

Foxley News

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



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Editorial

The Foxley News started life being called Mansel News in the Summer of 1991. It was edited by the late John McKee who lived at Brookside Cottage and was designed and printed by the late Tony Davies, who used to live at Rose Cottage, on an Amstrad PCW 851Z Mini computer. (Who remembers those?). The price was 10p and it was sold throughout the village.

There was a report of a church meeting held on July 16th chaired by Major David Davenport at which 20 people attended and were told by the Treasurer Mrs Mave Gratton that the church needed £2,500 to meet annual costs (no change there then). The annual share was £1500.. Lots of fund raising ideas were raised, one of the best being the 200 club run by Monica Barker. There was think tank formed of the late Avis Baker, Bernard Gay, John McKee and the still alive Rita Rodick.

The first edition was thin and carried no adverts, however it did report on a coffee morning organised by Cis Edwards on July 30th raising £47.63 for the empty church coffers.

The gardens of the houses at Westmoor opened on Tuesday August 13th with coffee being served by Rita Rodick at 10.30am. Proceeds went to the church.

In the second edition there was double the number of pages and it carried some adverts which helped defray the costs. After 5 editions of the Mansel News, the name changed.

The first 3 pages of the first Foxley News will be found later in this magazine on pages 13, 23 & 24. The reason the magazine changed it's name was because the Foxley Group Parish Council offered to give a grant so that the magazine could be distributed free to all houses within the Group Parish Council area , hence the change of name.

Thank you to the council for paying this years grant of £300 which along with the sale of advertisements covers the cost.

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Assistant Editor Joyce Potts*

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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

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Community Association

The origin of the Community Association is brought back to mind when looking at the start of the Foxley News or even the first 5 copies of the Mansel News, which was the start. I remember John McKee having to be persuaded to become the first editor, he seemed the obvious choice, him being a newspaper columnist. There were two of us in the village with computers at that time, I was using mine to video edit and Tony Davies with his Amstrad PCW was more than happy to publish and print the newsletter. Sadly over the years Foxley News editors have died. First there was John then Tony Davies, then the magazine was edited by Kate Gay who changed the format to A5, she died early, then Sue Patterson and Margaret Winstanley also went, Margaret not so early.. So far I'm feeling fine.

This edition is the 100th so I've increased the size by four pages and had the whole lot printed in colour. As a reminder of how things were in the early days I've scanned in 3 pages of the first edition of the Foxley News from the Winter of 1992/3 and because the old Amstrad printer was never very clear I've retyped some of the print on those pages, hope it helps.

The Barn Dance and Hog Roast which we organised to celebrate our Queen's 90th birthday went very well. It was subsidised by a grant of £1,000 from the Foxley Group Parish Council, which meant that it was free to all residents in the Foxley Parish area. The Community Association asked all entrants to join the CA for £1 which helped regulate the numbers and it also helps when applying for grants from outside bodies. The Whiffeldy band provided the music to dance to and most people had a go at barn dancing. The Roasted Pig was cooked by Chris Ogelby and the bar supplied by Jim Kenyon (Hereford City Mayor). Total income was £1,206 and expenditure was £1082.

The Summer Fete held in the 'Poplars' this year was not a resounding success, partly because of the weather, which before the day had reduced the ground to a soft sludge. The number of people attending was also down most probably due to poor weather on the day. However a decent profit was made, of about £1200, which has been split between the CA and the PCC. We put our two new marquees to the test, with ratchet tie downs onto spiral anchors and even the old marquee with some similar tie downs survived again. An application for a grant to buy a new shed and metal cage within has been submitted, results will not be known until sometime in September.

Looking forward we will be putting on a fireworks display and Bonfire, thanks to Dave Gwynne and friends on Saturday 5th November (Guy Fawkes Day), in more or less the same place as last year, follow the signs.

The Christmas lunch will again be held at Wormsley Golf Club on Sunday December 4th

It is hoped to organise a Christmas market in the churchyard again this year to benefit both the CA & PCC and to add some Christmas spirit to the village. Volunteers are needed to run the stalls so please get in touch with members of the Committee and the PCC.

