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Editorial

Thank you to al those who continually support the Foxley News, and those who distribute it for me namely Peter Baines, Keith Jones, John Spinks, Stella Hidden, Sue Davies, Brian Barrett, Kevin Baylis and Kath Morgan.

A very Merry Christmas to you and all our readers.

We have recently had a visitor to the village by the name of Charlie Evans, the last surviving son of Mrs Emily Evans, who ran the Post Office for decades. He enjoys his trips here at the age of 95 years, to bring back memories, and he recently offered to renew the kissing gate at the church. His family originally had it made to commemorate his mother and father's long occupation of the one time Post Office, now renamed "Ivy Cottage"



On page 11 there is an article written by my Grandson Kris who some of you will remember because he spent many of his younger years resident in Mansel Lacy with his mother Dawn.
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Community Association

I would like to thank you all for your support and involvement during the past 12 months, we have tried hard to make the association more open to the parish, to achieve the objective of more community involvement. I must admit that in many cases this has not been achieved two events that we had planned were cancelled through lack of support, namely the Kate Howden Evening and the Skittles and Fish and Chip evening at Credenhill, This year there were no major events which were aimed at raising funds for both the Church and the Community Association, but already members of the Association and the PCC are working towards two major fund raising events, the first in June 2019 when it is hoped we can arrange a "Foxley Revisited" to the wider community, who from the Second World war onwards were either residents or deployed on the estate. It is hoped that visitors will revisit the site and share their memories with us; plus, a picnic in the park evening with a live band. The second event is a photographic competition with an aim to produce a Calendar for 2020, which will I am sure raise funds for both.

The Association still provides the mower enabling those who use it to maintain the grounds of the church, Cal Edwards and Michael Jones being the number one riders, and David and Angela Sterling who took on the strimming duties and tending to the wall.

As an Association we have held monthly meeting since the last AGM.

The annual bonfire night held on the Foxley Estate for which we must thank David and Jamie Davenport for allowing us the venue, Andrew Birch and his team for the bonfire Kevin Baylis for his help and those who supported Tammy in the catering; this is a popular event and I am sure will continue. The Christmas Lunch was held at Herefordshire Golf Club and the intention is we return again this year, please support this event which is on Sunday 16th of December and open to anyone in the parish and friends.

June: Ken and Lesley King ran the Duck Race and opened their garden for light refreshments, this is a well supported event and hopefully Ken will continue with it. Cakes were provided by the members, maybe next year we could have a best in show!

June: We were entertained by the G & S Society singers in the Community Centre, they sang songs from Gilbert and Sullivan and Musicals it was very much enjoyed, the event raised £400 half of which went to the G & S Society.

August: Members of the village took part in a Croquet match held at Kenchester, although not winners enjoyed the afternoon. That evening we held a BBQ and entertainment was provided by The Compost Heap which was very much enjoyed, a big thank you to those who helped on the evening and particularly to our new BBQ Chef Mike Jones who made his debut.

September: The Progressive Supper this year was held under canvas within the village, sadly not well attended which was disappointing. Vivien Griffiths must be thanked for providing the main course and for allowing the tent to be put up in the front garden, Rob and Sue Hallett for the sweet course, again under canvas on their lawn; those who attended felt that with the candle lit tents it was very convivial.

It would be fitting at this time to mention some of the stalwart members who every time attend and contribute to each event; Vera Cole, Rosa Williams and Joyce Lewis; our catering leaders, Ann Fairhurst who has made the raffle her domain, Cal Edwards, Sue and Rob Hallett, David and Angela Sterling thanks Mike and Joyce Potts for all the hard work in their secretarial work. Mike Jones, our Treasurer for the last few years;

Next year will be a challenging year for all on the committee, but I feel sure that we can achieve our objectives with the support of the community, but we will need to work at that in providing opportunities for involvement and participation. Finally, I'm sure you will be pleased to hear, for all those on the committee who I haven't mentioned, thank you and hope you will continue to make Mansel Lacy Community Association the success it is.

Dave Gwynne Chairman

Mansel Garden Club

Members enjoyed the annual barbecue at the home of Malcolm and Jill Ainslie, in a beautiful garden, with lots of colour, and a very green lawn - despite our continental summer. The sun shone, food was great, and members enjoyed a very leisurely afternoon, chatting and taking in the views of Weobley. It is always interesting for members to visit fellow members Gardens, we all have very different ideas, some don't like to see a weed, others garden on a much more let live basis, but whatever the garden is like, it reflects you and your taste, and is worth a visit.

