



Foxley News



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



A Merry Christmas



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Editorial

The Magazine's editorial is normally to point out various features or stories in the current edition but seems of late to be taken over by sad news of funerals of local people. Lets hope for a break from death for the near future.

October has seen the grim reaper call in a good few well known and respected characters in this locality. They will all be sorely missed. Our sympathy goes out to Marion Powell and family, and to Jenny Lewis and all her family.

It is very sad that Parish Councillor and Farmer, **Mike Powell** was taken from us so suddenly. Having been in hospital for an operation he seemed to be on the way to recovery, before his relapse. His funeral was on 1st October at the Parish church in Weobley and was very well attended by family and lots of friends. At his and Marion's Golden Wedding celebrations their Grandchildren composed a poem which was a nice tribute. It was reproduced in the service order and on page 9 of this edition.

Another shock was the sudden demise of **Nigel Lewis**, another farmer, from Norton Canon whose funeral was on 3rd October. *(God called your name so gently that only you could hear. No one heard the footsteps of the angel drawing near. Softly from the shadows there came a gentle call. You closed your eyes and went to sleep and quietly left us all)*

June Joiner finally went to her beloved Michael on 22nd October. Her funeral was at the Crematorium on 3rd October attended by her friends and neighbours. The local cats are now without their benefactor and will slowly disappear. See page 9.

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Community Association

It's very sad to fill up the editorial section with memories of good friends who have died. There seems to be more and more or is it because I'm getting older!!

The Community Association had its Annual General Meeting in October as required by the Charity Commission and most of the old gang were re-elected. We were glad to have Vera Cole back on the Committee after retiring last year, she couldn't stay away, she is a wise counsel. We are very grateful to members for their past contributions to the committee who have retired Viv Griffiths, Elaine Hillier and Cecily Edwards. The full complement of the Committee can be seen on page 17.

We have increased the numbers of Trustees with the addition of Mike Jones, John Spinks, Ken King and Sue Rawlinson. The other trustees, Robin & Jane Cox, Stuart & Angie Deane, Dave Gwynne and Cal Edwards have agreed to remain.

We decided to reduce the price of the Hog Roast this year, a little risky, bearing in mind that we also started the event later, at 6pm, but our regular supporters, 49 of them, came again and we ended up making a profit of £6.00. We will most probably start earlier next year.

The Houdenjones concert on Saturday 25th October was very successful and from all reports very well performed. The original contract had been agreed, that Houdenjones would receive the sale of the first 50 tickets, but were persuaded to accept 40 so as to allow a greater profit to the Community Association, which was £143.50. They also insisting on paying the hall hire fee of £20.00. As they change their repertoire every 18 months we will have them back in 2016 hopefully. As they came from Lancaster where they smoke kippers, they donated a pair as a raffle prize, which became the first choice of the first winner, and were very tasty I'm told.

At our AGM and the presentation of accounts, the Asset Register indicated the value of the timing equipment, which was purchased for the Soap Box Derby timing, as £900 and we have received an offer.

At our meeting on Monday 17th November we resolved to sell the timing equipment to Gwynnespeed a relative of Dave Gwynne, for the agreed price of £900.

The cost of fitting three more infra red electrical heaters, identical to those already fitted has been costed. Estimates obtained amounted to £800 labour inc. vat and the cost of three heaters is £465.48 incl. vat. With the use of a local loaned erection tower the labour cost could be reduced. Possibilities of obtaining grant funding will be explored urgently. As there was already a faculty existing, once the finance was arranged then the work could be expedited.

The Bonfire and Firework party was considered successful although due to rising costs there may be a small subsidy from Association funds to balance the account. The Committee thanked Dave, Kevin and the team for their contribution along with Tammy and friend and Anne Fairhurst for doing the refreshments.

The committee agreed to pay the joining fee of £30 to HVOSS. This is the organisation that covers all of Hereford's voluntary services and has a great deal of expertise that can be tapped into.

For future events, which we normally arrange at our January meeting, one topic was suggested for the Summer - a Village Fete, something which in the past has been very successful. It does draw the village together and usually raises substantial funds.

Page 23 holds an advert for the Annual Christmas lunch, which this year is being held at the Priory Hotel at Stretton Sugwas. The full menu is printed in the advert so please make your choice and advise me as soon as possible.