Thank you to Lindy & David Davenport for hosting the "Good Neighbours" tea party, held on Thursday 25th August in Mansel House.

After 19 years in the Chair of the Association I have decided to step down at the AGM.

I still want to be deeply involved without having to do so much of the physical work.

Cal

Community Association Annual General Meeting 2016
On Monday 24 October 2016 At 7.30pm
Everyone welcome It's important that you come!!

Mansel Garden Club

On 4th July Members visited The Carpenters at Eaton Bishop the home of Alan and Christine Morris. The garden in the centre of Eaton Bishop started life as a fairly modest garden with a field housing a cow, sadly the cow died, and Alan Morris wondered what to do with the meadow. As gardeners do, he started making flowerbeds, planting hedges, digging pools, buying plants, building a summerhouse, and the meadow became a lovely garden. This was a secret garden, with so many hidden areas, unusual trees, shrubs and perennials, the colours were stunning. Members strolled through the garden on a warm summer evening, more and more amazed by the planting. Unfortunately Alan Morris was ill and unable to chat to us, but his wife very kindly still allowed us to visit, provided tea and cake, and one of Alan's gardening friends was available to answer queries about plants. A lovely way to spend a summer evening.

The August meeting, our Annual Barbeque, was held at The Old Vicarage, Norton Canon, home of Julian and Jill Gallimore, and many thanks must go to them for supplying such a beautiful venue. Members sat around the lawn, with the Church in the background, looking towards the vegetable garden, the lovely sweet peas, the Mulberry tree, with the house in the foreground, surrounded by flowerbeds and interesting shrubs and trees. Julian and Jill have lived at The Old Vicarage for sixteen years and have made many changes over that time, and have obviously been very busy, in what was supposedly their retirement home. Tom and Paula Fitch organised the Barbeque, allowing members to relax, eat and drink, and wander around the garden. They made it all look very simple but with members spread through several villages, it is quite a task co-ordinating everything. It was interesting to hear that Queen had spent time recording their music at The Old Vicarage and even bought stamps and posted letters at the post office - Mansel Garden Club must seem very quiet by comparison. If only The Old Vicarage could talk!!

Pam Powell

The next Foxley Group Parish meeting will be in the Community Hall on Wednesday 19th October 2016. At 6.30pm

***Bonfire & Fireworks Party on Saturday
November 5th 2016***

***Starting at 6.30pm in the Poplars. Entry free
but donations help to pay for the fireworks***

I know you think you understand what you thought I said, but I'm not sure that what you heard is what I actually meant!

***Cis & Cal would like to thank all those kind people who sent
cards & good wishes on the occasion of their
60th Wedding Anniversary***

Lacy Ladies

June: We were invited to visit St. Michael's Hospice, to see the new extension which was nearing completion. It is a State of the Art building with all the energy saving features. The rooms are very roomy and light and beautifully furnished; they have doors opening out onto paved areas where patients beds can be taken outside. There is a gym and therapy room. There is accommodation available for relatives if they wish to stay. The care and support of patients and relatives is excellent. The view from the building is beautiful. We thoroughly enjoyed our visit. We are very lucky to have such a place as this in our area.

Sadly one of our members Jane Cox passed away, we will all miss her very much. Our thoughts are with Robin at this sad time.

July: For our Summer Celebration lunch we again visited the Bay Horse on Kings Acre Road. We had a lovely buffet with so much to choose from, followed by a selection of delicious sweets. Tea or coffee to end our meal. We left feeling very full.

