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Editorial

Nowadays it seems that not a magazine goes by without us saying goodbye to someone close. This time it is Morley Smith who has gone after suffering various ailments after his bone transplant. He sadly died on May 2nd. A private family cremation took place on the 15th May and there is to be a memorial service at Mansel Lacy church on Saturday 30th May starting at 1pm. Morley's legal expertise was highly valued on the Parish Council on which he served for a good few years. Morley was also Vice

Chairman of the Parochial Church Council for many years and had been active as a Hereford Cathedral guide for even more years.. Our commiserations to his wife Joy

We also lost Tom Stevens after a long battle against cancer. He died on Tuesday 5th May and was cremated on Friday 15th May. Tom was a valued member of the community as a member of the Community Association and a committee member of the Community Access Point. His help at the Soap Box Derby's was well known. His wife Barbara gets our heartfelt condolences.



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Foxley Flyer

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Community Association

We had an election for the Parish Council this year, something that hasn't happened for many a year. It was refreshing. We also nearly had the County Council representative living amongst us. Mike Jones got 966 votes only to be beaten by Mark Cooper from Dilwyn with 988 votes. Well done Mike and commiserations.

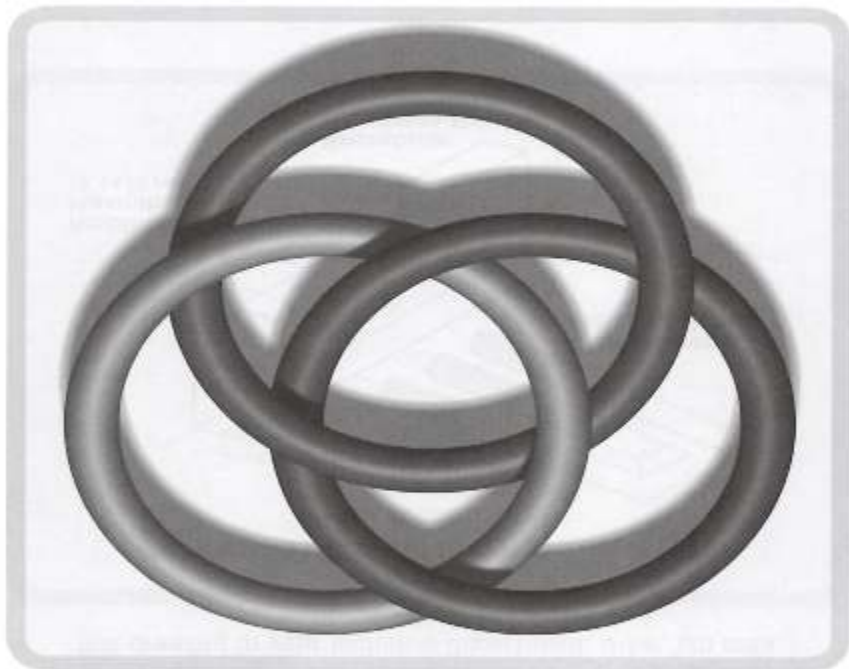
We have purchased another 12 x 4 metre marquee, which we will erect on the 30th May for the memorial service to Morley Smith at Mansel Lacy church starting at 1pm.

The overall grass cut on Sunday 10th May was conducted by the Hereford Probation service at no cost. The workers were all doing 'community service' and payment is not permitted. But they do deserve a big thank you because they did all the strimming as well. At the meeting of the Community Association on Wednesday 20th May we finalised our programme for the Garden Fete on 4th July. The poster on page 23 covers most of the activities. Any spare bottles you have would be gratefully received for the bottle stall. We also need some face painters to volunteer to do a short stint. Any Volunteers would be welcome because the more stalls or events we do the more money we will raise. Call me! Because of the elections nationally and locally, my mind has been busy with other things and I'm at a loss as how to fill in the rest of this page.

I'll be very sorry to see my near neighbours Mike and Carol Bracebridge move to other pastures. They have been very supportive to us and we will miss them being there! We await with interest to meet our new neighbours in due course.

The report on the imminent Duck Race will have to wait till the next issue, cos this edition has to go to the printers asap. I'm sorry that some people have missed the copy deadline but they are published on page 2 of the Foxley news in every edition

Cal



Something to think about !!