Finally on behalf of the Mansel Lacy Community Association may I wish you all a

Very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year Cal

Mansel Garden Club

Members enjoyed a lovely September evening at Morton Wood. www.mortonwood.co.uk
Tel: 07920851674. Jo And Paul run this 28 acre woodland as a viable business, living in a very small caravan, dependent on their solar panel for light and intermittent computer use, a tin bath, wood burner and no running water. A real step back in time, totally away from our consumer driven society. They are an inspiring couple, who really love the woods and countryside, spend their time working very hard to make a living and have a 20 year plan. They produce logs, fencing, hurdles, barbeque charcoal, greenwood structures and much more, they also do workshops and have 'Open Days'. They try to coppice an acre each year, then electric fence pigs in to mooch the ground up, which leaves the soil open, and allows the traditional wild flowers and woodland seeds to germinate. No tractor - a horse does the heavy work. The work is carried out allowing nature to thrive, although they have found the fencing useful as deer roam and do rather love the young fresh plants in their coppice areas. Some modern technology is helpful! Jo also visits schools and talks to children about their woodland. They are currently building a workshop, using old traditional crafts. Paul went on 5 day course to learn this art, from the Ben Law, Woodsman, of Grand Designs fame, and called on locals to give him some help with the beams; he said he was overwhelmed with the response, but finding time to finish the project is very hard. Jo also speaks to local groups. The evening finished around the campfire with very traditional tea and scones, with the little terrier eagerly awaiting any crumbs.

At the Annual General Meeting held in the Community Centre on Monday 6th October, the following officers agreed to continue. Joint Chairman - Robin & Jane Cox. Treasurer - Peter Griffiths and Pat Astley. Secretary - Pam Powell and Jan Kersley. Social Secretary - Malcolm and Jill Ainslie. We have an opening for a Vice Chairman. (Members seem very reticent to take on officer's positions, none of which are particularly onerous, and which, for the continuing health of the club, need to be shared around, new blood breeds new ideas!) Many thanks to Viv Griffiths who has acted as Social Secretary for the past 14 years, and is looking forward to the rest, and to the Committee who aid the smooth running of the Club, provide refreshments at the AGM, and members gardens, help organise the Christmas Party and Barbeque, which makes events enjoyable for all. Many thanks to Malcolm and Jill for the Barbeque venue, a lovely way to spend a Sunday afternoon. Subs have increased for the first time since the Garden Club was founded 20 years ago and are now £7. The evening closed with Garden Birdsong Quiz organised by Jane and Robin, won by Jim Gratton with 14 out of 14, a real expert. Refreshments followed, obligatory at any garden club meeting, with members inspecting the last flowers in our garden, a varied display.

In November we were entertained by Carol Dowding, anenglishcottageonline.com speaking on 'Gardening with the Husband'. Carol and her husband live at Brimfield and open their garden, Holmcroft, Brimfield, Shropshire Yellow book, the last weekends of June & July. They purchased the property some years ago and have altered & improved both the garden and house, showing slides of a very inviting garden well worth a visit. Carol initially spent her life with horses, moving on to be the first lady helicopter pilot, when she met her husband, also a pilot, and retiring to 'garden'. Carol arrived at Garden Club on crutches, having only had a hip operation two weeks earlier. The garden was a joint enterprise, but gardening with the husband meant a few misunderstandings, as the 'husband' did not have quite the same ideas, resulting in a lawn being sprayed off just when the Yellow book people were due to inspect, 15 year old trees being pruned to death, replaced with Yews, which is what Carol wanted all the time. So things had a habit of working out. Husband acted as taxi, and then went off to the pub, coming back to taxi Carol home, obviously very well trained or a real partnership.

Pam Powell

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

The Mansel Singers is a community choir offering the chance to sing to anyone in the surrounding villages. It is not necessary to read music nor to have had any choir experience. Over the past 15 years a wide range of songs has been covered including Christmas and favourites chosen by members. The current music is in preparation for the group to join with all other community choirs in the county for The Gathering Wave, the finale night of the 3 Choirs Festival in Hereford Cathedral on 1st August 2015. A really exciting evening! With effect from January 2015 the Singers will meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month from 7.30 - 9.00 pm in the Mansel Lacy Community Centre. Singing brightens up your life! Why not come along and join the group? A warm welcome awaits you.

Leaders are Mrs J Cox and Mr R Milan

Dear Editor

We hope everyone in Mansel Lacy and surrounding area are aware of the Planning Application at Flag Station, for 4 Poultry Broiler Units (180,000 birds), and new Access Road, due to go to Planning Committee on 19th November.

