

Foxley News

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



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Editorial

Welcome to Sue & Rob Hallett who have moved into The Old Barn recently vacated by Mike & Carol Bracebridge - I asked Sue & Rob to tell us a little of themselves.....

It was difficult when Cal asked us to write something about ourselves for the Foxley News. Being quite private and fairly boring we're really not sure what to say that will be of interest. Rob was brought up in Gloucester, where his family still live and I, Sue, am a Mancunian with family still in Manchester, that said, Herefordshire has become our home and we have two grown up children and a grandson who live in Hereford. We moved to Little Tarrington in 1999 where Victor and Sue Stock took us under their wings and our neighbours welcomed us wholeheartedly. It was the start of our love of this County and the folks who look after it's beautiful countryside. It was a wonderful time in our lives with sheep and horses, dogs and chickens. However, we had not appreciated that a rural idyll involved so much hard work, cold and mud! In due course work took us abroad and we had to leave our smallholding. Although we kept a house in Kings Cople for a couple of years we eventually sold and bought a flat in London. Now after 10 years or so, initially in Switzerland and latterly in Saudi Arabia, our wandering days are over and we have returned to Herefordshire and Mansel Lacy. We are blessed to have arrived in another wonderful village with kind and welcoming neighbours and we thank you all. We are looking forward to a long and happy future here along with our two dogs, Oscar and Jett.

Rosa & Arthur Williams have moved house to the Old Shop in Mansel Lacy, from Yazor. We welcome them as closer neighbours. Rosa celebrated by breaking her hip. Well!!!

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Foxley Flyer

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Community Association

The Village Fete on Saturday 4th July was a very good effort by all those involved and there was a lot of people putting a great deal of work into making the success it was.

Our income was £2,100 and outgoings £800 so the profit to be split is £1300, but these figures are draft. As with all events like this other financial matters will come into consideration and alter the figures but they do represent a fairly accurate outcome. Some detail is as follows: Entry gate income was £183, which gives an idea of numbers of adults at a £1 per head. Refreshments sales were £383 and the BBQ at £240, showing that there were hungry people attending. Bar sales at £159 plus after sales of £84 and the Bottle stall profit of £251 showed interest in the liquid form of pleasure. The star of the show was the sale of raffle tickets under the control of Kath Morgan with sales of £420, all profit, as all prizes were donated. (See below for the winners) 'Guess the weight of the logs' brought in £101, with Tombola and the Book stall contributing another £45 & £50 respectively. Other stalls also made a good contribution. Many thanks are due to all those who helped in many ways and we hope that we can do it all again next year.

We analysed the results from the Fete at our Meeting 28th July and vowed to make beneficial improvements next year not only to the entertainments offered but also to the refreshments available. The proceeds will be split between the Community Association and the Parochial Church Council.

As promised in the last edition a report on the Duck Race & Puddings evening follows:

It all started at about 6.15 on Friday May 22nd with ducks on hire from Benzil Farm, Bishopstone. There were 63 ducks in the races and the first one was won by Helen Vereker, the second by Fiona Horwood and the third and last by Barbara Stevens. They all won Cadbury's Roses chocolates. At the Puddings event we sold bowls to the value of £63 @ £3 each, and overall made a small profit of £101.80.

Our next community event is the Hog Roast, which remains popular. We have kept the price of tickets the same as last year but have brought the time forwards to 3pm by popular demand (I guess it saves on cooking a Sunday lunch)

In November Dave Gwynne and his team will put on the spectacular firework display accompanied by a very warming fire up in the Poplar woods area. That is on Saturday November 7th starting at 6.30pm.

As Joyce Lewis has not been well of late there are no Lacy Ladies reports on this occasion. We are in the process of finding a location and a good Christmas menu for the annual Christmas lunch.

Cal

Summer Fete Raffle donators and winners	Won By:
Herefordshire Gourmet Hamper (donated by the Community).	Ann Fairhurst
Bottle of Champagne (donated by Waitrose, Hereford).	Gill Gallimore
Giftbasket 2xbottles Wine(Tanners Wine Merchant)	Mrs Southall
£20 "M" voucher (Morrison's)	Margaret Watkins
£20 voucher from the Bell at Tillington	Janet Brown
£15 Meat Voucher from (Williams, Butcher Weobley)	Denise Coles
Bottle of Whisky (donated by the Community)	Ann Cole
Tea for Two at Castle House Hotel Hereford	Ann Fairhurst
Basket of Fruit (donated by Cis Edwards)	Ann Dawe
Bottle of Sparkling Wine (Donated by the Co op)	Janet Brown
Bottle of Dubonnet (Donated by Mike Bracebridge)	John Spinks
Box of Chocolates (Old School shop Weobley)	Carol & Terry Allen
Box of Chocolates (One Stop shop, Credenhill)	Nicky Jenkins