Mansel Garden Club

At our March meeting we heard Helena Garrish talk on H Avray Tipping, (1855-1933), a wealthy Edwardian gentleman, prolific architectural historian, writer of many books, garden designer and Editor of Country Life. Helen Garrish got hooked after she purchased High Glanau Manor, Monmouth, with a rundown garden, a swimming pool placed where the herbaceous garden had originally been. This led to an MA on Houses and Gardens of Avray Tipping. Helen Garrish soon learned that Avray Tipping was an enigma and an eccentric, a tireless worker. He visited hundreds of country gardens, arriving unannounced. He was a practical gardener, but with huge experience in landscaping and planting. He did not marry, on his death his assets were split between his brother and his gardener, his papers destroyed, so his importance as the man behind 'country living' was lost, but Helen Garrish has really brought this history to life. The garden at High Glanau has been recreated, black and white photographs of the garden as it originally was have been obtained from Country Life, and the Garrish family have spent years revamping this Arts and Crafts house.

Our speaker at Mansel Garden club this April was Simon Thomas www.lyonshallnurseries.co.uk. Simon arrived with a good selection of his favourites, magnolias, clematis, flowering peach to mention a few, and he talked about them, he obviously loves plants, and was very willing to answer questions as well as offer advice. These tempted the members, he certainly returned home with rather less than he arrived with. Simon runs Lyonshall Nurseries, a small family business, with a good selection of shrubs, trees and perennials and now with Summer approaching a varied selection of annuals, well worth a visit.

18 members visited High Glanau Manor, Monmouth, on a beautifully sunny May afternoon. This Arts and Crafts house and garden designed, built and lived in by Henry Avray Tipping, had views as far as The Skirrid, some 40 miles. Helena Gerrish the owner opens under the NGS, and by arrangement, took us on a guided tour of the gardens, the scents from the wisteria pervading the air, the herbaceous border, dotted with tulips, two terraces leading down to the pool below, the vegetable gardens and original greenhouse, which is in working order, and jammed full of plants waiting for the end of frosty nights so that planting out can commence. The gardeners shed, with tools, wheelbarrows, lawn mowers all lined up was quite something. The deer roam in the 8 acre wood, and annoyingly have discovered tasty morsels in the gardens, particularly enjoying a yew hedge which has now been replanted with hedging that deer hopefully won't eat. This was followed by tea, cream scones, cake and chat on the terrace, taking in the views. A lovely afternoon, and a garden well worth visiting.

Pam Powell 01981 590682

In a University Classroom, they were discussing the qualifications needed to be Prime minister of Canada....it was pretty simple. The candidate must be a natural born citizen of at least 35 years of age.

However one girl in the class immediately started in on how unfair was the requirement to be a natural born citizen. In short, her opinion was that this requirement prevented many capable individuals from becoming Prime Minister. The class was taking it in and letting her rant, but many jaws hit the floor when she wrapped up her argument by stating "What makes a natural born citizen any more qualified to lead this country than one born by C-section" Yep these are the same kinds of 18 year olds that are now voting in our elections!

Lacy Ladies

On February 26, a large audience of members and guests watched a film of Brian and Caroline's recent Botswana safari. Several different habitats were explored including salt flats and the Okavango Delta. As well as elephants, lions, rhinos, buffalo, hippos, giraffes, wild dogs, hyenas and many types of deer and warthogs, also featured were a huge selection of birds, including owls and birds of prey. Highlights were close encounters with herds of elephant, a pride of lions with a baby cub feasting on a buffalo, and a hunting pack of wild dogs.

March: At short notice Richard Jordan agreed to visit us. He gave a very interesting illustrated account of his growing up in London during World War 2. While sharing with us these unforgettable experiences there were many photographs and we heard the music of Vera Lynn, Glenn Miller and Anne Shelton. We were shocked how Londoners endured the war with a smile and how they carried on with their lives.

Members and guests, some of whom grew up in London during this time could share their stories with us. A very enjoyable evening.

April: Janet Pocock and Jo Helme came to demonstrate and tell us about the history of Spinning. Jo brought many samples of different sheep's wool, some very soft, others quite coarse. She told us how the wool was prepared from the fleece until it was ready for spinning. Janet gave us a demonstration of spinning, she brought along garments which she had knitted using the wool she had prepared and dyed and spun. A most interesting evening.

