

# Foxley News

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



## Merry Christmas



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## Editorial

The last edition of the Foxley News was all in colour and with an extra 4 pages to mark the 100th issue. As the coloured version went down well, I am trying to see if all colour versions can be the norm. However the pages have been reduced to the normal 24, and the overall costs will decide.

It was pleasing that the Survey carried out by the Parish Council Good Neighbours event, held in the gardens of Mansel House, placed, keeping the Foxley News top of the list.



An inscribed tankard presented to the outgoing Chairman by the incoming Chairman

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# Foxley News

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## Foxley Flyer

*The supplement to the Foxley News will be published at the beginning of the months when the Foxley News is resting. Viz. January, February*

*April, May, July, August, October, November. It is a single A5 sized sheet. - Brief items of interest should be sent to*

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## Community Association by Cal

What's happened since the last issue of the Foxley News.

We had our Annual General Meeting on 24th October and elected a new Chairman Dave Gwynne, there were no other nominations. I wish him the best of luck. I'm sure he will enjoy it as I did for 22 years. I will remain on the committee as the booking agent. The position of Vice Chairman was not filled, but there were new members elected to the Committee to include Viv Griffiths and an invitation to Angela & David Starling who have attended recent meetings.

As Chairman I had started a few things which I promised I would complete. One on them was the purchasing of a new shed for the churchyard, the grant has been paid to us and the shed has been erected. The next part is to construct within the shed a metal cage to deter thieves. The shed will also be alarmed and security lights fitted. The suppliers of the grant have supplied a plaque which will be fitted to the shed in acknowledgement of the grant being given.. The plaque will read:

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The other outstanding matter for me to complete is the search for a defibrillator on behalf of the Foxley Group Parish Council. Two grant funders have been found who will 'match-fund' such a device. The intention is to fit it in the old telephone box now owned by the Parish Council. Very recently I was invited to apply for fully funded defibrillator from the British Heart Foundation, which I have done. Whether the application is successful time will tell.

Please note the advert for the Christmas Market to be held at Mansel Lacy church on page 23 and please do come along and have a chat. Starting at 6pm. The proceeds raised will be split between the Community Association and the Parochial Church Council.

You will note on Page 21 that the church cleaning rota is in desperate need of a few more volunteers to clean the church. It is not an onerous task if two people share it. Men can apply!

The Good Neighbours party advertised on page 15, is to all of you in the Group Parish area, that means that if you receive the Foxley News you are invited please come and meet people

Well done to Dave Gwynne and the team for making a great success of the Bonfire and Fireworks display on the 5th of November.



## Mansel Garden Club

At the AGM held on October 3rd the following officers were elected:

Chair - Robin Cox; Vice Chair - Cal Edwards; Speakers Secretary - Sue Carpenter;  
Visits Secretary - Pam Powell; Treasurer - Pat Astley;  
Social Secretaries Tom & Paula Fitch; Draw - Jan Kersley.

### ***"The Wonderful World of Perennial Violas" by Jack Willgoss 7<sup>th</sup> November***

*Our speaker for November was Jack Willgoss from Wildgoose Nursery, Millichope Park, Munslow, Shropshire. Jack and his wife, Laura hold the largest collection of hardy perennial and scented violas in the UK. Jack told us that when they were both students at RHS Wisley they dreamed of owning their own beautiful garden and nursery. The dream started to come true in 2011 when Mark and Stephanie Roberts, who owned the Bouts collection of violas, retired and after persuading Jack's parents that it was a good investment they took over the collection. Jack talked about the struggle they had before eventually finding a home for the collection at the ideal walled garden at Millichope Park. An 1830's curvilinear glasshouse has been restored, the weeds have been tamed and Jack and Laura have their dream.*

*RHS gold medalists at Malvern 2014 and 2015 and RHS silver gilt medalists at Chelsea 2015 is proof of their hard work and dedication. Jack showed us slides of some of the many violas they have and with great enthusiasm convinced us that we must try them. He left us with a tempting catalogue and with a challenge of which variety to choose!*

*Pam*

The mother-in-law arrives home from shopping to find her son-in-law, Paddy, in a steaming rage and hurriedly packing his suitcase. "What happened Paddy?" she asks anxiously. "What happened?" "I'll tell you what happened! I sent an e-mail to my wife telling her I was coming home today from my fishing trip." "I get home...And guess what I found? Your daughter, my wife, Jean, naked with Joe Murphy in our marital bed!" "This is unforgivable! The end of our marriage. I'm done. I'm leaving forever!" "Ah now, calm down, calm down Paddy!" says his mother-in-law. "There is something very odd going on here. Jean would never do such a thing!" "There must be a simple explanation. I'll go speak to her immediately and find out what happened."