In September on a Thursday we went to Ledbury to a garden centre called the "Nest". The owner spent a little time explaining to our members how he first set up the nursery and imported some specimen trees and other plants. We were then free to wander round the nursery and purchase some plants followed by a cup of tea or coffee with a cake.

AGM - unfortunately once again no members offered to take office although Sue Hallett has been co opted onto the Committee. Cal Edwards has agreed to be Chairman for this year only, and Tom Fitch has agreed to take up command as Vice Chairman. We will be looking for a Visits Secretary next year, with a Chairman in place this is not an onerous task, you get to choose which gardens we visit, members are asked to make suggestions, and e mail certainly makes life very easy. Have a think. The other officers will decide nearer the time whether they are prepared to stand for another term, but all offices are open to fresh blood. The business was quickly over, and members completed a quiz, organised by Cal Edwards, which was won by Gill Gallimore, a very closely fought contest with Ann Powell, they agreed that the bottle of wine would be shared at some point. Unfortunately very few members brought goodies from the garden, but a big thank you to those who did take part, we did manage a very small tasting of delicious produce, it was a real shame that more members didn't feel able to compete. It was agreed that notification of our meetings would be placed in the Village News in the Hereford Times, and Foxley News, the Flyer, Bishopstone News, Cal Edwards would be responsible for this, as the Garden Club is in great need of some new 'younger' members. If you know anyone bring them along as a visitor to see how we work.

On Monday 5th November we had a very enjoyable and informative talk by David Whitehead on Humphry Repton. This coincided with the bicentenary of his death and was a good introduction to the exhibition of his work being held at the art gallery in Hereford. Repton had many abortive careers – a painter, farmer, political agent and dramatist. When Capability Brown died in 1783 Repton decided to fill the gap and invented his new title, "Landscape Gardener". He sent out trade cards to his friends in order to get commissions and one of these was for a country estate at Ferney in Shropshire, north of Ludlow. Repton produced a Red Book for the estate with before and after sketches outlining his proposed improvements. These Red Books are now very rare and very valuable, many of them have gone to America for prices as high as £500,000. Repton had a successful career in Herefordshire and advised changes to the estates at Belmont, Garnons, New Weir and Stoke Edith.

Don't forget our December meeting is the Christmas Party. Please make contact with Tom and Paula on 01432760145. It has been decided to ask the young man who entertained us so well last year to do so again, but hopefully have him placed so that everyone can watch him and listen.

Any unpaid subs are due for collection, also Christmas Party Monies, please contact Pat Astley 01981590283 if you have not already done so.

Pam/Sue

Lacy Ladies & Gentlemen

August: The meeting featured a fascinating illustrated talk by Penny & John Platts entitled "The Beauty of Japan". Penny painted a vivid picture of the unique culture of the country as well as some of the more interesting features of every day life. Those present are now much better informed about Bento Boxes, Shinkansens, high tech toilet seats, Tabi Socks and haute couture for dogs. The talk covered the Southern part of the Island of Japan, Honshu, rich in Temples and Pagodas and formal gardens where everything has a symbolic meaning. We learnt about the ways of Geishas in Kyoto and the devastation caused by the Atomic bomb at Hiroshima. The ancient views of Mount Fuji and cherry blossom were presented. All in all an entertaining and educational evening.

September: Fay Wentworth accompanied by her husband Bob visited us, she began by telling us that when she was young her Father used to make up stories and tell to her and her brother at bedtime. She began writing her own stories when she was young and continued to do so. She sent her stories to different magazines and eventually got them accepted for publication. She now writes short stories which are available from Amazon in paperback or e-book format. She concluded by reading one of her short stories, A very interesting evening.

October: The meeting featured a superb talk by Rebecca Ashton who took us on a virtual tour of 22 sites in Hereford where either hauntings or horrors took place. We learnt of apparitions of nuns, a bloody child and even possibly Nell Gwynne. Almost human was Dan the dog, who haunted the Cathedral to howl at wrong notes perpetrated at the Three Choirs festival. The last hanging in Hereford took place as recently as 1903 but in 1461 Owen Tudor was executed on a spot now marked by a plaque and his head displayed on the Market Cross. Hereford has its own Vampire. Rebecca also recounted the story of John Kemble and his mysterious arm. A fascinating talk ideally suited for Halloween.

Next meeting 22nd November - Dick Allford. "Thirty years as a country Bobby" All welcome. Contact Joyce Lewis for information Tel: 01981590638.