Mansel Garden Club

On June 1st the Club visited Brobury House, HR3 6BS, on a wet evening. Intrepid gardeners armed with umbrellas and appropriately dressed heard Pru Cartwright give a short introduction to the garden, which is also a family home and wedding venue. Even on a wet evening this garden certainly did not disappoint, the secret garden leading from the front lawn, the steps leading to the silver birch, stream and grotto, the river walk, arriving back on the front lawn. We were welcomed into the conservatory for tea and cake. It was a shame more members could not attend but we hope that will go and visit.

July saw us visit Welsh Lavender fields, Builth Wells, LD2 3HU, once again the threat of rain, but 20 members set out to Builth, and as suggested by the owners took the scenic route from Erwood up onto Epynt, arriving at the most beautiful setting. Due to our late Summer the lavender was not in true bloom, but this did not spoil the afternoon. We walked the fields and heard how this enterprise had started as a hobby, following retirement, and had 'taken off'. Nancy Durham was a journalist, her husband a Professor at Oxford, so the enterprise has been a learning curve. They have recently bought machinery for refining the oil, produce Farmers' hand cream. Farmers' scrub, just right for those gardeners hands, Farmers foot cream, plus Lavender chocolate. We had our tea, coffee, lavender shortbread and cake in the tea room, and Nancy Durham told us how her lavender dream had started many years ago, when her husband showed her the property, in the Welsh hills, which they improved and now includes a beautiful outdoor wild pool, in which they relax after a very hard day in the lavender fields.

The annual BBQ, by invitation of Viv & Peter Griffiths at Ivy House in Mansel Lacy, was on a lovely afternoon, the sun shone, the steak and sausages cooked to perfection, salads, puddings, cheeseboard, wine and soft drinks, lots of chat and laughter. Thanks must go to our fine chefs, David and Tom, slaving over those barbecues, but much appreciated. A lovely garden, the middle of the village location, but very peaceful, a view of the church, although one felt really hidden away, with the sound of water flowing from the pond and the odd bleating of sheep. Thanks must also go to Viv & Peter, for the venue, particularly as Viv has been poorly, and the members wished her all the best.

Reminder Monday 7th September 6pm at the Brookes, Pontrilas HR2 0BL

Guided tour plus Tea and cakes costing £5.00

Pam

Robert's Wedding

Robert, 85, married Jenny, a lovely 25 year old. Since her new husband is so old, Jenny decides that after their wedding she and Robert should have separate bedrooms, because she is concerned that her new but aged husband may over-exert himself if they spend the entire night together. After the wedding festivities Jenny prepares herself for bed and the expected knock on the door. Sure enough the knock comes, the door opens and there is Robert, her 85 year old groom, ready for action.

They unite as one. All goes well, Robert takes leave of his bride and she prepares to go to sleep. After a few minutes, Jenny hears another knock on her bedroom door and it's Robert. Again he is ready for more 'action'. Somewhat surprised, Jenny consents for more coupling. When the newlyweds are done, Robert kisses his bride, bids her a fond good night and leaves. She is set to go to sleep again, but, aha, you guessed it Robert is back again, rapping on the door and is as fresh as a 25 year old, ready for more 'action'. And, once more they enjoy each other. But as Robert gets set to leave again, his young bride says to him, 'I am thoroughly impressed that at your age you can perform so well and so often. I have been with guys less than a third of your age who were only good once. You are truly a great lover, Robert.' Robert, somewhat embarrassed, turns to Jenny and says: 'You mean I was here already?' The moral of the story:

Don't be afraid of getting old, Alzheimer's has its advantages.

Rosemary Violet Roden

Rosemary who spent 38 years living in Mansel Lacy latterly at Parsonage Farm died sadly on 28th July. The funeral service was held in Mansel Lacy Church on Thursday 7th August. Below is a tribute to Rosemary life by her daughter Lucinda.

Rosemary Roden was born at the Bage Farm, Madley in September 1929 to George and Violet Meredith. She was a shy little girl, used to her own company, apart from an imaginary friend, Dodie who accompanied her throughout her childhood on the farm.

