

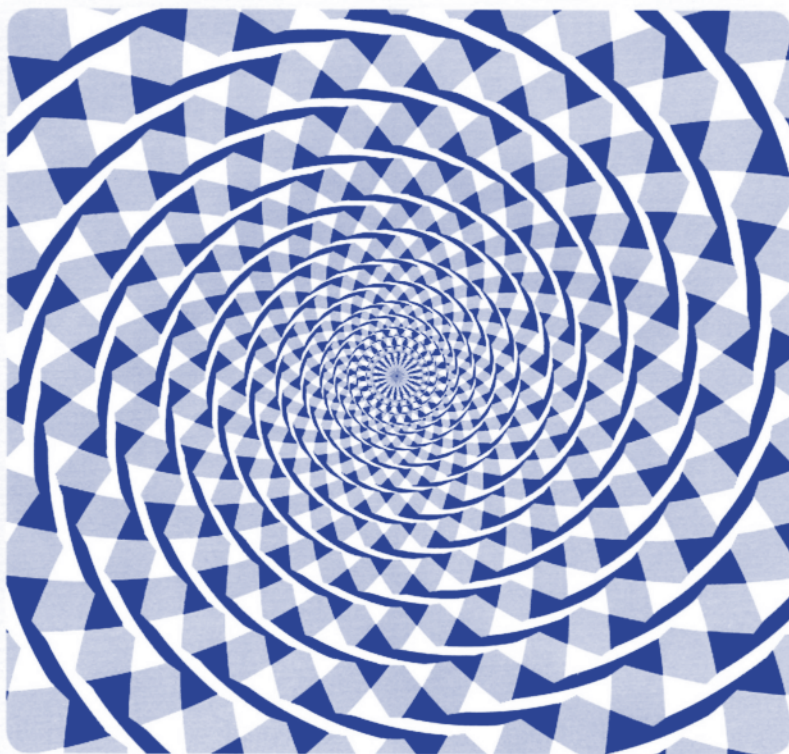
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Foxley News



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



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Editorial

Welcome to the new owners of the Thatched Cottage in Mansel Lacy. Graham and Susan Carpenter who moved a short distance from their 17 acre agricultural small holding in Norton Canon. Susan is a keen gardener and will be wanting to join the Garden Club. Graham has just completed a Blacksmiths course at Holme Lacy. Previously he was an engineer before he retired and he started life in Birmingham

The water coming out from under the front step at the Thatched Cottage has been investigated by the Herefordshire Council and they have accepted the responsibility & said that it'll be dealt with when work schedule permits. The potholes will also be dealt with in due course by the lengthsman who is under the control of the Parish Council.

You will have noticed that this edition of the Foxley News is the 90th. I'm planning on printing the 100th all in colour, although by then it may be a purely electronic version. We all have a tablet don't we? The Foxley News is always uploaded to the website www.mansellacy.org.uk try it out.

Laughter is like music, that lingers in the heart
And when its melody is heard, the ills of life depart !

Editor Cal Edwards Assistant Editor Joyce Potts

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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

Christmas has gone and a new year started and we're very quickly getting into Spring with this edition. At the time of writing there are floods of water all over the region and other parts of the country are really suffering. Lets hope we get some dry weather in the near future.

The German Christmas market held in the Community Hall and outside in the churchyard was a success thanks to Peter & Trixie and with the profit of £783.64 being shared between the PCC and the CA, both organisations have benefited.

The trip to Birmingham organised by Mike & Joyce Potts was also very enjoyable, with a full coach adding to a huge number of people coming from all over the country, creating quite a crush in the city centre. The profit to the CA amounted to £445.65. Just to emphasise the need to make some profits the Ecclesiastical Insurance company have just asked for their premium for this year of £752.41 from the CA. This is for contents and public liability of £2 million. The PCC (church) also pays the same company about double that amount of which the CA makes a 50% contribution. Maybe we don't need so much insurance.

Our annual Christmas lunch at the Golf Club was as usual well attended and tasty.

Problems with the path lights alongside the church paths have been resolved. The cause was traced to the proximity sensor at the double gate having been knocked off the wall and filling with detritus and water. It has now been cleaned and refitted to the wall.