Moments later, the mother-in-law comes back with a big smile. "Paddy, there I told you there must be a simple explanation..... She never got your e-mail"



*My wife was standing nude, looking in the bedroom mirror. She was not happy with what she saw and said to me, 'I feel horrible; I look old, fat and ugly. I really need you to pay me a compliment.' I replied, 'Your eyesight's damn near perfect.' And then the fight started.....*

*My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary. She said, 'I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 165 in about 2 seconds.' I bought her a bathroom scale. And then the fight started.....*

## Lacy Ladies

August: Mike Pullen came along to show us a film entitled "Frank's Journey to London". Mike and his friend Mick, who the horse called Frank belonged to, decided to travel to London in a carriage pulled by Frank. They stopped in towns and villages on route collecting money for St. Michael's Hospice. On route people were kind enough to accommodate Frank, Mike and Mick for the night. They raised £12,500 on this long tiring journey. Sadly Mick was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2002 and later passed away at St. Michael's Hospice. Mike founded the Hospice Angels in 2003 which is a group of people who combine the love of motor bikes and fund raising for the Hospice. Mike is nearing his 80th birthday and hopes to have raised £80,000 by then. A very interesting and enjoyable evening.

September: Maureen Williams visited us to talk about her love of hedgehogs. Five years ago someone brought her a baby hedgehog which they had found on it's own. Since then she has looked after many abandoned and injured. Every morning Maureen weighs each hedgehog and charts it's weight; she cleans the cage and renews the bedding and gives them their food. She then washes all their bedding. The hedgehogs are fed again at lunchtime and in the evening. She re-homes the hedgehogs into a safe environment where there are no badgers because they will kill them. The hedgehogs are fed meatloaf, dog food, meal worms, cat biscuits and the very small ones get a special powdered food. This summer, at one time, she had 40 inmates including two mothers with babies which had been found on a building site. A full time job caring for all these animals. Maureen brought along for us to see, a baby hedgehog called Lucy who was found at Holme Lacy. A very caring lady.

October: Sarah from Just Rachel Ice cream came to talk to us. She said that Ice Cream goes back to Egyptian times when snow was gathered and mixed with fruit and berries, It has evolved down through the ages. Just Rachel was started in the 1980's by a lady called Rachel. Sarah's family now own the farm, their ice cream contains cream, sugar and fruit. All the ingredients are sourced locally and it does not contain preservatives.



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I found myself in a pub in Cork, Ireland. A group of American tourists came in. One of the Americans said, in a loud voice, "I hear you Irish think you're great drinkers. I bet \$5,000 that no one here can drink 20 pints of Guinness in 30 minutes." The bar was silent, but the American noticed one Irishman leaving. No one took up the bet. 40 minutes later, the Irishman who left returned and said, "Hey Yank, is yer bet still on?" "Sure" said the American, "20 pints in 30 minutes for a bet of \$5,000." "Grand," replied the Irishman, "so pour the pints and start the clock." It was very close but the last drop was consumed with 2 seconds to spare. "OK Yank, pay up." said the Irishman. "I'm happy to pay, here's your money" said the American. "But tell me, when I first offered the wager, I saw you leave. Where did you go?" "Well sir", replied the Irishman, "\$5,000 is a lot of money to a man like me, so I went to the pub across the road to see if I could do it.



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Alison Jones

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**Bud the Montana Cowboy**

A cowboy named Bud was overseeing his herd in a remote mountainous pasture in Montana when suddenly a brand-new 2016 BMW advanced toward him out of a cloud of dust. The driver, a young man in a Brioni® suit, Gucci® shoes, RayBan® sunglasses and YSL® tie, leaned out the window and asked the cowboy, "If I tell you exactly how many cows and calves you have in your herd, will you give me a calf?" Bud looks at the man, who obviously is a yuppie, then looks at his peacefully grazing herd and calmly answers, "Sure, why not?"