PHOTO COMPETITION

The Mansel Lacy Community Association is running a photographic competition. 12 lucky winners will have their photographs reproduced in our 2020 Calendar which will go on sale in October next year. The overall winner will feature on the cover. The winners and runners up will be exhibited in the community hall prior to the calendar going on sale.

The competition is open to all Foxley Parish residents and all photographs should be taken within the parish and represent "Life in Foxley". Photos to be current, not historic, but can be in either colour or monochrome. There is no need to do anything at the moment other than take a good photo whenever you have the opportunity. The competition will be open for submission of entries from the beginning to the end of July 2019.

Entries are limited to 3 per person and must be landscape format. We would encourage anybody who takes photos, even on their smartphones, to enter, as long as the quality is good enough for a 12in x 10in print.

More details to follow in the New Year but in the meantime, get snapping!

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More memories from Peter Mayne retired Postman

Many years after I left my old patch Weobley and began delivering at Whitney on Wye and Brilley Mountain. On this day I had spent too much time socializing around the lower part of my delivery, when I finally arrived at the top of the mountain I was running short of time and I had one more breakfast to have. My next call was at the late Phil Holloway at the Wern Farm, through four gates down on the River Arrow. On this particular morning there was no cattle visible so I left them all open. Coming back up from the river I spotted two rams running along the top hedgerow, I knew they were after the ewes in the next field, they just beat me to the gate, so I hand braked around the field for a good half hour, but they split and finally jumped over the hedge into the field of ewes. I had to return to the farmhouse to tell Phil that he would be lambing earlier than he planned. He replied "Never mind boy." The next call was my last breakfast call at Hengood farm. I walked into the kitchen and they were in fits of laughter. They had had a good half hours entertainment watching my antics chasing the rams round the field.

THE PARTS OF SPEECH POEM

Every name is called a **noun**,
 As **field** and **fountain**, **street** and **town**.
 In place of noun the **pronoun** stands,
 As **he** and **she** can clap their hands.
 The **adjective** describes a thing,
 As **magic** wand or **bridal** ring.
 The **verb** means action, something done,
 As **read** and **write** and **jump** and **run**.
 How things are done the **adverbs** tell,
 As **quickly**, **slowly**, **badly**, **well**.
 The **preposition** shows relation,
 As **in** the street or **at** the station.
Conjunctions join, in many ways,
 Sentences, words, or phrase **and** phrase.
 The **interjection** cries out, "Hark!
 I need an exclamation mark!"



Irish Confession

I went into the confessional box after many years of being away from the Catholic Church. Inside I found a fully equipped bar with Guinness on tap. On one wall, there was a row of decanters with the Irish whiskey and Waterford crystal glasses. On the other wall was a dazzling array of the finest cigars and chocolates. When the priest came in I said to him "Father, forgive me, for it's been a very long time since I've been to confession but I must admit that the confessional box is much more inviting than it used to be ". He replied " You're on my side"

Too many couples marry for better, or for worse, but not for good

When a man marries a woman, they become one; the trouble starts when they try to decide which one.

On anniversaries, the wise husband always forgets the past - but never the present. Many girls like to marry a military man - he can cook, sew, and make beds, is in good health, and already used to taking orders.

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Grass Snake. (*Natrix natrix*)

A photo I'm really pleased with, as to get a photograph of any of our snakes is fairly difficult but to even see one this size is very lucky. Also named Ringed Snake or Water Snake the adult female's can grow to over a metre in length. This beautiful grey, green snake has dark bands down their body and a yellow collar. These markings are very different to our other snakes in the UK. As usual I spotted her at the very end of my walk just next to the track went very still out in the open. She was very excited some photos then let her be. I was very stunning adult most people have seen this snake and I'm aware living around here have also