We are hoping to sell our old chairs in the near future. The space they occupy is needed

We are also hoping to sell the old timing equipment from the Soap Box Derby days.

We have put the ride on Mower in for its first service and the cost amounted to £266. This will come out of the churchyard account which is a ring fenced account. However this should keep it going for the next two seasons.

At the Community Association committee meeting held on Monday 10th Feb. We confirmed the holding of a Table Sale on Saturday 8th March starting a 11am until 3pm. in the Community Hall. Do come and support the event and buy something you always wanted.

The Mansel Singers will be doing their stuff under the direction of Jane Cox in the Community Hall on Saturday 5th April. Supporters are asked to provide a plate of finger food for the evening and please let Jane know beforehand. Thank you. Profits will benefit both the Community Association & Parochial Church Council.

On Friday 23rd May we are set to launch some ducks in the annual Duck Race and Puddings evening starting as usual at 6.15pm. from Brookside. There will be three races after which the puddings will be sampled in the hall.

We will not be holding Car Boot Sales in the Mansel Farm Courtyard in the near future because there have been thefts from the barns and we don't want to aggravate that situation. We are grateful to the Powell family for their past help and another location may be found given time.

The CA is in the early stages of planning a Progressive Supper, on Friday 25th July. An evening meal that moves around the village, with a starter at one end, the main course in the Hall and the sweet at the other end. This all depends on volunteers to house the starter and the sweet courses and more help in preparing the main course in the hall. These suppers have been very popular in the past so we expect a good response. Volunteers please call me on 01981 590625

Due to popular demand and after some discussion your committee decided to hold a Hog Roast again this year on Saturday/Sunday 6/7 September. We haven't quite decided on the date because it depends on availability of the hog roaster. The next edition of the Foxley News out at the end of May will have more details.

Cal

Mansel Garden Club

Christmas Party Members arrived at the Community Centre, to be greeted by our Chairpeople Robin and Jane Cox, at a festive hall, thanks to a happy band of afternoon helpers, with a twinkling Christmas Tree, courtesy of Irene and Alan, Jan selling draw tickets for the Christmas draw, with Viv at the serving tables checking in the lovely food contributed by members. Robin welcomed everybody with a little rhyme, Jane organised the now, annual sing song, which led to much laughter from a huge variety of singing 'talent', and started the evening off in jovial mood. As usual Viv had planned and arranged the supper, which was much appreciated by members, as Viv has been suffering from ill health, and we all wish her well for 2014. Peter organised the drinks, and from the gradual increase in noise level throughout the evening it was enjoyed by members. Many thanks to all members who helped make a very happy evening.

At the January meeting of the Garden Club, members were given slides and a talk on Potagers, and were told that many potagers were just artistic garden settings with the real gardening taking place in the very old fashioned way, straight lines, where picking the vegetables did not ruin the display, what a disappointment to all of us would be potager gardeners! Chrissie Ching led an interesting life, and had finally ended up teaching at Pershore after doing RHS courses.

Members visited Ivycroft, Ivington on a dry February afternoon for a guided walk around the nursery and garden. This visit was primarily to see the snowdrops, which are now the fashion, yellow tipped or headed varieties or green striped are the must haves, selling for large sums of money, much like the days of 'tulip fever'. We were shown many different varieties each having their special offering, apparently some nurseries do not open to the public any longer because their specimens are now so valuable and they are afraid of thieves. I am sure we all went home and took a much closer look at our snowdrops just in case we were hoarding a small fortune. As the wind began to blow members headed under cover for a warming cup of tea, home made cake, and of course the very important chat.

Pamela Powell

Lacy Ladies

November: Mr James Smith, a retired dentist from Weobley visited us to give an illustrated talk on the work of the Peace & Hope Trust which does work in Nicaragua which is the second poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. The Trust is a voluntary organisation with teams of people from many professions. Mr Smith and other dentists visit the communities, travelling many miles over treacherous waterways and terrain to attend to the people who have teeth in very poor condition. Teams can support feeding programmes, build clinics, schools and training facilities, provide concrete walkways through mud and swamps and provide hope and happiness with children's clubs and craft sessions. Many communities are under nourished. The Trust is developing a programme to train farmers and families to grow the Moringa plant which is very nutritious. Some very poor communities exist by picking through other peoples rubbish.

