



# ***Foxley News***

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



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I have dedicated this edition of the Foxley News to my wife Cecily, who has been my supporter in all that I have done for just over 64 years. We celebrated our anniversary a few days before she died. Her funeral service on Wednesday 2nd September at the Crematorium and at Mansel Lacy Church was attended by our family but supported by over forty friends in the churchyard. Thank you.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all those kind people who sent their good wishes to Cecily, attendance from the Carers, Physiotherapists, District nurses, Community Stroke team and Doctors who were exceptional and I offer my sincere thanks to all of them. I also thank all those people who sent me over 80 condolence cards. Cal

We offer our condolences to Norma Hembrow who lost her husband Derek at around the same time. His funeral at the Crematorium on 1st September was conducted by Celebrant Mark Townsend and the Wake was at the Bay Horse.

Moving on: Having sold their houses, John & Jennifer Spinks (Apple Tree Cottage) and Brian & Caroline Barrett (The Old School) are leaving the village. I'm sure the whole village will wish them well and we will miss their huge contribution made over the years to the local community.

**The answers to the puzzles are on page 23**

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## Foxley Flyer

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Community Association nothing happed so there's nothing to say.

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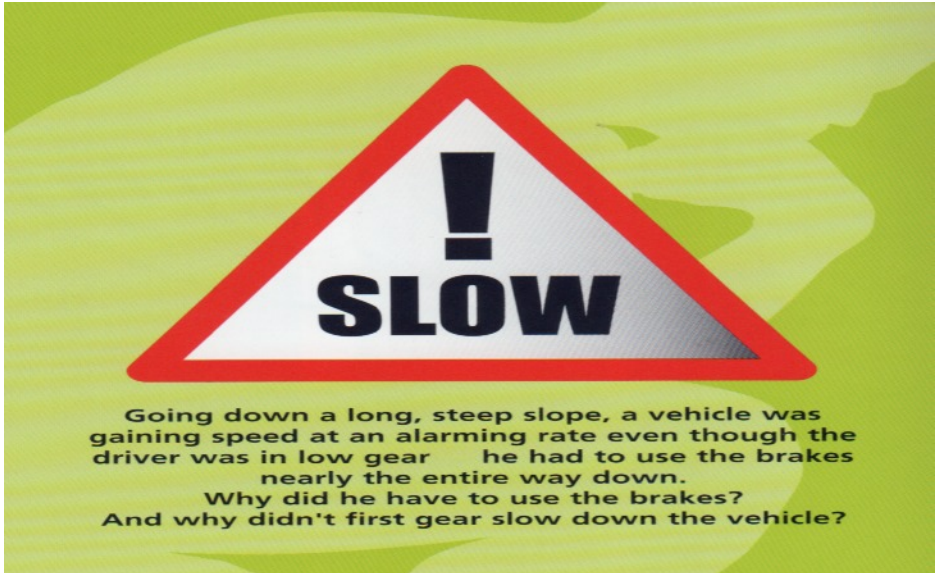
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A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six-year-olds.

After explaining the commandment to 'honour' thy Father and thy Mother, she asked, 'Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?'

From the back, one little boy (the oldest of a family) answered, 'Thou shall not kill.'

## Mansel Garden Club nothing going on bar the weeds



Wonderful Philosophers of the 20<sup>th</sup> century

John Glenn - As I hurtled through space, one thought kept crossing my mind... that every part of this rocket was supplied by the lowest bidder.

Desmond Tutu - When the white missionaries came to Africa, they had the Bible, and we had the land. The missionaries said, "Let us pray" so, we closed our eyes. When we opened them. We had the bible and they had the land.

Old Italian Proverb - After the game, the king and the pawn go into the same box.

David Letterman - America is the only country where a significant proportion of the population believes that professional wrestling is real, but that the moon landings were faked.

Prince Philip - When a man opens the car door for his wife, it's either a new car or a new wife.

Spike Milligan - the best cure for seasickness is to sit under a tree.

