

Foxley News



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



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Editorial

Quite suddenly and dramatically Snowy Davoll departed this life on Saturday 22nd March and left a huge hole in the neighbourhood. Snowy, a retired vicar, was larger than life and full of bonhomie. His quizzes after the Lent lunches were fearsome but great fun. His very well attended funeral was on Thursday 3rd April at Credenhill church. He leaves Sybil to whom we send our love. Snowy, (as a child his hair was very white), was born in Nuneaton, the younger of two brothers. After leaving school he became a painter and decorator, then served two years National Service in the Navy. At the age of 19 he married his childhood sweetheart Sybil and they had two sons.

We are also very sorry to say goodbye to Irene Lawson, who died suddenly on 26th March. Irene was a stalwart of the Mansel Garden club having been a member for very many years. Our condolences to her family and to Alan, her brother.

Another sad loss is Lin Goodwin from the Three Horseshoes at Norton Canon

We hope that the next few months with less distressing news. The front page picture includes a small fox which has been a feature of this magazine for many years. The rest of the family of foxes had been lost but some of them have been found on an old backup disk, so you'll have to suffer them a little longer.



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Community Association

The Community Association Vice Chairman David Gwynne has been made Captain at the Herefordshire Golf club at Wormsley. Congratulations Dave - should keep you busy for next year and by the way ..nice shoes! (Photo in the Hereford Times).

The **Table Sale** on 8th March was a success with 15 tables sold, - some did very well others not so well. The flower stall in the porch did extremely well, so he's coming back to the next one which is scheduled for Saturday 7th June running from 10am til 12 noon. We have shortened the time because most buyers turn up early. This time tea and cake will be on sale. So come and have your elevenses in the Community Hall among friends.

The Mansel Singers under the direction of Jane Cox and Robin entertained us delightfully on Saturday 5th March and made a profit of £100 for both the CA and the PCC. Thankyou. When the Lent Lunches started in March it was discovered that someone had "borrowed" most of the spoons in the hall. If someone has forgotten to return a borrowing, it would be a nice act to return same. In the meantime we have purchased a new supply of spoons, knives and forks.

We have put the old chairs (63) into an auction room and sale at Pontrilas for Saturday 12th May. They were all sold for a total of £283.50 less commission and vat, which by my calculations should produce a cheque in the post next week of £232.47. (Week commencing Monday 26 May) We had put a reserve of £3.50 per chair ,so it is nice to see they went for £4.50 per chair.

The infra red heaters which the Diocesan Advisory Committee wanted raised to wall plate have been raised , but the heat from them had now diminished significantly. The manufacturers recommended height is somewhat lower than the wallplate.

The Community Association is increasing the number of Trustees to nine with the addition of John Spinks, Mike Jones and Viv Griffiths. There is room for one more if anyone would like to volunteer. The financial risk is limited to £1.00, so don't be scared.

With the help of James Ostler the moles in the churchyard about eight in number have moved on and we have a mole free churchyard. Hopefully it will remain so for a good while.

The **Progressive Supper** planning means that we now will have two starters one at The Macklin courtesy of The Carol and Terry Allen and the other at Westmoor farmhouse, courtesy of Jane and Robin Cox. The main course will be served in the Community Hall by Dave Gwynne and his team and then off we all go to Shetton Farm to see our hosts Pam and Derek Powell for sweets. You will need to take your own drinks and glasses to all the venues. We still need volunteers to help in particular making some puddings to take to Shetton, and please let Pam know. Any profit made on the evening will be split between the Community Association and the PCC.

As I write this the **Duck race** is almost under way, well it will be by the time we go to print.

The **Hog Roast** has been finalised to be on Sunday 7th September starting promptly at 6pm. We have reduced the ticket price this year to £6 per adult and £3 per schoolchild. We asked another pig roaster to quote but Chris Ogelby was cheaper, so we are staying with him, and we will try and make sure that the rolls are not dry this time..

The garden shed next to the oil tank in the churchyard is in need of repair, so Dave Jones has agreed to apply his skills to the problem.