September's meeting is a talk by Maureen Williams on Hedgehog Rescue. She takes in and cares for ill and abandoned hedgehogs, large or small. This is an open meeting and everyone is welcome. Contact Joyce Lewis for information Tel: 01981 590638

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Jane Cox who died, after a terminal illness that she bore with huge courage, will be remembered for many things, all of them good. When she and Robin came to live in Westmoor Farmhouse, she immediately involved herself in the church and the community. She was a Churchwarden, played the organ and was a Trustee and Committee member of the Community Association. She organised the church cleaning and flower rota in the church and along with Robin ran the Bonus Ball fundraiser. She always had a smile and would help anyone who needed it. A very good Friend.

'Jane's Tea Party' was a beautiful going away party. R.I.P

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Of course, you know about this evil carbon dioxide that we are trying to suppress - it's that vital chemical compound that every plant requires to live and grow and to synthesize into oxygen for us humans and all animal life.

I know.....it's very disheartening to realize that all of the carbon emission savings you have accomplished while suffering the inconvenience and expense of driving Prius hybrids, buying fabric grocery bags, sitting up till midnight to finish your kids "The Green Revolution" science project, throwing out all of your non-green cleaning supplies, using only two squares of toilet paper, putting a brick in your toilet tank reservoir, selling your SUV and speedboat, vacationing at home instead of abroad, nearly getting hit every day on your bicycle, replacing all of your 50p light bulbs with £5 light bulbs well, all of those things you have done have all gone down the tubes in just four days.

The volcanic ash emitted into the Earth's atmosphere in just four days - yes, FOUR DAYS - by that volcano in Iceland has totally erased every single effort you have made to reduce the evil beast, carbon. And there are around 200 active volcanoes on the planet spewing out this crud at any one time - EVERY DAY.

I don't really want to rain on your parade too much, but I should mention that when the volcano Mt. Pinatubo erupted in the Philippines in 1991, it spewed out more greenhouse gases into the atmosphere than the entire human race had emitted in all its years on earth. Yes, folks, Mt. Pinatubo was active for over one year - think about it!!!!

Of course, I shouldn't spoil this 'touchy-feely tree-hugging' moment and mention the effect of solar and cosmic activity and the well-recognized 800-year global heating and cooling cycle, which keeps happening despite our completely insignificant efforts to affect climate change.

And I do wish I had a silver lining to this volcanic ash cloud, but the fact of the matter is that the bush fire season across the western USA and Australia this year alone will negate your efforts to reduce carbon in our world for the next two to three years. And it happens every year.

Just remember that your government just tried to impose a whopping carbon tax on you, on the basis of the bogus 'human-caused' climate-change scenario.

Hey, isn't it interesting how they don't mention 'Global Warming' anymore, but just 'Climate Change' - you know why? It's because the planet has COOLED by 0.7 degrees in the past few years and these global warming bull artists got caught with their pants down.

And, just keep in mind that you might yet have an Emissions Trading Scheme - that whopping new tax - imposed on you that will achieve absolutely nothing except make you poorer. It won't stop any volcanoes from erupting, that's for sure.



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Time is like a river. You cannot touch the water twice, because the flow that has passed will never pass again. Enjoy every moment of life. As a bagpiper, I play many gigs. Recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man. He had no family or friends, so the service was to be at a pauper's cemetery in the Nova Scotia back country. As I was not familiar with the backwoods, I got lost and, being a typical man, I didn't stop for directions.

I finally arrived an hour late and saw the funeral guy had evidently gone and the hearse was nowhere in sight. There were only the diggers and crew left and they were eating lunch. I felt badly and apologized to the men for being late.

I went to the side of the grave and looked down and the vault lid was already in place. I didn't know what else to do, so I started to play.

The workers put down their lunches and began to gather around. I played out my heart and soul for this man with no family and friends. I played like I've never played before for this homeless man. And as I played "Amazing Grace", the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept, we all wept together. When I finished, I packed up my bagpipes and started for my car. Though my head was hung low, my heart was full.

As I opened the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say, "I never seen anything like that before, and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years."

A man was walking down the street when he was approached by a particularly dirty and shabby-looking man who asked him for a couple of pounds for a meal. The man took out his wallet and took out a ten pound note and said 'If I give you this money, will you buy some beer with it instead of food?' "No, I had to stop drinking years ago" the homeless man replied. "Will you spend this on green fees at a golf course instead of food?" The man asked.