At Shetton hamlet, a mere 219 metres from the proposed site, all private residents, the tourism business at the barns, and the owners of Shetton Farm, a mere 2 metres from site boundary have objected. The Landscape Officer's comments justify our concerns

"The commercial plantation to the South and South Western boundary, which will have a limited life, which is not possible for the applicant to control, does mean if screening is lost, the site would be much more visible, and development could have adverse effect". These trees are at least 40 year old conifers, and could, as happened in Kenmore Wood earlier this year simply collapse, leaving Shetton residents with no protection from noise, odour or in the case of tourism, view. Whilst Foxley Estate have offered to replant, it would be many years before this would offer any protection. The development would then be plainly visible and not only to residents at Shetton.

The applicants have stated that there will be "potential for further workers dwellings". They intend, in the future to expand the poultry enterprise, add bio mass boilers, (IPCC statement), all of which means another site is indicated, we imagine either pushing further along the present, or on adjoining land next to the present potato/corn store, either way, closer to residents. Site has not yet been specified. In other such developments it has been a simple process to expand, using delegated powers. The present site is floodplain, edged by Yazor Brook, just a few metres from site, surrounded by 16 private houses, all unconnected to the applicant. The Flood Risk Plan presented by consultants for the Foxley Estate stated "whilst siting the buildings away from the Yazor Brook may negate flooding neighbours", apparently not a consideration. We have all spent since last May trying to get ourselves heard, but have come up against many brick walls, the site was approved by planners before any of our concerns were even presented.

We are all going to the Planning Meeting in the hope that the Committee agree with us, that the site is unsuitable, and hope all residents can have the protection to enjoy their outside space, have their windows open every day of the year, if they choose. There are many more suitable sites which seem to have been casually dispensed with. Whilst many readers of Foxley News may not be directly affected by this application, they could be in future, if such developments are allowed so close to private homes, and hope they spare the time to read this.

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Lacy Ladies

August: Due to a spell of wet weather our ride around Foxley with David Davenport had to be cancelled, it would have been too muddy, slippery and unsafe. Hopefully we will try again in the Spring.

At very short notice Penny and John Platts agreed to help us out, and talk about 'The City of Hereford Revealed'. They showed us what Hereford was like as an early settlement, up until the present day. A very interesting evening.

September: We had a talk by Jacky Jones entitled 'Be Breast Aware'. Jacky is attached to the Charles Renton unit at Hereford Hospital, and has great experience and knowledge of the subject; she explained how we should check our breasts regularly and see our GP if anything different was noted. Men should also check themselves. A very informative talk.

October: One of our members Jean Wells came to talk to us, bringing along a large collection of her work. When Jean's children were small she had very little money so she decided she would make their clothes. She then saw a tailoring course advertised, she thought she would do that, next an church embroidery class, she then did that, making vestments and then Bishops robes.

She and her embroidery group have made beautiful gold embroidery for Mansel Lacy church and Credenhill church. Jean also dresses dolls, makes furniture and figures for dolls houses, decorative boxes, gold thread pictures plus many other things. Her talents and enthusiasm is endless. A very clever lady and a most enjoyable evening!

We were very sorry that one of our founder members June Joiner passed away in October.

New members always welcome.

For more information contact Joyce Lewis Tel: 01981 590638

He rose from his bed one morning. It was a fine Spring day in his new West Texas mission parish. He walked to the window of his bedroom to get a deep breath of the beautiful day outside. He then noticed there was a jackass lying dead in the middle of his front lawn. He promptly called the local police station. The conversation went like this....

"Good morning. This is Sergeant Jones. How might I help you?"

"And the best of the day to yourself. This is Father O'Malley at St. Ann's Catholic Church. There's a jackass lying dead in me front lawn and would ye be so kind as to send a couple o'yer lads to take care of the matter?"

Sergeant Jones, considered himself to be quite a wit and recognizing the foreign accent, thought he would have a little fun with the good father, replied. "Well now Father, it was always my impression that you people took care of the last rites!"

There was dead silence on the line for a moment.....

Father O'Malley then replied: "Aye, tis' certainly true, but we are also obliged to notify the next of kin first, which is the reason for me call."



- Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
- A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
 - He who laughs last, thinks slowest.
 - A day without sunshine is like, well, night.
 - Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
- Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.
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Children's logic

One particular four-year-old prayed, "And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."

A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they were on the way to church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

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."