Having first attended Madley Village School she went on to Redcap and then to the Girl's High School in Hereford. This entailed a bike ride for her and her friends to Bridge Sollars to catch the school bus, and an annual skirmish with the owner of a large, productive Walnut tree at the bus stop. It was at the High School that her love of needlework was sparked - she learned her skills by lamp and candle light during the war, making new clothes from old and even out of parachute silk when it was available. She then completed a happy year at Hereford College of Arts before settling down to help at home.

The Madley social scene, when Rosemary was growing up was very active and provided her with fun and friends both at the tennis club and the Madley Young Farmers, where she became Chairman and Club Leader - quite an achievement for one so shy.

Trips to Denmark and Sweden were never forgotten.

She looked back at her time in Young Farmers as one of the happiest in her life. In fact it was at a Young Farmers New Year's Eve dance at Breinton Village hall that she met Brian. In 1956 Rosemary and Brian Roden got married at Madley Village church. They made their first home at Little Tarrington where Jill was born in 1958 They then moved to their own farm at the Mill in Mansel Lacy, where Janet and Lucinda were born.

The family then moved up the road to Parsonage Farm, where they lived for 38 years. During those years Rosemary worked hard at supporting Brian on the farm and raising her children to become strong individuals. The household routine and having dinner on the table at 12.30 sharp was sacrosanct, a habit that lived on long past when it was necessary.

It was at Parsonage farm that Rosemary developed her skills in sewing and arts & crafts. Plants were grown, and foraged in the surrounding countryside to make dyes for treating the wool which she washed, carded, spun and weaved to produce rugs and other woollen goods in vivid colours. Along with making baskets, doormats out of binder twine, she also made soft furnishings, leatherwork and picture frames.. She also did a City and Guilds qualification in Fashion & Tailoring and became a seamstress, and in time, running her own class in dressmaking.

Rosemary loved art and enjoyed visiting art galleries and exhibitions. She painted in both oils and watercolours. She won Farmers Weekly painting competitions and exhibited at The Three Counties show.

To keep herself busy she spent many hours poring over dusty tomes in records offices and churches, tracing her family history, which she recorded for posterity.

Rosemary loved being a Grandmother and would cheerfully surrender her house and garden to the Wombles, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and plastic tractors plus other toys and would give her grandchildren such Christmas presents as working model chainsaws.

Rosemary & Brian retired to live in Stonewall cottage in 2003. But sadly Brian died shortly afterwards. Rosemary quickly pulled herself together and fulfilled a lifelong ambition to own her own home by buying a cottage in Dilwyn. Here she led a busy life, joining in with village activities, painting and enjoying overseas trips .

In December of last year Rosemary moved into care at Field Farm where she was very grateful for the comfort and dignity that was provided.

(Editor's note: Thanks to Cin Lewis for the above moving tribute, she read at the funeral)

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Letter to the Editor

Yazor church, with its slender spire standing sentinel in a lush, farmland setting looking across to the Black Mountains, awoke from a 30 year slumber for a 'Summer Serenade', which offered everything from Elgar to the heady days of Blackpool Tower Ballroom - to quote the Hereford Times.

This was the concert on Friday 3rd of July, which saw a full church and a great deal of pleasure for all those attendees and who donated £725 to the Churches Conservation Trust.

Letter received from Dr. Kenneth P Keenan

So many people worked hard to help with this evening's 'Summer Serenade' concert.

Very special thanks to Major David Davenport and his family for their constant support, encouragement and kindness to make this evening possible. Their devoted service to this church through the generations mean so much to all here this evening and his 'committee' have been hard at work to help behind the scenes.

To Robert Green from Herefordshire and David Hall from Lancashire for their music on the restored organ. To the choir of St. Mary's Church, Dilwyn for leading the singing of the songs and hymns. To our readers Robin Cox, Peter Goodger, Jim Collins, Tom Hawksley, Jane Clark, Janet Butler, John Hartley, George Bray, Major David and Mrs 'Peggy' Webb. Thanks to Jane and Robin Cox for allowing the use of their piano during the concert (and to Stephen Gardener from Worcester who came to tune the piano during the week).

To all those who helped during the evening.... The Road Marshalls, 'Welcomers' (especially with programmes and donations), the cleaning of the church, the fresh flowers. To 'Granthams Ltd' for printing the posters, programmes and invitations.