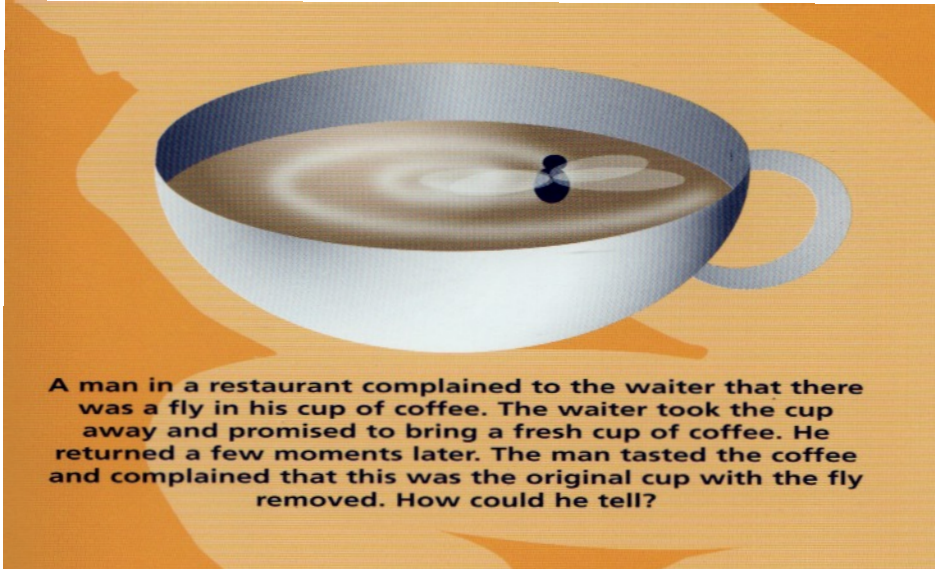
Robin Hall - Lawyers believe a person is innocent until proven broke.

George Roberts - The first piece of luggage on the carosel never belongs to anyone.

Jimmy Durante - Home cooking. That's where many a man thinks his wife is.

W H Auden - We are here on earth to do good unto others. What the others are here for I've no idea.

## Lacy Ladies & Gentlemen in suspension



The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note and posted on the apple tray: 'Take only ONE. God is watching.'

Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies.

A child had written a note, 'Take all you want. God is watching the apples....'

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, 'I'm drawing God.' The teacher paused and said, 'But no one knows what God looks like.' Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, 'They will in a minute.'

A teacher was giving a lesson on the circulation of the blood. Trying to make the matter clearer, she said, 'Now, class, if I stood on my head, the blood, as you know, would run into it, and I would turn red in the face.' Yes,' the class said.

'Then why is it that while I am standing upright in the ordinary positions the blood doesn't run into my feet?'

A little fellow shouted, 'Cause your feet ain't empty.'



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As Farmer Brown approached his neighbour's barn, he saw Farmer Jones serenading a tractor with songs and compliments. "What are you doing?" Farmer Brown demanded. Farmer Jones replied, "My wife and I have been having marital difficulties, and the marital counsellor said I needed to do something sexy to a tractor."

One night, a dieting woman made a cake for the church potluck. Temptation got the best of her, and she ate it—all of it. Embarrassed, she then made a second cake. Her husband never suspected a thing—especially since she ate a piece out of the second cake too.

A first grade teacher had twenty-five students in her Clarkston, MI class. She presented each child in her class the first half of a well known proverb and asked them to come up with the remainder of the proverb. It's hard to believe these were actually done by first graders. Their insight may surprise you. While reading, keep in mind that these are just 6-year-olds, because the last one is classic... although sad to see it said!

1. Don't change horses..... until they stop.
2. Strike while the..... bug is close.
3. It's always darkest before..... Daylight Saving Time.
4. Never underestimate the power of..... termites.
5. You can lead a horse to water but..... how?
6. Don't bite the hand that..... looks dirty.
7. No news is..... impossible.
8. A miss is as good as a..... Mister.
9. You can't teach an old dog new..... math.
10. If you lie down with dogs, you'll..... stink in the morning.
11. Love all, trust..... me.
12. The pen is mightier than the..... pigs.
13. An idle mind is..... the best way to relax.
14. Where there's smoke there's..... pollution.
15. Happy the bride who..... gets all the presents.
16. A penny saved is..... not much.
17. Two's company, three's..... the Musketeers
18. Don't put off till tomorrow what..... you put on to go to bed.
19. Laugh and the whole world laughs  
with you, cry and..... you have to blow your nose.
20. There are none so blind as..... Stevie Wonder.
21. Children should be seen and not..... spanked or grounded.
22. If at first you don't succeed..... get new batteries.
23. You get out of something only what you..... see in the picture on the box.  
And the WINNER is... the last one...
24. Better late than..... pregnant.