Cal

Do not get my personality and my attitude twisted. Because my personality is me and my attitude depends on you!

Men who are bald at front of their heads are good thinkers. Men who are bald at the back of their heads are good lovers. Men who are bald at front and back think they are good lovers.

Mansel Garden Club

Lilies (Lilium), Duncan Coombes lecturer at RHS Pershore, he is at the end of a telephone on Tuesday mornings, offering gardening advice. He also produces a blog, Plants of the Month, is a modern day plant hunter, leads garden tours and short gardening holidays. Duncan came to speak to us about Propagation and the story of the Lily. He told us that these tall perennials, often fragrant, with mass range of colours, spots and brush strokes, suitable for pots or placed to make a statement in the garden and loved by gardeners. Duncan showed us how lilies can be propagated by division of bulbs, by growing on the bulbils, by detaching the scales, quite a long process, by seed, quite complex, and of course commercial micro propagation techniques. He was very entertaining, and could have chatted for much longer, we discovered one member Jean Wells, was something of a lily expert, Duncan was very pleased to have found a real enthusiast.

Members enjoyed our April speaker Gail Plant (Mrs Plant's Herbs) of Ledbury. Gail spoke to us about the history and uses of herbs, snipping off cuttings and passing them around whilst she chatted, sometimes getting us to guess, from the scent, some of the more unusual herbs. It was a very interesting evening, Gail gave us inspiration on planting, not just in the herb garden, but added to our shrub and flowers, companions for roses, so many uses. As usual lots of temptation, members went home clutching plants, and with lots new ideas. Gail could have talked for much longer, she ran out of time before she had talked about all her specimens, so will have to come again. Rather complimentary to our members, she emailed to thank us for making her so welcome, and said refreshments were delicious.

This garden has been evolving since 2003 and in May, 30 Garden club members enjoyed their second trip to Titley Mill, Lyonshall, but this time in May, we had hoped to see some of the 3000 fritillaries in flower, that Christopher and Alan, owners of The Mill had planted, but typical British weather meant we missed them, they bloomed early this year. This did not stop our enjoyment of this garden, a wild garden, but so well planned. Apple trees in blossom, witch hazels, viburnums, tulips in an array of colours, planted amongst the grass and trees, just beautiful, camasias in blues and whites, continuing on towards the vegetable plot. Then onto the cutting garden seeds just strewn amongst the plants, then on to the pristine greenhouse set ready for planting, the freshly planted wild flower meadow, the extended bog garden. Lots of colourful plants and more to come during the year. We then wandered down to the River Arrow, where we could imagine what it must have been like with those fritillaries, such a peaceful place, listening and watching the water, which was actually quite forceful. We double backed to the herbaceous borders and knot garden under planted with sedums. It was lovely to see this garden again, it is obviously a huge amount of work, but Christopher and Alan seem to take it in their stride, and produce something that seems like a work of art. The evening finished with drinks and nibbles on the lawn, wonderful hosts, lots of chat. Despite lighting the fires in the house it was warm enough on the lawn. We all heard that the winter had been a challenge in this garden, it's not a mill without water, but the house did not flood, they knew where to build in the old days! As we drove back through Eardisley a perfect rainbow, to finish a perfect garden visit.

Pamela Powell

Here's all you need to know about men and women. Women are crazy, men are stupid. And the main reason women are crazy is because men are stupid.

"Do you believe in life after death?" the boss asked one of his employees.

"Yes, sir," the clerk replied.

"That's good," the boss said. "After you left early yesterday to go to your grandmother's funeral, she stopped in to see you."