To Victor Saville, the organ tuner and restorer from Carnforth, who made three visits to this church during recent months. His hard work and care made this evening possible. To Mrs Peggy Webb, (and her late husband Fred) and her family, who visit this church weekly to attend to flowers and ensure all is well.

Dr Kenneth Keenan

A little girl walked to and from school daily. Though the weather that morning was questionable and clouds were forming, she made her daily trek to school. As the afternoon progressed, the winds whipped up, along with lightning. The mother of the little girl felt concerned that her daughter would be frightened as she walked home from school. She also feared the electrical storm might harm her child. Full of concern, the mother got into her car and quickly drove along the route to her child's school. As she did, she saw her little girl walking along. At each flash of lightning, the child would stop, look up, and smile. More lightning followed quickly and with each, the girl would look at the streak of lightning and smile. When the mother drew up beside the child, she lowered the window and called, "What are you doing?" The child answered, " I am trying to look pretty because God keeps taking my picture."

A wife asks her husband "Could you please go shopping for me and buy a carton of milk and if they have avocados, get 6. A short time later the husband comes back with 6 cartons of milk. The wife asks him "Why did you buy 6 cartons of milk?" He replied, "They had avocados." *If you're a woman, I'm sure you're going back to read it again. Men will get it the first time.*

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Running through the rain

A little girl had been shopping with her Mom in Wal-Mart. She must have been 6 years old, this beautiful red haired, freckle faced image of innocence.

It was pouring outside. The kind of rain that gushes over the top of rain gutters, so much in a hurry to hit the earth it has no time to flow down the spout.. We all stood there, under the awning, just inside the door of the Wal-Mart. We waited, some patiently, others irritated because nature messed up their hurried day. I am always mesmerized by rainfall. I got lost in the sound and sight of the heavens washing away the dirt and dust of the world. Memories of running, splashing so carefree as a child came pouring in as a welcome reprieve from the worries of my day. Her little voice was so sweet as it broke the hypnotic trance we were all caught in, 'Mom let's run through the rain,' She said. 'What?' Mom asked. 'Let's run through the rain!' She repeated. 'No, honey. We'll wait until it slows down a bit,' Mom replied.

This young child waited a minute and repeated: 'Mom, let's run through the rain..' 'We'll get soaked if we do,' Mom said. 'No, we won't, Mom. That's not what you said this morning,' the young girl said as she tugged at her Mom's arm.

'This morning? When did I say we could run through the rain and not get wet?' 'Don't you remember? When you were talking to Daddy about his cancer, you said, 'If God can get us through this, He can get us through anything!''

The entire crowd stopped dead silent.. I swear you couldn't hear anything but the rain.. We all stood silently. No one left. Mom paused and thought for a moment about what she would say. Now some would laugh it off and scold her for being silly. Some might even ignore what was said. But this was a moment of affirmation in a young child's life. A time when innocent trust can be nurtured so that it will bloom into faith. 'Honey, you are absolutely right. Let's run through the rain. If GOD let's us get wet, well maybe we just need washing,' Mom said. Then off they ran. We all stood watching, smiling and laughing as they darted past the cars and yes, through the puddles. They got soaked. They were followed by a few who screamed and laughed like children all the way to their cars. And yes, I did. I ran. I got wet. I needed washing.

Circumstances or people can take away your material possessions, they can take away your money, and they can take away your health. But no one can ever take away your precious memories...So, don't forget to make time and take the opportunities to make memories every day.

Free Sex with Fill Up .

A gas station owner in Ireland was trying to increase his sales. So he put up a sign that read,

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"You were close. The number was 7. Sorry. No sex this time."

A week later, Paddy, along with his brother, Micky, pulled in for another fill-up. Again he asked for his free sex. The proprietor again gave him the same story, and asked him to guess the correct number. Paddy guessed 2 this time.

The proprietor said, "Sorry, it was 3. You were close, but no free sex this time."

As they were driving away, Micky said to his brother,

"I think that game is rigged, and he doesn't really give away free sex."

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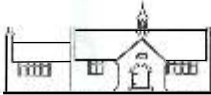
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Editors note: The following report is a regular feature to Parish Clerks and I thought it would be of interest to readers to see just how the Council is spending our Community Charge - I must say I'm quite impressed with the work rate.

Every week Phil Pankhurst issues a list of work done by his department (Balfour Beatty Services) for the Herefordshire Council, the following is some of the work done for us.