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!"

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?"

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?"

The poem read by their grandchildren at Mike & Marion Powell's golden wedding

Welcome to you, to Titley Hall
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There's Snooker, there's Golf, there's Horse-Racing and Bowls;
There's Tennis, there's hunting, and more Fish to fry-
Grandad says 'Thank heaven for Sky!'

Grandma and Grandad play sports with us in the garden
Although their technique won't send them to stardom
Grandma is a golden sports-woman in her own right
And is the best referee to sort out a water fight.

For Grandma, on Thursday it's down to the salon for a tweak
And for Grandad, it's planning his bowls for the week.

Grandma's fast-driving makes her hard to beat,
Whereas the pedals for Grandad don't quite reach his feet!

It's 50 years of wedded bliss; You wouldn't know it
As Grandma and Grandad hardly show it.
This wedded bliss, as it must be
Is definitely, there for all to see.

For this is something that we want to say:
We think the world of you both, in every way,
Grandma calls us 'Sunshine' and hugs us all the time
And Grandad comes out with "Marion, the b***** kids!"

June Joiner

June was a Hereford girl through and through never venturing further than the Isle of Wight. She was born in 1931 as June Wathen and her parents owned Wathens the confectionary shop in King St. for many years. June helped out in the shop and was once reprimanded for biting off the heads of all the jelly babies.

In photographs of June taken at the time she looked very much like Shirley Temple. Her first husband John had to complete his National Service before they were wed, said her Dad. Sadly John died a few years later. June had a house in Greyfriars St. And decided she needed some new curtains. The local furnisher sent round a nice young man to measure up, a Michael Joiner. She liked this young man so much she ordered more curtains so he would come back. In due course they got married and set up business as Michael Stuart soft furnishings. They shared their home with Standard and Toy Poodles. Later they move to Mansel Lacy and Michael retired. Slowly cats took over from dogs and all the strays found food at June's house. Michael sadly died in 2012 and June pined and became Mrs Grumpy. She is now where she wanted to be - with Michael.

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Mensa Brains

As you know Mensa is an organisation whose members have an IQ of 140 or higher. A few years ago, there was a Mensa convention in San Francisco, and several members lunched at a local cafe. While dining they discovered that their saltshaker contained pepper and their peppershaker was full of salt. How could they swap the contents of the bottles without spilling, and using only the implements at hand? Clearly this was a job for Mensa! The group debated and presented ideas, and finally came up with a brilliant solution involving a napkin, a straw and an empty saucer. They called the waitress over to dazzle her with their solution. "Ma'am," they said, "We couldn't help but notice that the peppershaker contains salt and the saltshaker—" "Oh," the waitress interrupted. "Sorry about that." She unscrewed the caps of both bottles and switched them.

On July 20, 1969, as Commander of the Apollo 11 Lunar module, Neil Armstrong was the first person to set foot on the moon. His first words after stepping on the moon, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind," were televised to earth and heard by millions. But before he re-entered the lander he made the enigmatic remark "Good luck, Mr Gorsky." Many people at NASA thought it was casual remark concerning some rival soviet cosmonaut. However upon checking, there was no Gorsky in either the Russian or American space programmes. Over the years, many people questioned Armstrong as to what the 'Good luck Mr Gorsky' statement meant, but Armstrong just smiled. On July 5, 1995 in Tampa Bay whilst answering questions following a speech, a reporter brought up the 26 year old question about "Mr Gorsky" to Armstrong. This time he finally responded because his Mr Gorsky had just died, so Neil Armstrong felt he could now answer the question. In 1938 when Neil was a kid in a small mid-western town; he was playing baseball with a friend in the backyard. His friend hit the ball, which landed in his neighbour's yard by their bedroom window. His neighbours were Mr & Mrs Gorsky. As he leaned down to pick up the ball, young Armstrong heard Mrs Gorsky shouting at Mr Gorsky, "Sex! You want sex?! You'll get sex when the kid next door walks on the moon!" It broke the place up. Neil Armstrong's family confirmed that this is a true story.

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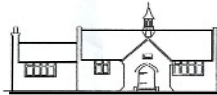
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Subject: Twist of fate Not even "Midsomer Murders" would attempt to capture this mess. This is an unbelievable twist of fate!