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"Damn! I really should use spell check! That should be "wif". Sorry!!

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A Woman was out golfing one day when she hit the ball into the woods. She went into the woods to look for it and found a frog in a trap. The frog said to her, "If you release me from this trap, I will grant you three wishes." The woman freed the frog, and the frog said, "Thank you, but I failed to mention that there was a condition to your wishes. Whatever you wish for, your husband will get times ten!" The woman said, "That's okay." For her first wish, she wanted to be the most beautiful woman in the world. The frog warned her, "You do realize that this wish will also make your husband the most handsome man in the world, an Adonis whom women will flock to". The woman replied, "That's okay, because I will be the most beautiful woman and he will have eyes only for me." So, KAZAM - she's the most beautiful woman in the world! For her second wish, she wanted to be the richest woman in the world. The frog said, "That will make your husband the richest man in the world. And he will be ten times richer than you." The woman said, "That's okay, because what's mine is his and what's his is mine." So, KAZAM - she's the richest woman in the world! The frog then inquired about her third wish, and she answered, "I'd like a mild heart attack." Moral of the story: Women are clever. Don't mess with them. Attention female readers: This is the end of the joke for you. Stop here and continue feeling good. Male readers: Please read on.. The man had a heart attack ten times milder than his wife. Moral of the story: Women are not really smart, they just think they are. Let them continue to think that way and just enjoy the show. PS: If you are a woman and are still reading this; it only goes to show that women never listen!!!

When everybody on earth was dead and waiting to enter Heaven, God appeared and said, "I want the men to make two lines: One line for the men who were true heads of their household, and the other line for the men who were dominated by their women. And I want all the women to report to St. Peter." Soon, the women were gone, and there were two lines of men. The line of the men who were dominated by their wives was 100 miles long and in the line of men who truly were heads of their household, there was only one man. God said to the long line, "You men should be ashamed of yourselves; I created you to be the head of your household! You have been disobedient and have not fulfilled your purpose! Of all of you, only one obeyed. Learn from him." God turned to the one man, "How did you manage to be the only one in this line?" The man replied, "My wife told me to stand here."

I had been teaching my three-year old daughter, Caitlin, the Lord's Prayer for several evenings at bedtime. She would repeat after me the lines from the prayer. Finally, she decided to go solo. I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer: "Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us from E-mail."

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The Act creates a single consistent route, establishing entitlement to public care and support for all adults who require care and support. It also creates the first ever entitlement to support for carers, on a similar basis.

The Act outlines steps that must be followed to work out entitlement, and understand the process. Following a person's 'journey' in the care and support system, an assessment will demonstrate eligibility (including a financial assessment). This will determine whether people need to pay for their own care, and in future will include the new capped costs payment system. Once complete a decision can then be made whether the adult is entitled to care and support arranged by the local authority.

When must the local authority meet a person's care and support needs?

The Act sets out a new legal duty for an adult's "eligible needs" (determined by assessment) to be met by the local authority, subject to their financial circumstances.

The Act says clearly that a person will be entitled to have their needs met when:

The adult has "eligible" needs, is ordinarily resident in the local area and any of the five situations below apply to them. The type of care and support they need is provided free of charge. The person cannot afford to pay the full cost of their care and support. The person asks the local authority to meet their needs. The person does not have mental capacity, and has no one else to arrange care for them. When the cap on care costs comes into force, their total care and support costs have exceeded the cap.

On 18 March you could have found out more from the Dir. of Adult Social Care at Hereford Council, Helen Coombes. She was speaking at Hinton Community Centre, Hereford As part of the Herefordshire Disability United (HDU) Open Meeting. HDU is a local charity providing quarterly information sessions, on topics relevant to the disabled and their families, carers, and older people in this county. The meeting from 10.30- 2.30 pm was FREE, but you would have needed to book your place. Other speakers too all relevant to social care will be present. A buffet lunch is provided plus the opportunity to speak personally to other organisations present.