The yuppie parks his car, whips out his Dell® notebook computer, connects it to his Apple I phone, and surfs to a NASA page on the Internet, where he calls up a GPS satellite to get an exact fix on his location which he then feeds to another NASA satellite that scans the area in an ultra-high-resolution photo. The young man then opens the digital photo in Adobe Photoshop® and exports it to an image processing facility in Hamburg, Germany. Within seconds, he receives an email on his Apple iPad® that the image has been processed and the data stored. He then accesses an MS-SQL® database through an ODBC connected Excel® spreadsheet with email on his Galaxy S5® and, after a few minutes, receives a response. Finally, he prints out a full-color, 150-page report on his hi-tech, miniaturized HP LaserJet® printer, turns to the cowboy and says, "You have exactly 1,586 cows and calves." "That's right. Well, I guess you can take one of my calves," says Bud. He watches the young man select one of the animals and looks on with amusement as the young man stuffs it into the trunk of his car. Then Bud says to the young man, "Hey, if I can tell you exactly what your business is, will you give me back my calf?" The young man thinks about it for a second and then says, "Okay, why not?"

"You're a Congressman for the U.S. Government", says Bud. "Wow! That's correct," says the yuppie, "but how did you guess that?" "No guessing required," answered the cowboy. "You showed up here even though nobody called you; you want to get paid for an answer I already knew, to a question I never asked. You used millions of dollars worth of equipment trying to show me how much smarter than me you are; and you don't know sh\*t about how working people make a living - or about cows, for that matter. This is a herd of sheep." "Now give me back my dog."

**I am a Seenager (Senior Teenager)**

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**Life is great.**

A police recruit was asked during the exam, "What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?"

He answered, "Call for backup."

**I have so many problems that if a new one comes along today, it will be at least two weeks before I can worry about it.**

**You don't have to be a "dog person" to appreciate this story**

I pulled into the crowded parking lot at the local shopping centre and rolled down the car windows to make sure my Labrador Retriever Pup had fresh air.

She was stretched full-out on the back seat and I wanted to impress upon her that she must remain there.

I walked to the curb backward, pointing my finger at the car and saying emphatically, "Now you stay. Do you hear me?" "Stay! Stay!"

The driver of a nearby car, a pretty young blonde, gave me a strange look and said, (this is going to hurt read on)

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**1950s** - Crowd gathers. Mark wins. Johnny and Mark shake hands and end up best friends.

**2016** - Police called, and they arrest Johnny and Mark & charge them with assault. Both expelled even though Johnny started it. Both children go to anger management programmes for 3 months. School governors hold meeting to implement bullying prevention programmes.

### Speed Of Change

In 1998, Kodak had 170,000 employees and sold 85% of all photo paper worldwide. Within just a few years, their business model disappeared and they went bankrupt. What happened to Kodak will happen in a lot of industries in the next 10 year - and most people don't see it coming. Did you think in 1998 that 3 years later you would never take pictures on paper film again? Yet digital cameras were invented in 1975. The first ones only had 10,000 pixels, but followed Moore's law, so as with all exponential technologies, it was a disappointment for a long time, before it became way superior and got mainstream in only a few short years. It will now happen with Artificial Intelligence, health, autonomous and electric cars, education, 3D printing, agriculture and jobs.

**Software** will disrupt most traditional industries in the next 5 -10 years. Uber is just a software tool, they don't own any cars, and are now the biggest taxi company in the world. Airbnb is now the biggest hotel company in the world, although they don't own any properties.

**Artificial Intelligence:** Computers become exponentially better in understanding the world. This year, a computer beat the best Go player in the world, 10 years earlier than expected.

**Autonomous Cars:** In 2018 the first self-driving cars will appear publicly. Around 2020, the complete industry will start to be disrupted. You don't want to own a car anymore. You will call a car with your phone, it will show up at your location and drive you to your destination. You will not need to park it, you only pay for the driven distance and can be productive while driving. Our kids will never get a driver's license and will never own a car. It will change the cities, because we will need 90-95% less cars for that. We can transform former parking space into parks. 1.2 million people die each year in car accidents worldwide. We now have one accident every 100,000 km, with autonomous driving that will drop to one accident in 10 million km. Traditional car companies try the evolutionary approach and just build a better car, while tech companies (Tesla, Apple, Google) will do the revolutionary approach and build a computer on wheels. I spoke to a lot of engineers from Volkswagen and Audi; they are terrified of Tesla. Electric cars will become mainstream in 2020.