"Are you NUTS!" replied the homeless man. "I haven't played golf in 20 years!" "Well", said the man, "I'm not going to give you money. Instead, I'm going to take you home for a hot shower, clean clothes and a terrific dinner cooked by my wife." The homeless man was astounded. "Won't your wife be furious with you for doing that?" The man replied, "That's okay. It's very important for her to see what a guy looks like after he's given up drinking and golf".

Siamese twins walk into a bar in Canada and park themselves on a bar stool. One of them says to the bartender, " Don't mind us we're joined at the hip. I'm John and he's Jim. Two Canadian draft beers please". The bartender, feeling slightly awkward tries to make polite conversation while pouring the beers. "Been on holidays yet lads?". "Off to England next month," said John, " lovely country, fantastic scenery and winding roads. We rent a car and drive for mile after mile". "Why England?" said the Bartender?. "It's the only time Jim gets a chance to drive " said John.

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That's exactly how Politics works...

At a wedding ceremony, the pastor asked if anyone had anything to say concerning the union of the bride and groom. **It was their time to stand up and talk, or forever hold their peace.**

The moment of utter silence was broken by a young beautiful woman carrying a child. She started walking toward the pastor slowly. Everything quickly turned to chaos. The bride slapped the groom. The groom's mother fainted. The groomsmen started giving each other looks and wondering how best to help save the situation.

The pastor asked the woman, "Can you tell us why you came forward? What do you have to say?" The woman replied, "We can't hear in the back."

As I get older I realize:

- 1 *I talk to myself, because sometimes I need expert advice*
 - 2 *Sometimes I roll my eyes out loud.*
 - 3 *I don't need anger management I need people to stop peeing me off.*
 - 4 *My people skills are just fine, it's my tolerance of fools that needs work*
 - 5 *The biggest lie I tell myself is, "I don't need to write this down I'll remember it".*
 - 6 *When I was a child, I thought nap time was a punishment, now it's like a mini vacation.*
 - 7 *The day the world runs out of wine is too terrible to think about*
 - 8 *Even duct tape can't fix stupid, but it can muffle the sound.*
 - 9 *Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the drier for 10 minutes and come out wrinkle free and 3 sizes smaller*
 - 10 *Getting lucky means walking into a room and remembering why I'm there.*
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Relationship tip for men

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from Michelle Sheers

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Wife: I wish I was a newspaper. So I'd be in your hands all day.

Husband: I too wish that you were a newspaper. So I could have a new one every day!

A little old lady went to buy cat food. She picked up three cans, but was told by the clerk, "I'm sorry, but we can't sell this to you without proof you have a cat. Too many seniors are buying cat food to eat. Management wants proof that you are buying this for your cat." So the lady went home, brought in her cat and was sold the cat food. . . . The next day, she tried to buy two cans of dog food and was again told she couldn't buy them without proof. So the lady went home, brought in her dog and was sold the dog food. . . One day later, she brought in a box with a hole in the lid and asked the cashier to stick her finger in the hole. The cashier said, "No, you might have a snake in there." The lady assured her that there was nothing in the box that would harm her. So the cashier put her finger into the box, quickly pulled it out and exclaimed, "That smells like crap." . . The lady replied, "It is. I want to buy two rolls of toilet paper."