January: For our annual New Year meal which again by popular request was held at the Hereford Golf Club Wormsley. The members enjoyed a lovely buffet lunch. Joyce

<p><i>A pessimist is a man who thinks all women are bad - An optimist is one who hopes they are. Bad politicians are elected by good citizens who do not vote. Gift is what you're born with - Talent is what you do with it. The only man who can change his mind is a man who has got one.</i></p>
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For an information pack, email info@acsyl.co.uk or call **Michelle Sheers** on 01989 555006. www.acsyl.co.uk/mnt/drive/p/ACSYL/Recruitment/131101-CCJobAdvert.odt

The government announced a little while ago that it will become compulsory for all dog owners to have their pet microchipped by 2016, so Dogs Trust, the UK's largest dog welfare charity, is keen to make sure that everyone has the chance to do this for free. To help make that happen, we have put in place a chipping team of two vet nurses in the Midlands who are able to chip any local dog for free. To get your dog microchipped -

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who is trying to find a venue in this area for a locally advertised chipping day.

Rolls Royce Loan A businessman walks into a bank in San Francisco and asks for the loan officer. He says he is going to Europe on business for two weeks and needs to borrow \$7,000. The bank officer says the bank will need some kind of security for such a loan. So the businessman hands over the keys to a Rolls Royce parked on the street in front of the bank. Everything checks out, and the bank agrees to accept the car as collateral for the loan. An employee drives the Rolls into the bank's underground garage and parks it there. Two weeks later, the businessman returns, repays the \$7,000 and the interest, which comes to \$19.67. The loan officer says, "We are very happy to have had your business, and this transaction has worked out very nicely, but we are a little confused. While you were away, we checked you out and found that you are a multimillionaire. What confuses us is why would you bother to borrow \$7,000?" The businessman replied, "Where else in San Francisco can I park my car for two weeks for \$20 bucks?"

An old woman came into her doctor's office and confessed to an embarrassing problem. "I do that all the time, Doctor Johnson, but they're soundless, and they have no odour. In fact, since I've been here, I did it no less than twenty times. What can I do?"

"Here's a prescription, Mrs. Harris. Take these pills three times a day for seven days and come back and see me in a week."

Next week an upset Mrs. Harris marched into Dr. Johnson's office. "Doctor, I don't know what was in those pills, but the problem is worse! I'm doing it just as much, but now it smells terrible! What do you have to say for yourself?" "Calm down, Mrs. Harris," said the doctor soothingly. "Now that we've fixed your sinuses, we'll work on your hearing!!!"

"You seem to have more than the average share of intelligence for a man of your background", sneered the lawyer at a witness on the stand.

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Phone Won't Stop Ringing? Here's What You Do

Leola Starling of Ribrock, Tenn., had a serious telephone problem. But unlike most people she did something about it. The brand-new \$10 million Ribrock Plaza Motel opened nearby and had acquired almost the same telephone number as Leola.

From the moment the motel opened, Leola was besieged by calls not for her. Since she had the same phone number for years, she felt that she had a case to persuade the motel management to change its number.

Naturally, the management refused claiming that it could not change its stationery. The phone company was not helpful, either. A number was a number, and just because a customer was getting someone else's calls 24 hours a day didn't make it responsible. After her pleas fell on deaf ears, Leola decided to take matters into her own hands. At 9 o'clock the phone rang. Someone from Memphis was calling the motel and asked for a room for the following Tuesday. Leola said, "No problem. How many nights?" A few hours later Dallas checked in. A secretary wanted a suite with two bedrooms for a week. Emboldened, Leola said the Presidential Suite on the 10th floor was available for \$600 a night. The secretary said that she would take it and asked if the hotel wanted a deposit. "No, that won't be necessary," Leola said. "We trust you." The next day was a busy one for Leola. In the morning, she booked an electric appliance manufacturers' convention for Memorial Day weekend, a college prom and a reunion of the 82nd Airborne veterans from World War II. She turned on her answering machine during lunchtime so that she could watch her favourite soap opera, but her biggest challenge came in the afternoon when a mother called to book the ballroom for her daughter's wedding in June. Leola assured the woman that it would be no problem and asked if she would be providing the flowers or did she want the hotel to take care of it. The mother said that she would prefer the hotel to handle the floral arrangements. Then the question of valet parking came up. Once again Leola was helpful. "There's no charge for valet parking, but we always recommend that the client tips the drivers." Within a few months, the Ribrock Plaza Motel was a disaster area. People kept showing up for weddings, bar mitzvahs, and Sweet Sixteen parties and were all told there were no such events.