**Electricity:** will become incredibly cheap and clean: Solar production has been on an exponential curve for 30 years, but you can only now see the impact. Last year, more solar energy was installed worldwide than fossil fuels. The price for **solar** will drop so much that all coal companies will be out of business by 2025. With cheap electricity comes cheap and abundant water. Desalination now only needs 2kWh per cubic meter. We don't have scarce **water** in most places, we only have scarce drinking water. Imagine what will be possible if we can have as much clean water as we want, at almost no cost.

**Health:** The Tricorder X price will be announced this year. There will be companies who will build a medical device (called the "Tricorder" from Star Trek) that works with your phone. It scans your retina, your blood sample and you breathe into it. It then analyses 54 biomarkers that will identify nearly any disease. It will be so cheap, that in a few years everyone on this planet will have access to world class medicine, almost free.

**Agriculture:** There will be a \$100 agricultural robot in the future. Farmers in 3rd world countries can then become managers of their fields instead of working all day on their fields. Hydroponics will need much less water. Imagine if we don't need that space anymore. There are several startups which will bring insect protein to the market shortly. They contain more protein than meat. It will be labeled as an "**alternative protein source**" because most people still reject the idea of eating insects.

**Longevity:** Right now, the average life span increases by 3 months per year. Four years ago, the life span used to be 79 years, now it's 80 years. The increase itself is increasing and by 2036, there will be more than a year in longevity increase per year. So we all might live for a long, long time, probably over a 100 years.



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Donald Trump was visiting a primary school in Orlando and visited a grade four class. They were in the middle of a discussion related to words and their meanings. The teacher asked Mr. Trump if he would like to lead the discussion on the word 'tragedy.' So our illustrious President elect asked the class for an example of a 'tragedy'. One little boy stood up and offered: "If my best friend, who lives on a farm, is playing in the field and a tractor runs him over and kills him, that would be a tragedy." "No," said Trump, "that would be an accident."

A little girl raised her hand: "If a school bus carrying 50 children drove off a cliff, killing everyone, that would be a tragedy." "I'm afraid not," explained Trump. "That's what we would call great loss." The room went silent. No other child volunteered. Trump searched the room. "Isn't there someone here who can give me an example of a tragedy?" Finally at the back of the room, Little Johnny raised his hand. The teacher held her breath. In a quiet voice he said: "If the plane carrying you was struck by a 'friendly fire' missile and blown to smithereens that would be a tragedy." "Fantastic!" exclaimed Trump, "That's right. And can you tell me why that would be a tragedy?" "Well," says Johnny, "It has to be a tragedy, because it sure as hell wouldn't be a great loss... and you can bet your sweet ass it wouldn't be an accident either!" The teacher left the room..

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**The Will**     *Doug Smith is on his deathbed and knows the end is near.*

*His nurse, his wife, his daughter and 2 sons, are with him.*

*He asks for 2 witnesses to be present and a camcorder be in place to record his last wishes, and when all is ready he begins to speak:     My son, "Bernie, I want you to take the Mayfair houses."     My daughter "Sybil, you take the apartments over in the East end."     My son, "Jamie, I want you to take the offices over in the City Centre." "Sarah, my dear wife, please take all the residential buildings on the banks of the river."     The nurse and witnesses are blown away as they did not realize his extensive holdings, and as Doug slips away, the nurse says, "Mrs. Smith, your husband must have been such a hard-working man to have accumulated all this property". Sarah replies, "Property ? .... the asshole had a paper route!"*

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Paddy and Mick were both laid off, so they went to the unemployment office. When asked his occupation, Paddy answered, 'Knicker Stitcher. I sew da elastic onto ladies' knickers and thongs. The clerk looked up Knicker Stitcher on his computer and, finding it classified as unskilled labour, he gave him £80 a week unemployment pay.

Mick was next in and when asked his occupation replied, 'Diesel Fitter.' Since a diesel fitter was a skilled job, the clerk gave Mick £160 a week. When Paddy found out he was furious.. He stormed back into the office to find out why his friend and co-worker was collecting double his pay. The clerk explained, 'Knicker Stitchers are unskilled labour and Diesel Fitters are skilled labour.' 'What skill?' yelled Paddy. 'I sew da elastic on da knickers and thongs, then Mick puts 'em over his head and says: 'Yep, diesel fitter.'