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Lacy Ladies

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*A recent study shows that women
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I just did a week's worth of Cardio
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*I love being over 50 . I learn
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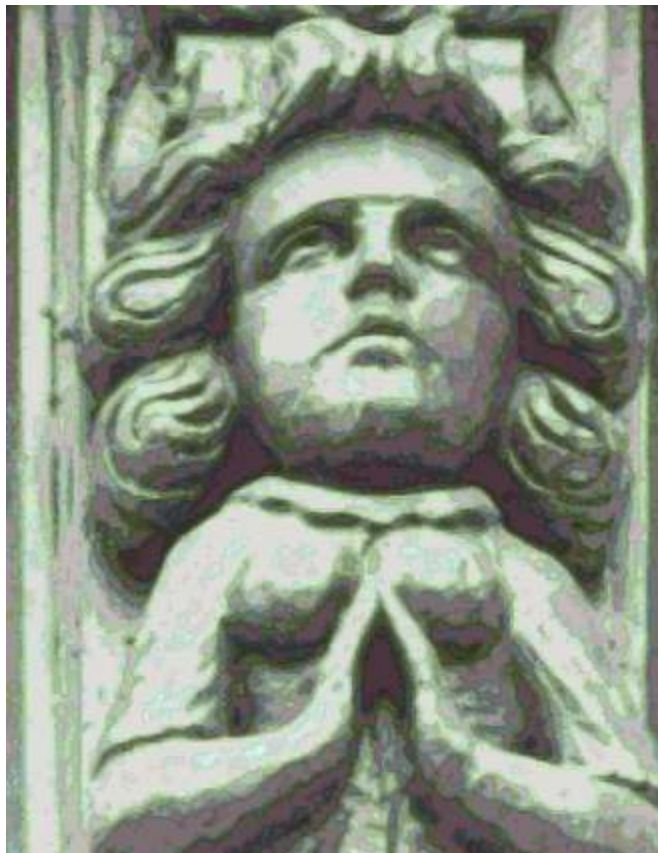
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From the Rev. Rana Davies-James, The Vicarage,
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Dear Friends,

We are right in the middle of the Olympic Games as I write this. Every athlete or participant seems to have an amazing story to tell about their journey to compete in the Games. For me, one of the best things I have seen is that of the North and South Korean gymnasts hugging each other to take a selfie! If nothing else, the Olympic Games are really good at bringing together those around the world who might oppose each other. Sport seems to be able to do what politicians seem to be unable to do: draw together those with differing views and cultures, and enable those differences to be forgotten as they enjoy sharing what they do have in common. I think this is possibly why the games are so gripping; it's such a pleasure to see so many different nations enjoying being together!

At the end of October we have our Magnis Group Benefice service here at Mansel Lacy and our guest preacher will be David Gwatkins who heads the diocesan agricultural chaplaincy network. It will be a chance to hear about what other churches in our diocese do to support farmers at what has been an incredibly difficult year, particularly for those with dairy cattle.

And as we give thanks for our harvest, I would like to give thanks to the members of our church, who, in spite of being of a certain age and so few in number, do an incredible amount of work to keep the church functioning. We might all note that they cannot keep going at the rate they have been for ever! But thank you to you for your support, cooking, cleaning, flower arranging, clock-winding, mowing, general handy-work, and so on: you are very much appreciated.

With every Blessing,

Rana

Normal Sunday Services as follows:

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

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

Bishopstone 4th Sunday in month at 10am

Mansel Lacy Community Hall and Church Cleaning/ Flower Rota

January - Anne Chidwick. February - Tammy Gwynne/Fiona Horwood

March 10.00 to 1200 noon Spring Clean - All help needed

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

June - Jennifer Spinks/Anne Chidwick July - Tracey Lewis/Sue Rawlinson

August - Ann Fairhurst/Jacky Jones September - Anne Chidwick

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

December - Christmas Décor All who can give time please



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So the boss met with both teams and said "Here's what we'll do. Each team will be installing poles out on the new road for a day. The team that installs the most phone poles gets the job." Both teams headed right out. At end of the shift, Pat and Mike, the Irish guys, came back and the boss asked them how many they had installed. They said that it was tough going, but they'd put in twelve. Forty-five minutes later, Bud and Buddy, the West Blankshire guys came back in and they were totally exhausted.

The boss asked, "Well, how many poles did you guys install?" Bud, the team leader, wiped his brow and sighed, "Buddy and me, we got three in." The boss gasped, "Three? Those two Irish guys put in twelve!" "Yeah," said Bud, "but you should see how much they left sticking out of the ground!"