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I received an e-mail on 23 May from a Brass Band Historian, by the name of Gavin Holman, who had found the notice below dated 1940. Obviously the band was active in 1938/39 but he suspected that it did not survive WW11. He asks if anybody in the area has any knowledge of the band. Still hoping that somebody can add information to the above or below.

## **Mansel Lacy & Yazor Parishes Brass Band**

Organised and taught by the Vicar of the two parishes (Rev. W. Leeming), October, 1938. No members had ever played before, and with one exception music has had to be taught from the first rudiments.

In spite of this the band played in the district Caroling Xmas 1938, after about two months' tuition.

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I'm Leaving the above in for another quarter in case somebody does remember this Brass Band, and anyway it fills a space .

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All you readers who are owners of Smartphones will understand and possibly benefit from the next bit of this story.

Just over 80% of services in the UK now use what3words, so an opportunity has arisen for the community to download the what3words app on to their phones in case they need to call 999.

You can find a full list of those services that accept what3words here: <https://what3words.com/news/emergency/three-words-for-a-faster-emergency-response>. You can also use this app to report incidents with organisations like National Grid, Network Rail and the Environmental Agency.

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## Green woodpecker (Pikos Viridus)

The largest of our 3 woodpecker species this beautifully coloured bird enriches our countryside not only with its colour but also with its amazing yaffling. I never saw this bird much until we moved here and now have one as a regular neighbour. I've spent quite some time watching a juvenile that's been finding it's feet on the ground and telegraph poles by us this summer.

As much as they are very common in South England they don't seem to like to cross water so only colonised the Isle of Wight in 1910. They first bred in Scotland in 1951 and are absent from the Isle of man.



common in South England they don't seem to like to cross water so only colonised the Isle of Wight in 1910. They first bred in Scotland in 1951 and are absent from the Isle of

man. The Green Woodpecker has larvae and eggs. In the be difficult to get they might but they will definitely winters with lots of snow on

a diet mainly of Ants their winter when the Ants can eat pine seeds and fruit struggle during hard the ground to find food.

These birds pair for life and while they are very antisocial outside of the breeding season they will live nearby and re-establish their pair bond in March through loud calls and courtship. The male will excavate their holes in soft wood or rotten trees. These holes can last 10yrs or more. They have soft weak bills unlike our other woodpeckers and can't chisel into hard wood or drum to communicate.

They will have one brood of 5-7 eggs in May. Once fledged like other birds each parent takes half the young to show them where food can be found.

The Male and Female look very similar but males will have a red moustachial stripe while the female has none or is black. Juveniles have very streaky black and white plumage.

These birds are very vocal as I'm sure most of you here have heard. Their loud laughing call is known as a yaffle. Which leads to other names they are known by. We have the Yaffle, laughing Betsy, weather cock, rain bird, wet bird, nickel, Jack eikle and the best Nicker pecker. Apparently they had the mystical ability to summon rain... Who knew!?

They do not feature prominently in our human culture but we can't forget Professor Yaffle in our beloved Bagpus! For the rest of you woodpecker cider!

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One day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head.

She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, 'Why are some of your hairs white, Mum?'

Her mother replied, 'Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white.'

The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then said, 'Mummy, how come ALL of grandma's hairs are white?'