Lacy Ladies

In March Jane Cox recalled life over 25yrs as a camp follower. In 1974 she and Robin packed up their home and moved to Singapore with their 2 little girls. Robin had been appointed to SCEA - Service Childrens Education Authority - and his first headship of a school in RAF Tengah meant beginning an exciting life in the far east. Moving into an army quarter involved March In - the checking through the inventory of the entire contents of the house before we could actually live in the house. Of course there was March Out procedure too, as nobody could move on until the standard of cleanliness and the inventory check of the house was completed. This happened twice in 16 mths in Singapore as we moved after 8 mths to the Naval Base and again a March In to the second quarter. A vital help to life out there was to have an amah who knew the ropes of army life and we were so lucky to find Mowah, a lady from Saba originally, but who had worked for many British families. She kept the house shining and dealt with the Pasir Panjang grocer who came daily in his van to collect the shopping list. Our second amah Susie was also wonderful and made our stay so easy. She did all the cooking too and spoilt our children! School days were tropical hours from 7am to 1pm as the heat built up. But that left plenty of time for swimming and playing. We lived at tree top level looking into frangipani blossom and hearing the calls to prayer throughout the day. The causeway to Malaysia was close by and we made several trips across to the Malay peninsular. Harold Wilson's government finally withdrew all British Forces from Singapore in Dec 1975 and Robin's second headship took us all up to Hong Kong a vast contrast to life for us all. He was appointed to a much larger school on Hong Kong island with regiments coming and going as postings occurred. Life was in a flat overlooking Repulse Bay but once again we needed an amah to help with daily life. Ah Foon joined us, living in, which meant she too did all the cooking and looking after the home. She stayed with us for 3yrs and knew all about March Ins and Outs. Still tropical hours for children in school so plenty of swimming and play time. Shopping continued to be an unforgettable experience. Three years there meant it was time to look closer to England and in Jan 1979 Robin took on his 3rd headship in a school in Hemer in Germany - normal school hours and winter snow hit us hard! March Ins and Outs continued for the next 18yrs as we followed his changes of career path. But SCEA - Service Childrens Education Authority - saw us move 4 times within Germany. Oh dear - no amahs anymore! But a good life and we have collected long lasting friends. We visited Berlin and Robin was there the week the wall came down. There were some 90 schools in Germany then for children of British personnel and UK civilians and our daughters moved schools each time until their O Levels were done. Finally we moved to Cyprus where Robin's last 3yr contract as Education Officer gave us another perspective on life in a garrison. Living in exotic places was unforgettable, one was not a tourist but we were given the chance to live with other cultures.

April: To start our new programme Brian Draper revisited us to continue his journey down the River Wye from Hereford to Chepstow. Again at each village and church he visited he had many historical and interesting tales to tell. The scenery was lovely, we felt that we were having an excursion down our beautiful River Wye. Brian does not refer to any notes, he remembers all the information.. Again a very interesting and amusing evening. We hope to have Brian back again in the near future with another of his talks.

Our May meeting we have had to change the date from the 22th to the 29th due to the European Elections being held in the Community Hall.

Jenny and Stasia will be giving an illustrated talk on "Living at Foxley". Visitors welcome
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Yes I'm a woman. I push doors that clearly say PULL. I laugh louder when I try to explain why I'm laughing. I walk into a room and forget why I was there. I count on my fingers in math. I hide the pain from my loved ones. I say it is a long story when it is not. I cry a lot more than you think I do. I care about people who don't care about me. I try to do things before the microwave beeps. I listen to you even when you don't listen to me. And a hug will always help. Yes I'm a woman! (sent to the editor by a woman)

Sayings heard recently!

Use what you have and you'll never want!!

I will never be over the hill. I'm too darn tired to climb it!!

Someone sent me an email about using Vodka for cleaning round the house.

IT WORKED The more Vodka I drank the cleaner the house looked!!

Middle age. That time when you you finally get your head together - then your body starts falling apart!!

When a woman says 'What?' It's not because she didn't hear you.

She's giving you a chance to change what you said!!

Why are there never any GOOD side effects? Just for once I'd like to read a

Medication bottle that says 'May cause extreme SEXINESS!!

OMG, I'm rich! Silver in the hair, Gold in the teeth. Crystals in the Kidney, Sugar in the blood, Lead in the butt, Iron in the arteries, and an inexhaustable supply of natural gas.!!