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Village Meeting (continued)

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John Stansbie was elected Secretary, Clive Thompson Treasurer & Tony Davies Assistant Treasurer. Other members of the Committee will be Avis Baker, Monica Barker, Rita Roddick and Bernard Gay.

Special thanks were voted to Avis Baker for pioneering the foundation of The Friends and for her efforts in introducing different fund raising projects over the last three years.

Future Events:

There was much general discussion about future fund raising. It was felt desirable for the 'Gardens Open' weekend to be alternated each year with another main event. A suggestion that there should be a exhibition of paintings in the Church was put aside temporarily until suitable facilities for display screens were available. It was suggested that a flowers, crafts and arts festival should be considered for this summer. A piano recital was already arranged in the Church for 27th March.

Refurbishment:

There was further discussion about moving pews out of the back of the Church to provide space for various events and meetings as suggested by several parishioners (see last issue of 'MANSEL NEWS' and a letter later in this issue) A number of pews would then be replaced by chairs and an attractive treatment devised for the floor. George Usher said that it would be possible to move the painting of 'The Last Supper', at present used as an altarpiece, and suspend it at the front of the choir stalls. The Committee will progress this refurbishment programme.

Friday Club:

Louise Gwynne and other youngsters had initiated and successfully run holiday activities and the regular 'Friday Club' without problems. Those involved were congratulated for their efforts - and asked to carry on their good work. The Friday Club, along with the Fun Club Days, had contributed over £50 to Church funds.

Foxley Ladies' Circle:

The members of the Mancel Lucy Women's Institute had decided to separate from the national organisation and form their own independent group, which is now called 'THE FOXLEY LADIES' CIRCLE'. The Circle will hold its meetings in the Church as soon as the refurbishments have been completed.

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An Open Letter to the P.C.C. from Mr & Mrs Stuart Deane

Village Community Hall.

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But please remember that the building at present is a House of God. We feel strongly that the place of worship should be separated from the Community Room. The building is large enough for both purposes and, as stated in "Mansel News", could complement one another. We do not like the idea of sales in the building as it is now nor the sanctuary and altar being used as a play area.

We realise that any partitioning will cost money and applying for a faculty takes a long time.

As a short term use, yes, let the back pews be taken out to see how useful the space will be. But could a lightweight screen or curtain be put up to separate the chancel when not in use for worship?

In the long term, the community room could benefit many and it could be hired out to various organisations for many uses and the income will pay for its upkeep. If so alcohol and smoking will be expected ... Fine - so long as the worship area is respected.

We hope that this exciting idea of a Community Hall will be successful and that it will greatly enrich the life of the Church and the Village.

Stuart & Angela Deane.

The Friends of St. Michael's

New Committee:

Chairman:	Col Edwards
Secretary:	John Stanable
Treasurer:	Clive Thompson
(Assistant):	Tony Davies
Members:	Avis Baker
	Monica Barker
	Rita Wodnick
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First Committee Meeting:

Tuesday, 23rd February, 1993.

All editorial contributions please to:

John McKee, Brookside Cottage, Mansel Lacy. BR4 7ND. 098 121 212.

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Questions that haunt us all!

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How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?

What disease did cured ham actually have?

Once you're in heaven, do you get stuck wearing the same clothes you were buried in for eternity?

Why is it that people say they slept like a baby, when babies wake up every two hours?

Why is 'bra' singular and 'panties' plural?

If corn oil is made from corn and vegetable oil is made from vegetables what is 'baby' oil made from?

Why do banks charge a fee on 'insufficient funds' when they know there is not enough money?

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars but check when you say the paint is wet?

Why do they use sterilized needles for death by lethal injection?

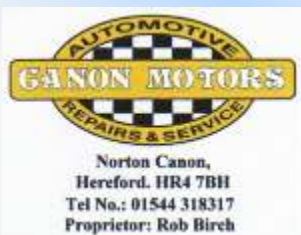
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