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A man from Liverpool walks into the local Job Centre, marches straight up to the counter and says, 'Hi... You know, I just HATE drawing benefits. I'd really rather have a job. The social worker behind the counter says, 'Your timing is excellent. We just got a job opening from a very wealthy old man who wants a chauffeur and bodyguard for his beautiful nymphomaniac daughter. You'll have to drive around in his Mercedes, but he'll supply all of your clothes. Because of the long hours, meals will be provided. You'll be expected to escort her on her overseas holiday trips. You will have to satisfy her every need.. You'll be provided a two-bedroom apartment above the garage. The starting salary is £200,000 a year.' The guy, wide-eyed, says, 'You're kidding' me!' The Social Worker says, 'Yeah, well... You started it.'



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**The Foxley Group Parish Council invite all residents within the Group Parish, i.e. Wormsley, Brinsop, Moorhampton, Yazor, Yarsop and Mansel Lacy to a Good Neighbour tea and cake meeting at Wormsley Golf Club on Friday 2nd December from 4pm to 6pm Meet up with your friends, neighbours, and your local Parish Councillor for a chat or a moan!**

## Local Heating Oil Consortium

*from Michelle Sheers*

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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](mailto:adoption@herefordshire.gov.uk/adoption).

The Budget should be balanced, the Treasury should be refilled, public debt should be reduced, the arrogance of officialdom should be tempered and controlled, and the assistance to foreign lands should be curtailed, lest Rome will become bankrupt. People must again learn to work instead of living on public assistance." Cicero, **55 BC**

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Old is when - You are cautioned to slow down by the doctor instead of by the police!

### Can you help local people in your community?

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Hall Booking Agent - Cal Edwards

Committee Members -

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Stuart Deane, Ken King, Vera Cole,

Barbara Stevens & Sue Rawlinson

Jacky Jones, Fiona Harwood,

David & Angela Starling,

Kath Morgan, Kevin Bayliss,

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Treas. and Social Sec. - Joyce Lewis

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Secretary - Speakers Sue Carpenter

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Chairman - Vicar

Vice Chairman -

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Secretary Rev. Angie Deane

Churchwarden: Stuart Deane

Minute Secretary - Cal Edwards

Treasurer - Stuart Deane

Deanery Synod Rep.- Vacancy

PCC Members :-

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Rosa Williams

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Secretary - Liz Hill

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#### **Herefordshire Council's Handyperson Scheme.**

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For more information please call us on 01432 260757.

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**Disability Equipment Service Herefordshire (DESH)** is a new local website which lists second-hand disability equipment no longer required which is being sold or given away by people who live locally. The site is administered and maintained by Herefordshire Carers Support.

It is **FREE** to advertise and simple to use.

Visit [www.herefordshirecarerssupport.org/desh](http://www.herefordshirecarerssupport.org/desh)

If you prefer, you can call us on 01432 356068.

**Don't forget to register with us as a Carer if you care for a family member, friend or neighbour. We can provide you with the support you need via our support workers, a regular magazine, social events and groups.**



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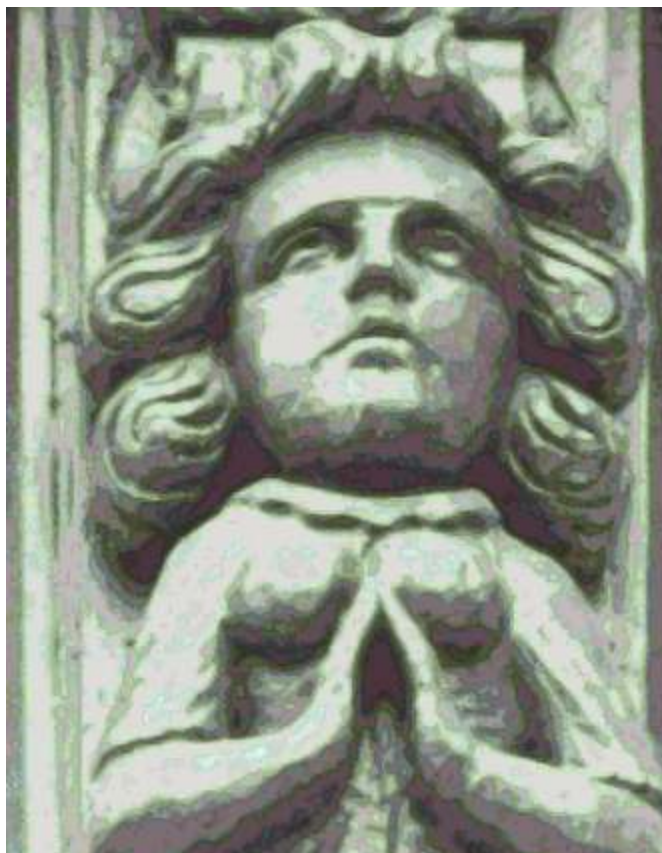
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From the Rev. Rana Davies-James, The Vicarage,  
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Dear Friends,