At the 1994 annual awards dinner given for Forensic Science, AAFS President, Dr. Don Harper Mills astounded his audience with the legal complications of a bizarre death. Here is the story:

On March 23, 1994 a medical examiner viewed the body of Ronald Opus, and concluded that he died from a shotgun wound to the head. Mr. Opus had jumped from the top of a ten-story building intending to commit suicide; he left a note to that effect indicating his despondency. As he fell past the ninth floor, his life was interrupted by a shotgun blast passing through a window, which killed him instantly.. Neither the shooter nor the deceased was aware that a safety net had been installed just below the eighth floor level to protect some building workers and that Ronald Opus would not have been able to complete his suicide the way he had planned.

The room on the ninth floor, whence the shotgun blast emanated, was occupied by an elderly man and his wife. They were arguing vigorously and he was threatening her with a shotgun! The man was so upset that when he pulled the trigger, he completely missed his wife, and the pellets went through the window, striking Mr. Opus.. When one intends to kill subject 'A', but kills subject 'B' instead, one is guilty of the murder of subject 'B.' When confronted with the murder charge, the old man and his wife were both adamant – saying they thought the shotgun was not loaded; the old man said it was a long-standing habit to threaten his wife with the unloaded shotgun. He had no intention to murder her. Therefore, the killing of Mr. Opus appeared to be an accident, assuming the gun had been accidentally loaded. The continuing investigation turned up a witness who saw the old couple's son loading the shotgun about six weeks prior to the fatal accident. It transpired that the old lady had cut off her son's financial support, and the son, knowing the propensity of his father to use the shotgun threateningly, loaded the gun with the expectation that his father would shoot his mother. Since the loader of the gun was aware of this, he was guilty of the murder even though he didn't actually pull the trigger. The case now becomes one of murder on the part of the son for the death of Ronald Opus. Now comes the exquisite twist ...

Further investigation revealed that the son was, in fact, Ronald Opus.

He had become increasingly despondent over the failure of his attempt to engineer his mother's murder. This led him to jump off the ten-story building on March 23rd, only to be killed by a shotgun blast passing through the ninth story window. The son, Ronald Opus, had actually murdered himself....so the medical examiner closed the case as a suicide! A true story from Associated Press.

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Expenses within the Parishes are covered by an annual precept which has remained unchanged since 2010 at £1750. However for 2015/2016, we also have to make provision for a contested election in 2015 and therefore your Parish Council have requested an additional £750. If there is no contested election, the money will be used either to reduce the following year's precept or to fund a local project.

There are currently vacancies for Parish Councillors to represent the Moorhampton and Brinsop Common wards. If any parishioner would like to be part of the local democratic process, please phone the clerk, Brian Barrett, on 590706, for an initial chat.

The Parish Council is keen to produce a Neighbourhood Plan. This is a key part of the Localism Act 2011 and gives local communities greater power to shape development by have a direct role in the development of Planning Policies at local level. Foxley has already been designated as a neighbourhood area and what we are looking for is somebody with the organisational skills to drive forward with the support of a steering group. Further details about Neighbourhood plans can be found on the internet or contact Brian Barrett on 590706

The elderly priest, speaking to the younger priest, said, "It was a good idea to replace the first four pews with plush bucket theater seats. It worked like a charm. The front of the church always fills first now."

The young priest nodded, and the old priest continued, "And you told me adding a little more beat to the music would bring young people back to church, so I supported you when you brought in that rock'n'roll gospel choir. Now our services are consistently packed to the balcony."

"Thank you, Father," answered the young priest. "I am pleased that you are open to the new ideas of youth."

"All of these ideas have been well and good," said the elderly priest, "but I'm afraid you've gone too far with the drive-thru confessional."

"But, Father," protested the young priest, "my confessions and the donations have nearly doubled since I began that!"

"Yes," replied the elderly priest, "and I appreciate that. But the flashing neon sign, 'Toot 'n Tell or Go to Hell' cannot stay on the church roof."

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I can be contacted by telephone or e-mail, and would expect to reply to any enquiry within 3 days (this allows me a weekend away). If there is no reply, Michelle Sheers deputises for me.

For periods of holidays, I try to contact everyone to advise when I will be away.

Michelle can be reached at 01981-590765 Shel.sheers@gmail.com

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For more information please contact Claire Buckland (Mondays & Tuesdays only) at the Royal National College for the Blind, Venns Lane, Hereford HR1 1DT on 01432 376371. Or e-mail:

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Mansel Lacy Church

Carol Service

Will be on

Sunday 21st December

At 3pm

Brinsop PCC

Christmas Coffee Morning

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G.T (Get together) Club News

Autumn is upon us and the nights are drawing in but this doesn't hold back the young G.Ters!