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Making Jamaica on 6 October, she took on 826 pounds of flour and 68,300 gallons of rum. Then she headed for the Azores , arriving there 12 November.. She provisioned with 550 pounds of beef and 64,300 gallons of Portuguese wine . On 18 November, she set sail for England . In the ensuing days she defeated five British men-of-war ships, and captured and scuttled 12 English merchant ships, salvaging only the rum aboard each. By 26 January, her powder and shot were exhausted. Nevertheless, although unarmed she made a night raid up the Firth of Clyde in Scotland . Her landing party captured a whisky distillery and transferred 40,000 gallons of single malt Scotch aboard by dawn. Then she headed home. The U. S. S. Constitution arrived in Boston on 20 February 1799, with no cannon shot, no food, no powder, no rum , no wine , no whisky , and 38,600 gallons of waterGO NAVY !

DR. YOUNG VS DR. GEE And old geezer, who had been a retired farmer for a long time, became very bored and decided to open a medical clinic. He put a sign up outside that said: Dr. Geezer's clinic. "Get your treatment for \$500, if not cured get back \$1,000." Doctor "Young," who was positive that this old geezer didn't know beans about medicine, thought this would be a great opportunity to get \$1,000. So he went to Dr. Geezer's clinic. This is what transpired.

Dr. Young: --- "Dr. Geezer, I have lost all taste in my mouth." can you please help me ?? Dr. Geezer: --- "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in Dr Young's mouth." Dr. Young: --- Aaagh !! -- "This is Gasoline!"

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You've got your taste back. That will be \$500."

Dr. Young gets annoyed and goes back after a couple of days figuring to recover his money. Dr Young: "I have lost my memory, I cannot remember anything." Dr. Geezer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in the patient's mouth."

Doctor Young: "Oh no you don't, -- that is Gasoline!" Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You've got your memory back. That will be \$500." Dr. Young (after having lost \$1000) leaves angrily and comes back after several more days. Dr. Young: "My eyesight has become weak --- I can hardly see !!!! Dr. Geezer: "Well, I don't have any medicine for that so -- " Here's your \$1000 back." Dr. Young: "But this is only \$500..." Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You got your vision back! That will be \$500."

Moral of story -- Just because you're "Young" doesn't mean that you can outsmart an old "Geezer " !!!!

The room was full of pregnant women and their partners. The instructor was teaching the women how to breathe properly, and informing the men how to give the necessary assurances and coaching at this stage of the plan. "Ladies, exercise is good for you," announced the teacher. "Walking is especially beneficial. And, gentlemen, it wouldn't hurt you to take the time to go walking with your partner!" The room was very quiet. Finally, a guy in the group raised his hand. "Yes?" asked the instructor. "Is it okay if she carries a golf bag while we walk?"

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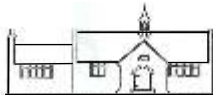
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THURSDAY 7 MAY 2015 ELECTIONS

The results of the elections were as follows:

National Election - Hereford North - Bill Wiggins, Conservative, with a greatly increased majority.

Herefordshire County Council - Mark Cooper, Conservative from Dilwyn with 988 votes. Mike Jones, Independent from Mansel Lacy, with 966 just lost by 22 votes

Mansel Lacy Parish Council: - David Davenport with 83 votes, David Gwynne with 63 votes, Pam Powell with 20 votes and Carol Allen with 16 votes.

David Davenport and David Gwynne were elected to the two vacant seats.

The turn out at Mansel Lacy Community Centre was 75% with 87 voters casting their 2 votes in the Parish elections.

Foxley Group Parish Council

At the AGM of the Group Parish Council David Davenport was elected as Chairman and Cal Edwards as Vice Chairman. New members Andrew Davies, Dave Gwynne and Alan Powell were welcomed. It was decided to take up the offer of the sale of the telephone box from BT for a £1.00. Possible uses were also discussed. Any suggestions would be welcomed. The setting up of a Parish Council website will be completed in the near future. Council minutes will then be promulgated on line.

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Michelle can be reached at 01981-590765 or e-mail: Shel.sheers@gmail.com

As you may know Carol and I are leaving Mansel Lacy for other pastures at the end of May. We are sorry to leave but the heating Oil consortium is in good hands. With best wishes, Mike Bracebridge, The Old Barn, Mansel Lacy 01981-590494

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G.T (Get together) Club News

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Adoption in Herefordshire and beyond the borders

Many people still think adoption is only for couples, but this is no longer the case. The only age barrier is that you must be over 21 years old to adopt.. There is no upper age limit but you will need lots of physical and emotional energy. Single people, those in same sex relationships and people with disabilities are welcomed as adopters.