Great invention: The boys had been up in the attic together helping with some cleaning. They uncovered an old manual typewriter and asked their mother what it was. She briefly explained, but they were still puzzled as to how it worked.. "I'll show you" their mother said, and returned with a blank sheet of paper. She rolled the paper into the typewriter and began striking the keys, leaving black letters of print on the page. "WOW!" They exclaimed, " that's really cool.. But how does it work like that? Where do you plug it in?". "There's no plug", she answered. "It doesn't need a plug." "Then where do you put the batteries?" They persisted. "It doesn't need batteries either, " she continued.

"Wow This is so cool!" They exclaimed.

" Someone should have invented this a long time ago."

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I am an amateur radio operator. On the day of the accident, I was working alone on the top section of my new 80-foot antenna tower. When I completed my work, I discovered that I had, over the course of several trips up the tower, brought about 300 lbs. of tools and spare hardware. Rather than carry the now unneeded tools and materials down by hand, I decided to lower the items in a small barrel by using a pulley, which fortunately was attached to the pole at the tip of the tower. Securing the rope at ground level, I went up to the top of the tower and loaded the tools and materials into the barrel. Then I went back to the ground and untied the rope, holding it tightly to insure a slow descent of the 300 lbs. of tools.

You will note in block number 11 of the accident report form that I weigh 155 lbs. Due to my surprise at being jerked off the ground so suddenly, I lost my presence of mind and forgot to let go of the rope. Needless to say, I proceeded at a rapid rate up the side of the tower. In the vicinity of the 40-foot level, I met the barrel coming down. This explains my fractured skull and broken clavicle.

Slowed only slightly, I continued my rapid ascent, not stopping until the fingers of my right hand were two knuckles deep into the pulley. Fortunately by this time I had regained my presence of mind and was able to hold tightly on the rope in spite of the pain. At about the same time however, the barrel hit the ground. The bottom fell out of the barrel. Devoid of the weight of the tools, the barrel now weighed 20 pounds.

I refer you again to my weight in block number 11. As you might guess, I began a rapid descent down the side of the tower. In the vicinity of the 40-foot level, I met the barrel coming up. This accounts for the two fractured ankles and the lacerations on my legs and lower body.

The encounter with the barrel slowed me enough to lessen my injuries when I fell into the pile of tools, and fortunately only three vertebrae were cracked. I am sorry to report, however, that as I lay there on the tools in pain, unable to stand, and watching the empty barrel 80 feet above me, I again lost my presence of mind.....I let go of the rope...

Living Will: Last night my kids and I were sitting in the living room and I said to them "I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle, if that ever happens, just pull the plug". They got up, unplugged the computer and threw out my wine.

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The Parish Where I Live

I live in the parish of Mansel Lacy which is one of the prettiest villages in Herefordshire, with its black and white cottages and beautifully kept gardens. Standing in the middle of the village is the thirteenth century church of St. Michael, surrounded by a large churchyard that holds the graves of families that have lived in the village for centuries. Major Davenport, who is the patron of the church and whose family has lived in the village since the mid-eighteen hundreds, owns the Foxley Estate which surrounds the church. The family still take an interest in all that goes on which gives the community the tradition of continuing care and responsibility. In the past, one of the members of the family was the vicar, and the family also built the Victorian Church at Yazor nearby. During the second world war a hospital camp was built on the Foxley Estate to accommodate American servicemen, and after the war Polish refugees lived in the camp, as did local homeless families. As a result a number of graves belonging to Polish people are in the churchyard and date around the middle 1950's.

Mansel Lacy was one of the first churches in the Diocese of Hereford to become a community hall as well as a church as it does not have a shop or pub or any other community facility. This means it has been divided into two distinct areas; the chancel now separated off to keep it for worship by a tastefully designed wooden partition with doors that open out should the whole church be required for a special occasion such as a wedding, funeral or harvest festival; the other half having a modern kitchen, toilets and comfortable seating and carpeting for the use of community groups. Awards have been given for the way the church has been adapted. The High Altar has a distinctive reredos of a copy of Leonardo Da Vinci's last supper, and the chancel has some very old choir stalls and a small organ where a dedicated group of people worship each Sunday. The vicar is the Revd Rana Davies James who resides in the parish of Credenhill, but her husband farms in the village of Dorstone, so she is well versed in the challenges of rural ministry. Angie Deane, our self supporting minister, lives in Mansel Lacy and supports the vicar throughout the benefice, as does Mike Wilkinson, the lay reader, who comes in from Hereford city.