Leola had her final revenge when she read in the local paper that the motel might go bankrupt. Her phone rang, and an executive from Marriott said, "We're prepared to offer you \$200,000 for the motel." Leola replied. "We'll take it, but only if you change the telephone number."

At a fabric store, a pretty girl spots a nice material for a dress and asks the male clerk: How much does it cost? "Only one kiss per yard," replied the male clerk with a smirk. "That's fine," said the girl. "I'll take ten yards." With expectation and anticipation written all over his face, the clerk quickly measured out the cloth, wrapped it up, and then teasingly held it out. The girl took the bag and pointed to the old man standing beside her, and smiled, "Grandpa will pay the bill."

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NEWS FROM JESSE NORMAN MP

HOSPITAL NEWS IS, A "HUGE WIN" FOR HEREFORDSHIRE AND MINOR INJURIES UNITS WHICH RE-OPENED ON 30 JANUARY

Dear Cal,

I wanted to let you know the good news that the Wye Valley NHS Trust has ended the process of considering strategic options for Hereford Hospital, including a possible merger or consolidation, and working with an independent or private sector partner.

This is a huge win for the Hospital, and for Herefordshire. Ever since this process started the Trust management and I have been arguing that there were no benefits to be gained from the "options" process via consolidation, merger or franchising; that the NHS should meet the Hospital's deficits until a fairer funding formula could be put in place; and that the Hospital should be allowed to continue reshaping its services without this expensive and time-consuming distraction.

As an integral part of this, I and my colleague Bill Wiggin MP have been pressing the case in Westminster, with ministers and with the NHS England Board. I am thrilled that they have listened to these arguments. The "options" process is ending and the NHS has once again met the cost of the Hospital's deficit.

We are not out of the woods yet. The funding formula is still grossly inequitable; the PFI contract is a massive burden; and we need a multi-year funding agreement on the Hospital's deficit to allow the management to put in place longer-term plans. But this is a very, very encouraging move forward. I am also very pleased that the Minor Injuries Units in Ross-on-Wye and Leominster has reopened on, 30 January.

An event not to be missed! Make a date in your diaries for

Saturday 22nd March at 7pm for a



Evening at the Simpson Hall

to include a hot supper and choice of desserts (vegetarian option available)

Tickets will be on sale from mid-February, price £9, available from Noella (769337)
This is a joint fund-raiser by St. Mary's Church Events Committee & the Simpson Hall.

What is homeopathy?

Homeopathy is a form of holistic medicine which is used by more than 200 million people worldwide. It is based on the principle that like cures like. In other words a substance taken in small amounts will cure the symptoms that it would cause if taken in large quantities. The principle dates back to Hippocrates (460-377BC), who said "By similar things a disease is produced and through the application of the like is cured".

The practice of homeopathy as we know it today, was devised in the late 18 century by a German physician called Samuel Hahnemann. Homeopathy is believed to stimulate the body's own natural healing mechanisms to eliminate illness and restore good health.

The medicines used are made primarily from plants and minerals, which are highly diluted and added to lactose tablets. This article was written by: Dr Tim Robinson *Accredited specialist in homeopathy and a GP with a practice in Dorset.*

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Text phone users can dial 0300 123 2050. If you wish to make a report but want to remain anonymous then you will need to call the Action Fraud contact centre on **0300 123 2040**.

The West Mercia Police are sending this with a warning don't get caught!

A company called something like the Telephone Privacy Service or similar has contacted a local resident claiming that for just £74.00 it can provide a black box to be fitted to your telephone to stop unwanted calls. They explained to the resident that they could see he had received a high volume of nuisance calls recently (lucky guess?) which they could help prevent in future. If you don't give them your bank details straight away, they then provide a number for you to call back on.

