soon-to-be-new shop. As yet, the shop wasn't ready, with only a few shelves set up. One said to the other, "I bet any minute now some senior pensioner is going to walk by, put their face to the window, and ask what we're selling." No sooner were the words out of his mouth when, sure enough, a curious old woman walked to the window, had a peek, and in a soft voice asked, "What are you selling here?" One of the men replied sarcastically, "We're selling ass-holes." Without skipping a beat, the old dear said, "Must be doing well... Only two left."

Community Oil Consortium

Monthly orders are placed towards the end of each month. We now have over 65 members who benefit from buying in bulk, so that even the minimum order of 500 litres gets the best price.

If you would like to join the Community Oil consortium or would like to order please contact : Michelle Sheers on 01981 590765 or e.mail: shel.sheers@gmail.com

BARN DRIED FIREWOOD (FREE DELIVERY)



Standard & long lengths available
Sold by the pick-up load
(**ALL HARDWOOD**)

Nets of logs & kindling also
available

For a friendly, reliable service

Tel. 01981 500402

BRP Architecture Ltd.



Planning Applications
Building Regulations
Listed Building Consent
Construction Drawings
Barn Conversions
Renovations
Extensions & New Builds
Free Initial Consultation

Tel: 01544 230 471

Email: brparchitecture@gmail.com
www.brparchitectureltd.com

*For all of your TV reception requirements
:- Digital TV Aerials - Extra TV Points Fit-*

TV AERIAL + SATELLITE INSTALLATIONS

**COMPETITIVE
PRICES**

LOCAL COMPANY
Established over 20 years



(01432) 343666

HEREFORD-AERIALS.COM

www.sky-view-tv.com

PCC Breakfast Club Still

**Waiting for the pig to
grow rounder and the
hens to start clucking**



We clean your oven so you don't have to
Call today to have your oven, hob,
extractor or Aga professionally cleaned

Colin Hadley contact details
Tel 01885 400337 Mob. 07817 477850
www.ovenwizards.com

From the Rev. Rana Davies-James, The Vicarage,
8 Hillside View, Credenhill HR4 7FD 01432 760443 E-mail: rana.james@virgin.net

Dear Friends,

At this stage of continued lock-down many of us are feeling low. Some will have had their Covid vaccinations and been uplifted by that - the hope we will return to normal seems tantalisingly close. But many remain feeling weary, lonely and afraid. I am sometimes asked who God is; and where is he at our time of need? The bible tells us quite a lot about him and here is a snapshot of our loving, Creator, Father God:

"I am always there for you; I am your defender; I am your rock; I am your healer; I am the beginning and the end; the Alpha and Omega; I am the strength within you; I am the one who made you uniquely you; I am the one who created the sun; moon and stars and set them in place; I am the one who made the earth and oceans and everything in them; I am the one for whom nothing is impossible; I am the one who calls you by name; I am the one who prepared work in advance for you to do; I am the one who gives light in the darkness; I am the one who will never leave or forsake you; I am the one who intercedes for you; I am the one who administers perfect justice; I am the one who provides all your needs; I am the one who forgives and takes away your sin; I am the one who reconciles you to your heavenly Father; I am the one who sends the Holy Spirit to witness, convict and cleanse; I am the source of all love, joy and peace; I am the one who upholds you with my mighty right hand; I am the one who shields and protects you; I am the one who lavishes my love on you; I am the one who never changes; I am faithful and trustworthy; I am sovereign over all things; I am the one who gives life to the full; I am Yahweh, I Am who I Am."

Because he is your heavenly Father he is very concerned about you, he will always love you and will never give up on you; even in your darkest hour he is there for you.

I hope that these words encourage you today because these words are for all of you: this is our God.

With every Blessing,

Rana

Church services have been suspended at the time of writing, and we are supported in this by Bishop Richard and Herefordshire County Council during the lock-down. But we continue to offer daily prayers at 7.00pm and a 10.00am Sunday Morning Worship livestreamed via our Facebook page. If you can manage to join us we would love to see you. Magnis Group Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/710895009243384/?ref=bookmarks>

Easter services will be decided nearer the time and will be according to the latest Covid guidelines.



Genesis Contract Services

The Garden and Fencing People

All areas of 'heavy' garden works including

Fencing, Garden Clearance

Hedge Reduction, Reshaping and Removal

Turfing, Mini Digger Works, Chain Saw Works

Shed Erection and re-felting, Small Agricultural Fencing Jobs

Fully Insured established 1999

Kenneth King Phone 01981 590 524 Mobile 07967 792239

Based in Mansel Lacy



OAK TREE FUNERAL SERVICES

Independent Family Funeral Directors

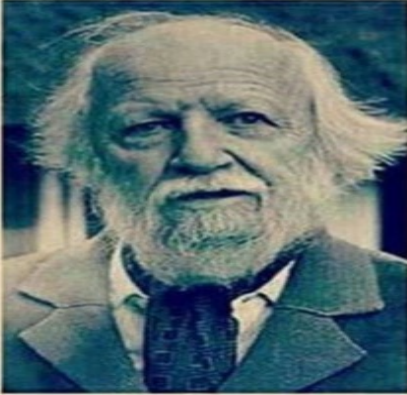
With Chapels of Rest at Kington & Leominster Cemeteries

24 Hour Contact Tel: 01544 327829

Email: oaktreefuneralservices1@gmail.com

www.oaktreefuneralservices.co.uk

**Now here's a man who
understands women.....**



**William Golding
British Novelist, Playwright & Poet
1911 --1993**

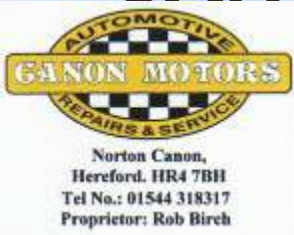
I think women are foolish to pretend they are equal to men. They are far superior and always have been. Whatever you give a woman, she will make greater. If you give her sperm, she will give you a baby. If you give her a house, she will give you a home. If you give her groceries, she will give you a meal. If you give her a smile, she will give you her heart. She multiplies and enlarges what is given to her. So, if you give her any crap, be ready to receive a ton of shit!

True !

Cheer up Spring is not far away



CANON MOTORS



(Rob Birch)
NORTON CANON
Hereford HR4 7BH



Established 1984

Car Sales
Service
Repairs
Oil & Tyres
M.O.T Tests while u wait

Hours of Business:
Mon. - Fri. 8.30am - 5.30pm
Closed on Saturdays

Payment Terms:
Cash or cheques
Credit/Debit Card

Mansel Lacy Community Hall and Church Cleaning/ Flower Rota

January - Angie Deane/Sue Rawlinson. February - Tammy Gwynne/Fiona Horwood

April - Lindy Davenport/Vera Cole May - Pam Powell/Marian Powell

June - Jennifer Spinks/Angela Starling July - Tracey Lewis/Sue Rawlinson

August - Ann Fairhurst/Jacky Jones September - Angie Deane/Sue Hallett

October - Vera Cole / Kim Williams November - Fiona Horwood/Jennifer Spinks

December - Christmas Décor All who can give time please

If you cannot do your month for any reason, please contact: Sue Hallett 590980