come across one either out walking or gardening. It's a great indicator of a flourishing aquatic habitat. Our ponds and lakes provide hunting grounds for our largest terrestrial reptile. They are excellent swimmers and can hold their breath for up to half an hour while hunting for food. These snakes actively follow a seasonal diet. In the spring/summer they eat mainly pond life like frogs, frog spawn, newts and fish. From July onwards they will move onto land mainly catching frogs, toads and chicks. Occasionally they will take small rodents but much rarer. These snakes will hibernate during the colder months usually between October to April as they cannot digest their meals if the temperature drops below 5°C. They will hibernate in piles of rocks, compost or other vegetation. So an excellent reason not to be too tidy in your garden before winter hits. When it warms up the males come out of hibernation up to two weeks before the females. Mating happens soon after but depending on environmental conditions the female can choose the moment of fertilisation. In June/July the females lay up to 40 leathery white eggs. The Grass Snake is our only egg-laying snake species in Britain. Again they will use composts or piles of rotting vegetation as incubators to lay their eggs. It takes up to 10 weeks for the young to hatch and just like chicks they have an egg tooth to break the shells. This usually happens around Aug/Sep and they are around the same size as a pencil. Generally the males are smaller than the females and start breeding at 3yrs of age. They shed their skin twice a year. The females only start breeding at 4-5yrs of age and only shed their skin once a year. Prior to moulting a Grass Snake's eyes turn cloudy blue which is a result of oil forming between the old and new eye sockets. They can live up to 15 yrs. This snake is harmless to humans. They will feign striking and hiss to scare off predators. Then they will feign dead and if still handled will excrete a foul-smelling substance.

But with the Adder, common lizard and Slow worm they are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act making it a criminal offence to injure or kill these animals. It was first described as *Coluber natrix* in 1758 and later reclassified as *Natrix natrix* in 1907. The species name probably derives from the Latin word 'natare' 'natant' which means 'Swim'. There were 9 sub-species until last year when *Natrix helvetica* was given a separate species status. The Barred Grass Snake is slightly greyer, its bars much more pronounced with no yellow collar. We can all help these creatures and other wildlife by giving them a place within our tidy gardens. Having ponds even small ones, having log and stone piles, compost heaps, leaf piles and small spaces of completely undisturbed areas can help these and other creatures survive winter, nest and provide food.

Angela Sterling

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Community carnival performers for The Festival of Light 2018, Bromsgrove.



On December 9th I will be running The Festival of Light, Bromsgrove. This will be a free, spectacular outdoor event bringing together music, community and award-winning carnival to the small Worcestershire town. As the associate artist of the Artrix Arts Centre, last year I created a parade which saw around 1000 people turn out into the streets, following a series of free lantern making workshops in local schools and out in the community. Together we welcomed a lost 20ft giant puppet into the town centre with a pyrotechnic finale and celebration of culture, belonging and warmth. This year's Festival of Light will see me collaborating with one of Europe's most celebrated carnival companies in ShademakersUK. Their previous work has seen them lead the very first carnival in post-communist Russia, become the King & Queen of the World Competition, Trinidad; perform at the first Berlin Carnival of Cultures, lead the Queen's golden jubilee celebrations on The Mall, perform at the 2012 London Olympics Torch Ceremony and been guest artists at the Bahrain Formula1. This year we'll be doubling our community engagement, working with 15 local schools and community groups, as well as offering 50 local people the opportunity of performing with the carnival and the 30 piece samba drumming band, "Someone at The Door", who will lead the procession. I'm also starting a young producers group through the Artrix, to begin to make this a totally autonomous event run by locals for the community. This event is funded by the Worcester District Council and The Arts Council of England and is free to all if who'd like to participate!

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The German air controllers are renowned as a short tempered lot. They not only expect one to know one's gate parking location, but how to get there without assistance from them. So it was with some amusement that we (a Pan Am 747) listened to the following exchanges between Frankfurt control and BA 747 Speedbird 206

Speedbird 206: "Frankfurt, Speedbird 206 clear of active runway" **Ground:** "Speedbird 206. Taxi to gate Alpha One seven". The BA747 pulled onto the main taxiway and slowed to a stop. **Ground:** 'Speedbird, do you know where you are going?' **Speedbird 206:** "Stand by ground, I'm looking up the gate location now". **Ground:(with quite arrogant impatience):** "Speedbird 206, have you not been to Frankfurt before?" **Speedbird 206 (coolly):** "Yes, twice in 1944, but it was dark, – and I didn't land".

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A guy stuck his head into a barbershop and asked, 'How long before I can get a haircut? The barber looked around the shop full of customers and said, 'About 2 hours.' The guy left. A few days later, the same guy stuck his head in the door and asked, 'How long before I can get a haircut?' The barber looked around at the shop and said, 'About 3 hours.' The guy left. A week later, the same guy stuck his head in the shop and asked, 'How long before I can get a haircut? The barber looked around the shop and said, 'About an hour and a half. The guy left. The barber turned to his friend and said, 'Hey, Bob, do me a favour, follow him and see where he goes. He keeps asking how long he has to wait for a haircut, but he never comes back.' A little while later, Bob returned to the shop, laughing hysterically. The barber asked, 'So, where does he go when he leaves?' Bob looked up, wiped the tears from his eyes and said, 'Your house!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!'