Having had a quick look at the number through the internet, it comes up on a couple scam lists but under slightly different company details. That said there is an official looking website. (I have forwarded the details to Trading Standards for them to investigate)

Please do not pass your bank details to anyone over the phone, it may be a scam, if it is genuine they won't mind sending you an official document/paperwork for what you are purchasing and won't mind waiting while you make an informed choice.

The irony of a company claiming to be able to stop people cold calling you by cold calling you themselves, is not lost on me.....If in doubt, don't pass your details.

This man in a Ford Granada pulls up next to a guy in a Rolls Royce at a stop sign. Their windows are open and he yells at the guy in the Rolls: "Hey, you got a telephone in there?" The guy in the Rolls says, "Yes, of course I do." "I got one too... see?" "Uh, huh, yes, that's very nice." Then the man in the Granada says, "You got a fax machine?" "Why, actually, yes, I do." "I do too! See? It's right here!" "Uh-huh." The light is just about to turn green and the guy in the Granada says, "So, do YOU have a double bed in back there?" And the guy in the Rolls says, "NO! Do you?" "Yep, got my double bed right in back here — see?!" The light turns and the man in the Granada takes off. Well, the guy in the Rolls is not about to be one-upped, so he goes immediately to a customizing shop and orders them to put a double bed in back of his car. About two weeks later, the job is finally done and he picks up his car and drives all over town looking for the Granada. He finally finds it parked alongside the road so he pulls his Rolls up next to it. The windows on the Granada are all fogged up and he feels a little awkward about it, but he gets out of his newly modified Rolls and taps on the foggy window of the Granada. The man in the Granada finally opens the window a crack and peeks out. The guy in the Rolls says, "Hey. Remember me?" "Yeah, yeah, I remember you. What's up?" "Check this out — I got a double bed installed in my Rolls." And the man in the Granada says, "YOU GOT ME OUT OF THE SHOWER TO TELL ME THAT?!"

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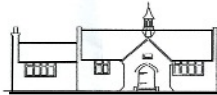
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Kath Jenkins on 01981 500350

A rich man living in Darwin decided that he wanted to throw a party and invited all of his buddies and neighbours. He also invited Colin, the only aborigine in the neighbourhood. He held the party around the pool in the backyard of his mansion. Everyone was having a good time drinking, dancing, eating prawns, oysters, from the BBQ and flirting.

At the height of the party, the host said, 'I have a 15ft man-eating crocodile in my pool and I'll give a million dollars to anyone who has the balls to jump in.' The words were barely out of his mouth when there was a loud splash and everyone turned around and saw Colin in the pool fighting the croc, jabbing the croc in the eyes with his thumbs, throwing punches, doing all kinds of stuff like head butts and chokeholds, biting the croc on the tail and flipping the croc through the air like some kind of Judo Instructor. The water was churning and splashing everywhere. Both Colin and the croc were screaming and raising hell & finally Colin strangled the croc and let it float to the top like a dead goldfish. Colin then slowly climbed out of the pool. Everybody was just staring at him in disbelief. The host says, 'Well, Colin, I reckon I owe you a million dollars. "Nah, you all right boss, I don't want it,' said Colin. The rich man said, 'Man, I have to give you something. You won the bet. How about half a million bucks then?'

'No thanks... I don't want it,' answered Colin. The host said, 'Come on, I insist on giving you something. That was amazing. How about a new Porsche AND a Rolex AND some stock options? Again, Colin said "No." Confused, the rich man asked, 'Well Colin, then what do you want?

Colin said, I want the b.....d who pushed me in.

Weobley CC Indoor Nets

Weobley Cricket Club will field one and half teams again this year! Weobley 1st X1 will be in Division 2 of the Marches League. Because we have insufficient players for two full teams, we shall be providing players for Burghill & Tillington 3rd X1, which will play in Division 4 of the Marches League. Weobley players who turn out for this team will also be eligible to play for Weobley 1st X1 should their performances merit it. You will understand therefore that whether you are a good cricketer or a not-so-good cricketer, Weobley Cricket Club will be able to offer you a game of cricket in 2014 – and an inexpensive game too. Subscriptions in 2014 will be £10; match fees £6 for adults, £3 for under 18s.

If you like the sound of what we have to offer, I would like to suggest you come to the club's indoor nets. They are held in the sports hall of Weobley High School, on Sunday evenings from 6.30pm to 8pm, starting on 2nd March The first net for any newcomer is free. Thereafter the cost is £2 for adults and £1 for under18s.