We have a Community Association Committee as well as a PCC who work well together to keep the church in good condition and make it available for everyone to use. The events they plan help to bring the community together and raise the much needed funds for the church upkeep.

We are lucky to be part of this community minded village, and we try to support it as much as we can, while also committing ourselves to the life and worship of the Cathedral.

Sylvia Green-Jones

Thomas Bankes was a vicar from 1770-1805 in a church alongside the River Wye South of Hereford but did not set foot in the parish until he died.. He counted letters in the bible (3,566,486), he counted the number of times the word "and" occurs, establishing it occurs 35,543 times in the Old Testament and 40,684 times in the New Testament

Also he found that the 21st verse of the 7th chapter of Ezra contains all the letters of the alphabet.

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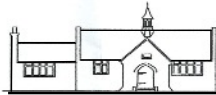
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How children perceive their Grandparents

(thanks to Simon)

1. She was in the bathroom, putting on her makeup, under the watchful eyes of her young granddaughter, as she'd done many times before. After she applied her lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "But Grandma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!" I will probably never put lipstick on again without thinking about kissing the toilet paper good-bye.
2. My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, "80". My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"
3. After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was THAT?"
4. A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like. "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods." The little girl was wide-eyed, taking all this in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"
5. My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo and replied, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both old," he replied.
6. A little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandfather's word processor. She told him she was writing a story. "What's it about?", he asked. "I don't know", she replied. "I can't read."
7. I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me and was always correct. It was fun for me, so I continued. At last, she headed for the door, saying, "Grandma, I think you should try to figure out some of these colours yourself!"
8. When my grandson Billy and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to avoid attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in. Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, "It's no use Grandpa. Now the mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights."
9. When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure." "Look in your underwear, Grandpa", he advised ... "Mine says I'm 4 to 6."
10. A second grader came home from school and said to her grandmother, "Grandma, guess what? We learned how to make babies today." The grandmother, more than a little surprised, tried to keep her cool. "That's interesting." she said . . . "How do you make babies?" "It's simple", replied the girl. "You just change 'y' to 'i' and add 'es'."
11. Children's Logic: "Give me a sentence about a public servant", said a teacher. The small boy wrote: "The fireman came down the ladder, pregnant." The teacher took the lad aside to correct him. "Don't you know what pregnant means?", she asked. "Sure", replied the young boy confidently. "It means carrying a child."
12. A grandfather was delivering his grandchildren to their home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started discussing the dog's duties. "They use him to keep crowds back", said one child. "No", said another. "He's just for good luck." A third child brought the argument to a close. "You're both wrong. . . They use the dogs", she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrants."
13. A 6-year-old was asked where his grandma lived. "Oh," he said, "she lives at the airport, and when we want her, we just go get her. Then, when we're done having her visit, we take her back to the airport."
14. My Grandparents are funny. When they bend over, you hear gas leaks and they blame their dog.

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Midsummer Light

This summer, there will be another opportunity to remember loved ones at Midsummer Lights, a special service being held by the beautiful lake at Lyde Arundel, on Friday 20th June at 7.00pm. There will be reflective music, a chance to scatter rose petals on the lake and time to remember loved ones in a very individual setting. For more details, please contact Rev David Vonberg or Rev Jill Groves at St Michael's Hospice on 01432 851000.

Holding a St Michael's Hospice Big Tea party is as easy as one, two tea!

Pick a day this July, buy or bake some cakes and pop the kettle on. Then ask friends, family, neighbours, colleagues or customers to join you for a Hospice fund-raising party.

Every penny raised from a Big Tea party will go straight to caring for the thousands of people in Herefordshire and the surrounding counties who benefit from St Michael's Hospice services.

Last year, Big Tea parties raised over £8,000, which was enough to fund meals in our In-Patient Unit for three months. This year we're hoping to raise even more.