Every year there are about 20 Herefordshire children of all ages needing a safe, stable, loving home. Herefordshire Council adoption team welcome enquiries from a variety of people bringing a range of skills to suit a variety of children with different needs. People in Herefordshire and beyond the borders are welcome to make confidential enquiries call our friendly team on 01432383241 or e-mail: adoption@herefordshire.gov.uk/adoption

When NASA was preparing for the Apollo Project, it took the astronauts to a Navajo reservation in Arizona for training. One day, a Navajo elder and his son came across the space crew walking among the rocks. The elder, who spoke only Navajo, asked a question. His son translated for the NASA people: "What are these guys in the big suits doing?" One of the astronauts said that they were practicing for a trip to the moon.

When his son relayed this comment the Navajo elder got all excited and asked if it would be possible to give the astronauts a message to deliver to the moon. Recognizing a promotional opportunity when he saw one, a NASA official accompanying the astronauts said, "Why certainly!" He then told an underling to get a tape recorder. The Navajo elder's comments into the microphone were brief. The NASA official asked the son if he would translate what his father had said. The son listened to the recording and laughed uproariously. But he refused to translate. So the NASA people took the tape to a nearby Navajo village and played it for other members of the tribe. They too laughed long and loudly, but refused to translate the elder's message to the moon. So, an official government translator was summoned. After he finally stopped laughing, the translator relayed the message: "WATCH OUT FOR THESE ASSHOLES. THEY HAVE COME TO STEAL YOUR LAND."

A police officer sees a man driving around with a pickup truck full of penguins. He pulls the guy over and says, "You can't drive around with penguins in this town! Take them to the zoo immediately."

The guy says okay, and drives away. The next day, the officer sees the guy still driving around with the truck full of penguins -- and they're all wearing sunglasses. He pulls the guy over and demands, "I thought I told you to take these penguins to the zoo yesterday?"

The guy replies, "I did. Today I'm taking them to the beach!"

A wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to their six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?" "I wouldn't know what to say," the girl replied. "Just say what you hear Mommy say," the wife answered. The daughter bowed her head and said, "Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'

Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"

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A variety of ten gardens will be opening in Kingsland in support of St Michael's Hospice Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th June 11.00am-5.00pm on Saturday and 2.00pm-5.00pm on Sunday Ticket price includes entry to all of the gardens and are valid for the two days of opening Refreshments will be served at The Old House and at The Methodist Chapel

THE BLONDE MORTICIAN

A man who'd just died is delivered to a local mortuary wearing an expensive, expertly tailored black suit.

The female blonde mortician asks the deceased's wife how she would like the body dressed. She points out that the man does look good in the black suit he is already wearing.

The widow, however, says that she always thought her husband looked his best in blue, and that she wants him in a blue suit. She gives the Blonde mortician a blank check and says, 'I don't care what it costs, but please have my husband in a blue suit for the viewing.'

The woman returns the next day for the wake. To her delight, she finds her husband dressed in a gorgeous blue suit with a subtle chalk stripe; the suit fits him perfectly... She says to the mortician, 'Whatever this cost, I'm very satisfied.. You did an excellent job and I'm very grateful. How much did you spend?'

To her astonishment, the blonde mortician presents her with the blank check. 'There's no charge,' she says.

'No, really, I must compensate you for the cost of that exquisite blue suit!' she says. 'Honestly, ma'am,' the blonde says, 'it cost nothing. You see, a deceased gentleman of about your husband's size was brought in shortly after you left yesterday, and he was wearing an attractive blue suit. I asked his wife if she minded him going to his grave wearing a black suit instead, and she said it made no difference as long as he looked nice.'

'So I just switched the heads.'

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 10 am

Mansel Lacy Community Hall and Church Cleaning/ Flower Rota

Jan - Jane Cox Feb - Tammy Gwynne/Jo Grice Mar - Norma Hembrow

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

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

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I had been teaching my three-year old daughter, Caitlin, the Lord's Prayer for several evenings at bedtime. She would repeat after me the lines from the prayer. Finally, she decided to go solo. I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer: "Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us from E-mail".

A father was at the beach with his children when the four-year-old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore where a seagull lay dead in the sand. "Daddy, what happened to him?" the son asked. "He died and went to Heaven," the Dad replied.

The boy thought a moment and then said, "Did God throw him back down?"