There is story about a man and some birds that illustrates the reason why God sent Jesus to live among us on earth. He was a kind, decent, mostly good man. Generous to his family, upright in his dealings with other people, but he just didn't believe all that incarnation stuff which the churches proclaim at Christmas time. It just didn't make sense, and he was too honest to pretend otherwise. He just couldn't swallow the Jesus story about God coming to earth as a man. "I'm truly sorry to distress you", he told his wife, "but I'm not going with you to church this Christmas eve", he told her he'd feel like a hypocrite; that he'd much rather just stay at home, but that he would wait up for them. So he stayed and they went to the midnight service.

Shortly after the family drove away in the car, snow began to fall. He went to the window to watch the flurries getting heavier and heavier and then went back to his fireside chair and began to read. Minutes later, he was startled by thudding sounds. At first, he thought someone must be throwing snowballs against his living room window. But when he went to the front door to investigate, he found a flock of birds huddled miserably in the snow. They had been caught in the storm and in a desperate search for shelter, had tried to fly through his large landscape window.

Well, he couldn't let the poor creatures lie there and freeze, so he remembered the barn where his children stabled their pony. That would provide a warm shelter if he could direct the birds to it. Quickly, he put on a coat and wellies, tramped through the deepening snow to the barn.

He opened the doors wide and turned on a light. But the birds did not come in. He figured food would entice them in. So he hurried back to the house, fetched bread crumbs, sprinkled them on the snow making a trail the yellow lighted, wide open door to the stable. But to his dismay, the birds ignored the bread crumbs and continued to flop around helplessly in the snow. He tried catching them. He tried "shooing" them into the barn by walking around them waving his arms. Instead, they scattered in every direction except into the warm lighted barn.

Then he realized that they were afraid of him. To them, he reasoned, I am a strange and terrifying creature. If only I could let them know that they can trust me; that I'm not trying to hurt them, but to help them. But how? Because any move he made frightened and confused them. They just would not follow. They would not be led, or "shooed" because they feared him.

"If only I could be a bird", he thought to himself, "and mingle with them and speak their language. Then I could tell them not to be afraid. Then I could show them the way to the safe warm to the safe warm barn, but I would have to be one of them so they could see and hear, and understand."

At that moment the church bells began to ring. The sound reached his ears above the sounds of the wind. He stood there listening to the bells; listening to the bells pealing the glad tidings of Christmas. And he sank to his knees in the snow.

*Trevor joins me in wishing you all a Joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year!  
With every Blessing, Rana*

### **Mansel Lacy Community Hall and Church Cleaning/ Flower Rota**

**January - Vacancy/vacancy. February - Tammy Gwynne/Fiona Horwood**

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

**June - Jennifer Spinks/vacancy July - Tracey Lewis/Sue Rawlinson**

**August - Ann Fairhurst/Jacky Jones September - vacancy/vacancy**

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

**December - Christmas Décor All who can give time please**

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 Saturday 10th 3 - 5pm Messy Christmas at Credenhill. Sunday 11th December Holy Communion at Mansel Lacy Sunday 11th December 4pm Carol Service Brinsop  
 Thursday 15th & 22nd December Advent Lunch for Credenhill 12.30 - 1.30pm  
 Friday 23rd December 7pm Carol Service Mansel Lacy. Christmas Eve 8pm Credenhill Family Crib Service & 11.30pm Holy Communion. Christmas Day 9am Mansel Lacy Holy Communion. Christmas Day 10.00am Credenhill Holy Communion. New Year's Day 11.00am Credenhill Covenant Service with Communion for the Benefice.



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Mansel Lacy Community Association

## Christmas Lunch

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Starters

Spiced Winter Vegetable Soup with Parsnip Crisps  
Coconut breaded Prawns with a Sweet Chilli Dip and Salad Garnish  
Homemade Chicken Liver Pate with Melba Toast and Salad Garnish.

Main Course

Roast Turkey with Pigs in Blanket and Cranberry & chestnut Stuffing  
Fillet of Plaice with Salmon and Prawns in White Wine & Dill Sauce  
Mushrooms, Spinach and Stilton Vegetarian Wellington.

Dessert

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