Yesterday my daughter e-mailed me again, asking why I didn't do something useful with my time. "Like, me sitting around the pool and drinking wine is not a good thing?" I asked. My "doing-something-useful" seems to be her favorite topic of conversation. She was "only thinking of me", she said and suggested that I go down to the Senior Center and join something. I did this and when I got home last night, I decided to play a prank on her. I e-mailed her and told her that I had joined a Parachute Club.



She replied, "Mother, are you nuts? You are 78 years old and now you're going to start jumping out of airplanes?"

I told her that I even got a Membership Card and e-mailed a copy to her.

She immediately telephoned me and yelled, "Good grief, Mom, where are your glasses?! This is a Membership to a **Prostitute Club, not a Parachute Club.**" I calmly replied, "Oh my, I think I'm in real trouble then, because I signed up for **five jumps a week!!**"

The line went quiet and her friend picked up the phone and said that my daughter had fainted. Life as a Senior Citizen is sometimes not easy, but sometimes it can be hilarious

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One day a husband decided to go to a pet store and get his wife a bird for Christmas. He knew she loved animals, birds in particular, and decided this would be the perfect gift for her. He goes to the pet store and asks the manager if he has anything special in the way of birds. The manager tells him that in fact he does, it's a bird named Chet who sings. The guy is very interested and asks to see Chet. The manager brings him over to a beautiful bird and tells the husband that this is Chet. The husband asks what is so special about him and the manager tells him that Chet can sing, and that he'll show him. The manager then takes a cigarette lighter out of his pocket and lights it a few inches underneath Chet's right foot. Chet begins to sing, "Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle All the Way..." The husband says that it was great and asks, "Does Chet sing anything else?" So the manager then lights his lighter under Chet's left foot, and Chet begins to sing, "I'm dreaming of a white Christmas, just like the ones I used to know..." The husband is very impressed, sure that his wife will absolutely love this bird, so he buys Chet. He brings the bird home and presents it to his wife as a Christmas gift. She is very happy and says the bird is beautiful. The husband tells her that the bird can sing, and he takes his lighter and lights it beneath Chet's right foot, and Chet begins to sing, "Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle All the Way..." The wife is thrilled and asks if he can do anything else. The husband then lights the lighter under Chet's left foot and Chet begins to sing, "I'm dreaming of a white Christmas, just like the ones I used to know..." The wife is overwhelmed and asks, "What would happen if you put the lighter under both of his feet at the same time?" The husband says that he doesn't know, but they could try it. So the husband puts the lighter under both of the birds feet and the bird begins to sing, "Chet's nuts roasting on an open fire...."



I had spent an hour in the bank with my dad, as he had to transfer some money.

I couldn't resist and asked, "Dad, why don't we activate your internet banking?"

"Why would I do that?" he asked.

"Well, then you won't have to spend an hour here for things like money transfer. You can even do your shopping online, everything will be so easy!"

I was so excited about initiating him into the world of Net banking.

He asked "If I do that, I won't have to step out of the house?"

"Yes, yes!" I said. I told him how even groceries can be delivered at your door now and how Amazon delivers everything!

His answer left me tongue-tied. He said: "Since I entered this bank today, I have met four of my friends, I have chatted a while with the staff who know me very well by now. You know I'm alone... this is the company that I need. I like to get ready and come to the bank, I have enough time and it is the physical touch that I crave. Two years back when I got sick, the store owner from whom I buy fruit, came to see me and sat by my bedside and cried. When your Mum fell down a few days back while on her morning walk, our local grocer saw her and immediately got his car to rush her home as he knows where I live. Would I have that 'human' touch if everything became online? Why would I want everything delivered to me and force me to interact with just my computer? I like to know the person that I'm dealing with and not just the 'seller'. It creates bonds and relationships. Does online deliver all this as well?"

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Foxley Group Parish Council

On behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to respond to Carol's letter in the Autumn edition of Foxley News.

1. Publication of minutes. An excellent idea, in fact we have already started publishing a synopsis of the minutes in Foxley News. The parish council meetings, as advertised, are public meetings and all can attend, although, other than at the Annual Meeting, speaking is at the discretion of the Chairman! It is worth bearing in mind that the Parish Council is elected to protect the interests of the Community as a whole and this sometimes conflicts with the interests of the individuals. The Parish Council's current priorities are those put forward by around three quarters of the total electorate and can be summarized as maintaining highways in good condition and fostering community awareness.