In October we had a very enjoyable walk in Credenhill woods along the old walls of the hill fort. Joining with a number of the young people from the Pathfinders Youth Group from Burghill, and their leaders, it gave an opportunity to get to know our nearest neighbours. The damp weather posed some difficulties for the planned sausage picnic, so we all retired to the Scout Hut in Redstone where we were welcomed with some much appreciated hot drinks and hot dogs.

Inspired by the Great British Bake-Off, we had an evening of the Great Pizza Bake-Off! G.Ters brought a selection of toppings for their own creations, and some very imaginative designs were made. Our independent adjudicator took the job of judging very seriously and declared Hazel Scramm's pizza to have the winning combination of appearance, flavour and texture. Well done Hazel! The evening was rounded off in silence as the bakers ate their pizzas.

Coming up in this half-term, we have sweet and cake making in preparation for a stall to be held at the Mansel Lacy Christmas Market.

Stuart will be holding a Mastermind quiz evening which should get those grey cells working. Time to start brushing up on a 'specialist subject'.

One of our former attendees, Micky, will be re-joining us to run a workshop on circus skills. He will be clowning around with diabolos, devil sticks, clubs and unicycles. It will be a chance to learn some new tricks and have some fun and will be finished off with some ever popular parachute games.

At the end of the term we have a mystery Christmas treat. It's still a bit of a mystery to us too, but we have some great ideas!

Huge thanks go to all our parent helpers, we couldn't run without your continued involvement, help and support.

G.T. is open to all children between 10 and 17 yrs who live locally. It runs weekly in term time on Friday evenings (7-9 pm) at the Community Hall in Mansel Lacy. Contact us for further information.

Stuart: 01981590615 or Katrina 01432760350, paebkam@aol.com

An elderly couple had just learned how to send text messages on their cell phones. The wife was a romantic type and the husband was more of a no-nonsense guy.

One afternoon while shopping band a romantic text message send me your dreams. If you are are eating, send me a bite. If you are crying, send me your tears. I The husband texted back to her:



how to send text messages on their cell phones. The wife was a romantic type and the husband was more of a no-nonsense guy.

the wife decided to send her husband and she wrote: "If you are sleeping, laughing, send me your smile. If you are drinking, send me a sip. If you love you."

"I'm on the toilet. Please advise."

Husband takes the wife to a disco.

There's a guy on the dance floor living it large, break dancing, moon walking, back flips, the works.

The wife turns to her husband and says, "See that guy? 25 years ago he proposed to me and I turned him down."

Husband says: "Looks like he's still celebrating!!!"

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Dear Friends

Remembrance Sunday has just gone and now our thoughts turn to Christmas. I didn't send many Christmas cards last year because the postage was more than the cards cost in the first place and I probably won't send many this year either. But instead, I will try and support a charity for the homeless people in our city, which provides warm meals, temporary accommodation and advice for people who find themselves alone and displaced at this time of year.

Unfortunately about 1 in 10 people sleeping rough on our streets are ex-armed forces. Homeless veterans have been found on average to be older, have slept rough for longer, be less likely to use drugs, but are more likely to have alcohol related problems. Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) has been found among a small number of homeless veterans. According to The Royal British Legion there is evidence that, for a minority, military life, through factors such as trauma of combat, mobility of the job or the drinking culture, has reduced their ability to cope post-Service. The Royal British Legion have helped many ex service men to find their feet again, and are very grateful for the Poppy Appeal support the public gives for their work every year. So thank you to everyone who supports the Poppy Appeal.

And as we overspend again this Christmas - as we inevitably do - let's spare a thought for those in our communities who are struggling financially and remember to support our local charities who try to help them especially at Christmas time.

I commend you to Hereford Open door at St. Peter's in town www.homelessuk.org.uk/details.asp?Id=UK22368, and the Salvation Army, in Edgar street, www.salvationarmy.org.uk/hereford, and of course Hereford Food Bank www.herefoodbank.org I wish you all every blessing for a truly joyful Christmas and a happy new year. Rana

Carols of Praise at Yazor Church on Friday 19th December at 6.30pm

Choose a favourite Carol to be sung and tell Angie why you picked it by
12th December so it can be included in the service sheet
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Normal Sunday Services as follows:

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

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Main

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Old school game pie flavoured with ale, juniper and
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