Completion of road sweeping in the villages of Weobley and Marden with a total of 7.5 tonnes of debris removed. - 100 linear metres of grass cutting on A480 - Adjustment of a sunken gully on C1120 between Morton on Lugg and Marden - 3 linear metres of concrete haunch installation on C1120 - 2500 linear metres of herbicide application throughout the village of Sutton St Nicholas - Fly tip removal in Hope under Dinmore - Sign face cleanse C1081 Little Sarnsfield - 4 Gully cleanses A4110 from Long Brige to C1109 - 2 sign remounts at Westhope and Broxwood - 16 Pothole repairs on C1095 - Footway repair in Weobley - Completion of patching works along the C1125 Sutton St Nicholas to Hereford - Removal of old bridge on PROW DW2 and installation of metal frame for the new structure. Next week more of the same including meetings with Parish Councils and the installation of new bridge on PROW DW2 in Dilwyn.

This is strange...can you figure it out? Are you the 2% or 98% of the population? Follow the instructions! NO PEEKING AHEAD!

Do the following exercise, guaranteed to raise an eyebrow. There's no trick or surprise. Just follow these instructions, and answer the questions one at a time and as quickly as you can! Again, as quickly as you can but don't advance until you've done each of them ... really.

Think of a number from 1 to 10 Multiply that number by 9 If the number is a 2-digit number, add the digits together Now subtract 5 Determine which letter in the alphabet corresponds to the number you ended up with (example: 1=a, 2=B, 3=c, etc.) Think of a country that starts with that letter Remember the last letter of the name of that country Think of the name of an animal that starts with that letter Remember the last letter in the name of that animal Think of the name of a fruit that starts with that letter

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Story from the USA

Humans originally existed as members of small bands of nomadic hunter/gatherers, They lived on deer in the mountains during the Summer and would go to the coast and live on fish and lobster in the Winter. The two most important events in all of history were the invention of beer and the invention of the wheel. Beer required grain and that was the beginning of agriculture. Neither the glass bottle nor aluminium can were invented yet, so while our early humans were sitting around waiting for them to be invented, they just stayed close to the brewery. That's how villages were formed. The wheel was invented to get man to the beer.

These two were the foundation of modern civilization and together were the catalyst for the splitting of humanity into two distinct subgroups: 1 Liberals and 2 Conservatives.

Some men spent their days tracking and killing animals to BBQ at night while they were drinking beer. This was the beginning of what is known as the Conservative movement.

Other men who were less skilled at hunting learned to live off the Conservatives by showing up for the nightly BBQs and doing the sewing, fetching and hair dressing. This was the beginning of the Liberal movement. Some of these Liberal men evolved into women. Some noteworthy Liberal achievements include the domestication of cats, the invention of psychotherapy, group hugs, and the concept of democratic voting to decide how to divide the meat and beer that Conservatives provided. Over the years Conservatives came to be symbolised by the largest, most powerful land animal on earth, the elephant. Liberals are symbolised by the jackass for obvious reasons. Some modern Liberals like lite beer (with Lime added), but most prefer white wine or imported bottled water. They eat raw fish but like their beef well done. Sushi, tofu, and french food are standard Liberal fare. Another interesting evolutionary side note is that many Liberal women have higher testosterone levels than their men. Most college professors, social workers, personal injury attorneys, journalists, film makers, group therapists and community organisers are Liberals.

Conservatives drink real beer. They eat red meat and still provide for their women. Conservatives are big game hunters, rodeo cowboys, lumberjacks, construction workers, firemen, medical doctors, police officers, engineers, corporate executives, athletes, members of the military, airline pilots and generally anyone who works productively. Conservatives who own companies hire other Conservatives who want to work for a living. Liberals produce very little or nothing. They like to govern the producers and decide what to do with the production. Liberals believe Europeans are more enlightened than Americans. That is why most of the Liberals stayed in Europe when Conservatives were coming to America. They crept in after the Wild West was tamed and created a business of trying to get more for nothing. Here ends the lesson in world history. It should be noted that a Liberal may have a momentary urge to angrily respond to this post. A conservative will simply laugh and be so convinced of the absolute truth of this history that it will be shared immediately to other true believers.

Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother, Joel, were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had had enough. "You're not supposed to talk out loud in church." "Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked. Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers."