2. Raising Issues. Residents can and do raise either through their local Councillor or the clerk. The latest such request resulted in the location of an additional grit bin in Yazor.

3. Planning. Applications received and approved are published weekly by Herefordshire Council. The period for making objections is usually 21 days with determination about 4 weeks after that. The Parish Council are automatic consultees and examine each application to determine its impact on the local community. Herefordshire Council also notify neighbouring properties either by letter or locally posted notice. It would be a major undertaking to set up a weekly communication mechanism to cover all local residents and the Parish Council have no plans to do so. Individuals not automatically consulted can inform themselves via the Herefordshire Council website or the Hereford Times. Note that applications are listed by individual Parish, i.e Mansel Lacy, Brinsop, Wormsley, Yazor NOT Foxley.

4. Committees. The Parish Council does not have Committees but all Parish Councillors come up for election every four years, the next such election being in May 2019.

At the November Parish Council Meeting, the main item of business was to set the Parish Precept for 2019. After much discussion, it was agreed that the Precept should be kept at £2500. However, 2019 is the year of Parish Elections which need to be funded by the Parish. Three will be held in the group Parish (Brinsop and Wormsley, Yazor and Moorhampton, and Mansel Lacy) and it was decided to make provision for one contested (£600) and two uncontested (£150) elections; if there is no contested election the money not used will be put to community based projects determined in conjunction with the Community Association and to protect the Parish from further cut backs at County level. On highways, all ditches and drains on the A480 have been cleaned, our lengthsman has filled 50 potholes on minor roads, an additional grit bin has been located at Yazor in response to a public request and all bins have been filled prior to the winter. One planning application was received. It was noted with regret that Robin Cox has resigned from the Parish Council as he is now living elsewhere. The next Meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled to be held on February 6.

At breakfast the man asked his wife, "What would you do if I won the lottery?" She replied, "I'd take half, and then I'd leave you." "Great!" he said. "I won twelve pounds yesterday. Here's six pounds. Stay in touch."

A traditional treatment to refresh leather on chairs or sofas is to rub the surface with the well beaten white of an egg. Put candles in the freezer for a few hours before lighting them to make them last longer. Wash windows on a dull day. Too much sun will dry them too quickly & leave them streaky.

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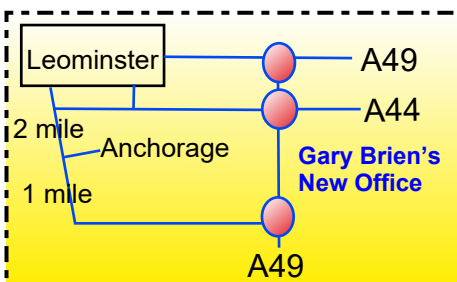


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May Jesus be your light and life today, this Christmas and always, wherever you may need him. With every blessing for a very Joyful Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year,
Rana

Advent & Christmas Services:

Sun 9th 9.30am Holy Communion, Sun 23rd 6.30pm Carol Service at Mansel Lacy

Christmas Eve 6pm Credenhill Crib Service suitable for families

10.00pm Bishopstone Holy Communion, 11.30pm Credenhill Midnight Communion

Christmas Day

Credenhill 10.00am Holy Communion

Sun 30th 10.00am Group Holy Communion at Mansel Lacy

January 9.30am Holy Communion 2nd Sunday and 9.30am Morning Prayer 4th Sunday of the month.

Thursday 10th January Bacon Baps & Croissant Breakfast from 9-10.30am in Mansel Lacy Church

Church	1st Sunday	2nd Sun	3rd Sun	4th Sun	5th Sun
Credenhill	11am Holy Communion	11am All age workshop	11am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion & Healing	10am Group Holy Communion
Brinsop & Wormsley	9.30am Holy Communion				July Brinsop
Man Lacy & Yazor		9.30am Holy Communion		9.30am Morning svce	Sept Credenhill
Kenchester		6pm Evening Prayer		6pm Evening Prayer	Dec Man Lacy
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and of course a chat

Cheese & Wine Evening
In the church on
Friday 30th November 2018
At 7.30pm
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August - Ann Fairhurst/Jacky Jones September - Angie Deane/Sue Hallett
October - Vera Cole / Kim Williams November - Fiona Horwood/Jennifer Spinks
December - Christmas Décor All who can give time please
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