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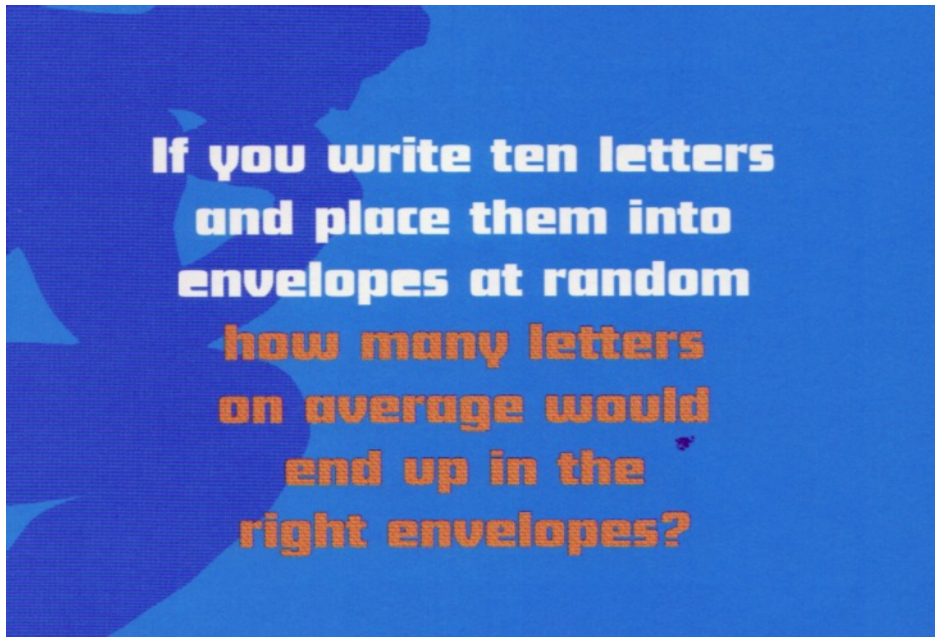
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




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## Wildflower Meadow

When we moved here in 2016 I knew I wanted a meadow. But I honestly did not think I'd have room for one. Round the back (a few of you will know) is a small patch of grass and a big mess where a patio once was. This was taken up a few years ago and the result was just left whilst we were busy elsewhere. So our main jobs this year were to put up a small conservatory, sort the fence out and just generally sort the back garden out ready for vegetables and chickens, which I've heard is a cracking combination! In March we started and the conservatory went up in no time even with our shocking measuring abilities. Result! Now in my head this was going to be surrounded with wildflowers. So I started looking into it. Seemed simple enough, the first thing was to take the grass up, patio this was had been lawn to make sure coming up. While over, most of it weeks by the time was happy I'd got out. Bad soil is wildflowers but for different types sandy. As mine I just dug it over to and left it gravelly. but I ignored that down too much in



as it used to be a easier than if it and then leave it weeds aren't I was digging it got left for 3 I'd done it all so most weed roots best for there are mixes of soils like clay or was mainly gravel bring some soil up The edges are clay and just didn't dig those areas. Once

we'd got it fairly flat I literally threw some seeds down along with some builders sand then left it. You don't have to but we did water a few times a week because it was so hot. The seeds were from a meadow company and literally cost me £20. You actually scatter it fairly thinly so a small amount goes a long way. A good meadow mix will have annuals, perennials and grasses. 4 weeks and David is asking if he can turf it yet or put decking down. I admit I was a bit worried how it was growing. 6 weeks later and we had quite a carpet of green and our first flowers. End of July we have some seed heads but apart from lots of poppies coming through it has not stopped flowering. When we sit in the conservatory it's like sitting in a painting. It's incredible and yes David stopped trying to turf it over when the first flowers came through! I won't cut it now until the end of August, and then probably by hand to cut it higher than a mower could. The cuttings need to be left over night then scooped up the next day. Weeds still come through but are easily pulled up and removed before they seed down. After that it's mowing to keep it fairly short until next March when the mowing stops again. So for now it's just sitting back and enjoying our live painting. Angie & David Starling

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### **Foxley Group Parish Council**

Like many aspects of daily life, the activities of the Parish Council have been curtailed by Covid restrictions. The Council normally meets four times a year but the recent, socially distanced, meeting on September 16th, was the first since February. During the lockdown period the Council provided a conduit for support for residents who were self-isolating, for example connecting with council services and prescription collection.

The meeting approved the annual precept for 2021/22 at £2500, which remains unchanged from the current year. The precept is paid through the council tax and residents will see their portion itemised on their annual bill. Half of this money is used to pay the Lengthsman for routine maintenance of verges, ditches and drains on our minor roads. The majority of the balance is allocated for grants to help maintain the churchyards in Brinsop and Mansel Lacy as well as a contribution to the cost of producing the Foxley News.