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Dear Friends,

I understand that many residents of Mansel Lacy and Yazor have been concerned that they may not have a vicar at the moment and I would like to reassure you all that this is not so. I continue to be your priest in charge, although there has been a breakdown of relationships between myself and some members of Mansel Lacy Parochial Church Council (PCC). This has meant that I have needed to arrange other clergy and readers to take services there for the time being. Bishop Richard is also very concerned and is keen to get things working well again and we are meeting shortly to try and resolve things. To try and explain what has gone wrong I have written below how PCCs should operate. PCCs are all charities and come under the Charity Commission so they have strict rules and regulations set out under Church Representation Rules. But to simplify what PCCs do, they are a committee of men and woman who are responsible for the spiritual, legal, financial, missional and ministerial affairs of the church they serve. To be a member of the PCC they must be regular and active church attenders. They are elected from the congregation and their role is to co-operate with the minister/vicar/priest in charge in the whole mission of the church (this is why the minister - priest in charge - is the chairman of the PCC). It does this by consulting together with the minister on matters of general concern and importance to the parish. Every PCC member has legal responsibilities as a Trustee under the Charities Act. These responsibilities include the stewardship of the church finances, maintenance and development of the church building (including health and safety), care and management of church assets, and child protection. Mansel Lacy has historically had a member of the parish as chairman for the PCC and apparently this has never been challenged by the priest in charge, but my integrity does not allow me to let this continue as it breaks the Church Representation Rules and puts the Trustees in a difficult place legally with the Charity Commission. So we need to put this right. Unfortunately not all members of the PCC are happy with this and after a very difficult annual PCC meeting, I consulted with the bishop, rural dean and the archdeacon and we decided it would be best to have a cooling off period. This has all been complicated by a lack of churchwarden as well, and so that legal responsibility lies with me for the time being. However, I still have pastoral responsibility for the parishes and continue to love and care for all members of the whole community. Hopefully this will all be resolved very shortly and we can move forward as the Church of God in this place. I am happy to discuss this with anyone in the parish in confidence if it helps.

With every blessing, Rana

PCC Meeting September 1st . The first part of this meeting commencing at 6.30pm is open to all, to discuss recent developments.

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

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Apr - Lindy Davenport/Vera Cole May - Pam Powell/Jackie Gardner

Jun - Margaret Price/Marion Powell July - Ann Fairhurst/Jackie Jones

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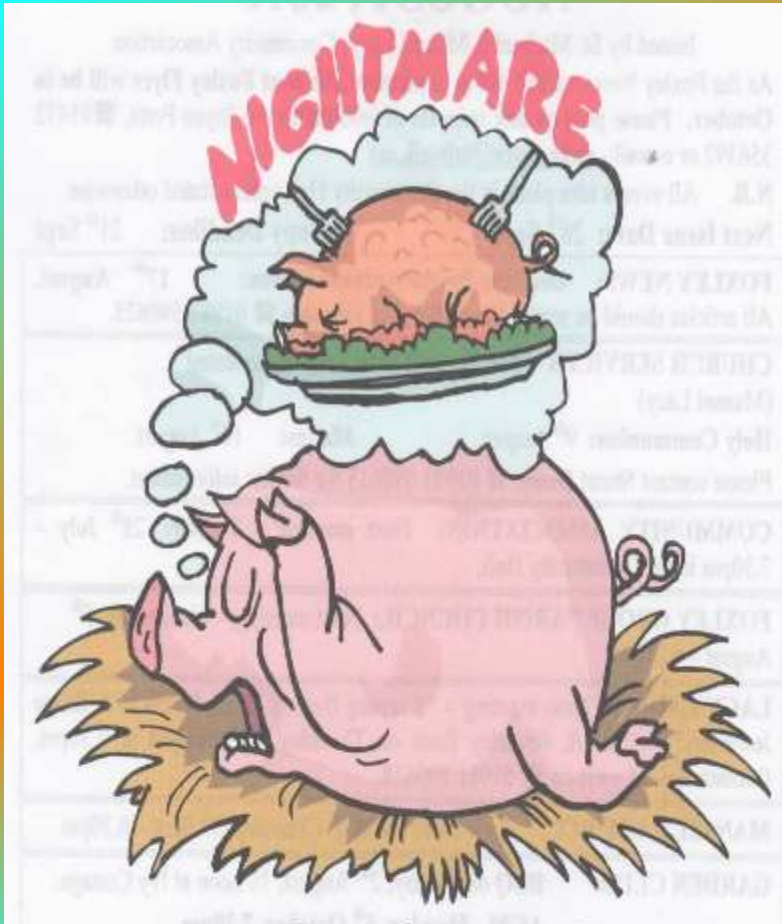
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And so began the practice of hiring asses to work in the great and most influential positions.