You can help your Hospice by holding a Big Tea party anywhere: at home, work or school, in the garden, village hall or park. Yours could be a small affair with a few close friends, or a big event open to all.

Choose any date in July to suit you. You may want a morning 'Knit & Natter', a vintage Big Tea, a traditional English tea party or serve a cream tea with sandwiches and cakes and treat your guests to this great British tradition.

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Healthwatch Herefordshire was officially launched in October 2013 and was commissioned by Herefordshire Council in April of this year. This is an independent organisation which will champion the views of patients, the public and consumers on health and social care issues in the County. This was a direct result of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, which gave Healthwatch statutory powers.

WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON IN THE G.T Club?

When Derek Parody offered to come and join us for a bit of 'Bridge Building' last half term, we really didn't know quite what to expect! Would he be helping us to get on better or did he mean something to get us across Yazor Brook?

But armed just with wooden blocks, strips of paper, string and elastic bands, the G.T. members, in groups, each had to construct a certain type of bridge,. conventional bridges, suspension bridges etc.– The only proviso was that the end result had to be able to bear the weight of a block of wood. Quite a challenge! But one which our members found both great fun and enlightening!

We are very grateful to Derek for coming and for awarding those prizes! The other highlight of the half term was the family bowling. We all sped off to the Grove (on the A49 this side of Leominster) for an evening of trying to demolish the skittles (is that what you call them? Probably not.) And the winner was Well actually I've forgotten - and it doesn't matter as the point was to have fun and we certainly did that.

One slight disappointment is the number of attendees which is beginning to dip a little. So if anyone knows a young person in the area who would like to meet a group of great young people who also live round here then please direct them our way. This term, we are proposing to have an evening walk, rounders at Credenhill (numbers permitting) and finishing off with Mountain boarding and BBQ at Ironsides!

Exam season is upon us and some of our G.T. members are working hard at the moment. We wish Jack, Hannah and Leo the best of luck with their G.C.S.E.'S.

The GT club meets in Mansel Lacy Village Hall on a Friday night 7-9 during term time and is open to all young people aged 11-17. Contact Claire 01981 590239 or Katrina 01432 760350.

I have been asked to publish the item below and to advertise the fact that the Volunteer Centre in Hereford (part of HVOSS) would encourage you to become a volunteer in 2014. Just a couple of hours a week maybe or more would be good . Try the freephone number below and maybe make a difference to someones life.....Cal



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Dear Friends

Since I wrote in the last issue of the *Foxley News* Revd Snowy Davoll died suddenly and unexpectedly on 22nd March. Snowy had been a loved and valued member of our ministers' team in the Magnis Group and was very much involved in the life of all our parishes in the group. He was the life and soul of the party at the Lent Lunches at Mansel Lacy, which were instigated by him and his wife Sybil, and he organised the most frustrating quizzes to help us digest the soup lunch. He was also an ardent supporter of the GT Club at Mansel Lacy and had a great way of having fun and engaging with the youngsters who attended. His funeral service was a revelation to most of us as he had been so modest about his previous ministry and it was wonderful to hear how much he had been loved and respected by those whose lives he had touched elsewhere. There are several websites that say much more: www.godlovesbermondsey.co.uk has a eulogy and you can find tributes on www.snowydavoll.com where you can share your thoughts as well. We will miss him, but we are also grateful to have known him and to have shared ministry here with him was a huge privilege. Please don't forget Sybil as she re-adjusts to a new life without dear Snowy.

One thing that does help us as we come to terms with such a loss is the hope we have in Christ as Saviour of the world. Living with loss would be unbearable if we didn't have the hope of something beyond the grave. It is because of all that Jesus did for us as he bore the agony of death on a cross that we have the promise of eternal life. And he did that for us because he loves us so much. How amazing to be loved by someone so wonderful! May we all rejoice that Snowy now lives forever with the Lord he loved and served so faithfully. And may the resurrected Christ continue to fill you with his peace and hope.

With every blessing, Rana

Normal Sunday Services as follows:

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

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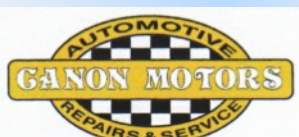
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