The Council has secured additional funding that will allow us to clear the vegetation and blockages for the ditches and drains of our minor roads. This will involve digging out the ditches and grips and jetting the culverts. This should prepare us for any heavy winter rain and work is due to take place around the end of October. This may involve some minor traffic disruption so please be patient if you come across a work site, it is in a good cause. Rob Hallett Clerk

### **Brothel Sues Local Church Over Lightning Strike**

What an interesting turn of events in Pahrump, Nevada: Diamond D's brothel began construction on an expansion of their building to increase their ever-growing business.

In response, the local Baptist Church started a campaign to block the business from expanding -- with morning, afternoon, and evening prayer sessions at their church

Work on Diamond D's progressed right up until the week before the grand re-opening when lightning struck the whorehouse and burned it to the ground! After the brothel burned to the ground by the lightning strike, the church folks were rather smug in their outlook, bragging about "the power of prayer." But late last week 'Big Jugs' Jill Diamond, the owner/madam, sued the church, the preacher and the entire congregation on the grounds that the church....."was ultimately responsible for the demise of her building and her business -- either through direct or indirect divine actions or means." In its reply to the court, the church vehemently and vociferously denied any and all responsibility or any connection to the building's demise. The crusty old judge read through the plaintiff's complaint and the defendant's reply, and at the opening hearing he commented, "I don't know how the hell I'm going to decide this case, but it appears from the paperwork, that we now have a whorehouse owner who staunchly believes in the power of prayer.... and an entire church congregation that thinks it's all bullshit."

### **Community Oil Consortium**

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From the Rev. Rana Davies-James, The Vicarage,

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Dear Friends,

*In this life you will have trouble!* That's not a very encouraging statement, is it? But when we understand that problems are normal in life, it makes it so much easier to deal with them. I used to think that if there was a problem or trouble in my life it was probably because I had done something stupid or hadn't been concentrating or I wasn't aware enough to avoid it. Then I realised that Jesus had warned us about it, *"In this life, you will have trouble"* (John 16:33). Whether we're working, relating to friends and family, trying to live healthy lives, or just minding our own business, there will be problems, because stuff happens! How we approach them will determine the effects they have on us. If we try to hide from, ignore or bury them, they will probably grow and have a worse affect than if we'd nipped them in the bud. But if we face them, give them some thought and work out a solution, they can often be overcome, and then we can have a sense of victory. And we don't have to deal with them alone, for Jesus also said, *"Take heart, for I have overcome the world"*. If that's so, then the best thing we can do is pray about our troubles. When we ask God for his wisdom and solution, he will give it to us. He will also give us his strength to cope and deal with the problem, because he is our inner strength and our strong shield of protection (Psalm 28:7)

The last six months have been very difficult for all of you, I know. But it has been good to know that the church has re-opened and I am very grateful to Stuart and Angie Deane who have been making sure the bio-security is in place for visitors and the life events that have been held there. We now hope to begin our worship in church on 11th October as our Harvest Festival. Afterwards (Covid restrictions allowing) we will have a bring-your-own picnic lunch - please bring drinks as well. Decisions about a regular pattern of worship in church have yet to be made. In the meantime we have been worshipping every Sunday at 10.00am in St Mary's Church, Credenhill and have daily evening prayers at 7.00pm online and our 10.00am Sunday worship on the Magnis Group Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/710895009243384/> for those who are able to access it.

The wedding of Richard Jones and Dharini Roula was postponed from July and has now joyfully taken place and we wish them every blessing as they begin life as a married couple!

I am sorry to hear that John and Jennifer Spinks are leaving the village to live at Weobley. They have been great supporters of our church and we will miss them immensely. We wish them every blessing as they begin life in their new home.

It has been sad to have held the funerals of Joy Smith in May and Cis Edwards more recently, which I know was a shock to many of you. Both ladies were supporters of our church in Mansel Lacy and will be greatly missed. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.* Both families have been very much in our thoughts and prayers - God bless.

Stay safe, well, and with every blessing,

Rana

Church	1st Sunday	2nd Sun	3rd Sun	4th Sun	5th Sun
Credenhill	11am Holy Communion	11am All age workshop	11am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion & Healing	10am Group Holy Communion
Brinsop & Wormsley	9.30am Holy Communion				July Brinsop
Man Lacy & Yazor		9.30am Holy Communion		9.30am Morning svce	Sept Credenhill
Kenchester		6pm Evening Prayer		6pm Evening Prayer	Dec Man Lacy
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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