For further information, please contact Alun Howard on 07827 823802,
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Recently some households in Brinsop have joined- welcome.

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A man and an ostrich walk into a restaurant. The waitress asks, "What will it be?" The man replied "a burger and a coke." "And you?" "I'll have the same," the ostrich replies. They finish their meal and pay. "That will be £4.50," The man reached into his pocket and pulled out the exact amount. They do this every day till Friday.

"The usual?" she asked. "No, today is Friday. I'll have steak and a coke." "Me too." says the ostrich. They finish and pay. "That will be £10.95"

The man reached in and pulls out the exact amount again just like all week. The waitress was dumb-founded. "How is it that you always have the exact amount?" "Well," says the man. "I was cleaning my attic and I found a dusty lamp. I rubbed it and a genie appeared." Wow!" said the waitress. "What did you wish for?" "I asked that when I needed to pay for something, the exact amount would appear in my pocket." "Amazing! Most people would ask for a million dollars. But what's with the ostrich?" "Well," said the man. "I also asked for a chick with long legs."

Did you know..... When Michigan was a young territory, deer were so common and hunting such a part of life, that deer skins or whole deer were used as money. A deer carcass was worth a dollar, and hence, the dollar became known for what it was worth - a "buck"



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I was walking in a cemetery this morning and saw a bloke hiding behind a gravestone. "Morning." I Said "No" he replied, "just having a pee."

A guy was meeting a friend in a bar, and as he walked in he noticed two pretty girls looking at him. He heard one girl say to the other; "Nine." Feeling pleased with himself, he swaggered over to his buddy at the bar and told him that the girl in the corner had just rated him a nine out of ten. "Sorry to spoil your evening," said his friend, "but when I walked in they were speaking German"

The advantage of exercising every day is that you die healthier.

If you are going to try cross-country skiing, start with a small country.

And last but not least: I don't exercise because it makes the ice jump right out of my glass.

G.T Club

WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON IN THE GT CLUB?

Following the Angie Deane and Jackie Jones as leaders of the GT club, (the Get Together Club for young people) after 9 years, Claire, Stuart and I have been doing our best to fill their shoes. The club ended the Autumn Term on a high with the annual Christmas Party. There were games of all sorts, including with a parachute, charades and of course plenty of nibbles and lots of happy takers. Tissues were at the ready as we said a sad 'good bye' to Chloe and Emily Jack who started the New Year with a move to South Africa. We wish the whole family well in their new life.

This term we've had games sessions and a Pizza making (and eating!) session with Claire. Last week (February 7th) Kim Williams kindly came in to help with and art session working with charcoals. It was very much enjoyed and some remarkably good work was produced by GTers. As one of the participants commented, 'Kim was very patient and nice and showed us that even those who think they're non-artistic can produce something satisfying.'

Thank you very much to Kim.

Looking forward to later this term, Derek Parody is coming to do some 'bridge building', (sounds interesting) also we are planning to go to the Grove near Leominster for a spot of Bowling, and much more besides. If there is anyone who still doesn't know, the GT club meets in Mansel Lacy Village Hall on a Friday night 7-9 during term time and is open to all young people aged 11-17. Contact Claire 01981 590239 or Katrina 01432 760350.

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



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Dear Friends,

'But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and the livestock that were with him in the ark, and he sent a wind over the earth, and the waters receded.'

[Genesis 8:1](#)

As this is the Spring edition of the *Foxley News*, I feel I should be writing something positive and full of hope! But as I write we are besieged with storm after storm: flooded homes, roads and rail networks. On TV they show stricken families, farmers and businesses ruined by flood and winds. So it is hard to feel hopeful. But the Christian message is always about hope, and it has been wonderful how so many good people have been helping those affected. Animal feed has been sent by Hereford farmers and others around the country, to feed livestock in Somerset; supermarkets and other stores have been giving supplies and offering help; neighbours have been supporting one another. As we would expect in a national crisis, everyone pulls together to help!

The hope we have is that in spite of all that nature throws at us, we maintain our human fortitude to overcome those adversities: this is human nature verses 'mother nature'! Hard times don't last for ever and we pray and hope that no one will be overwhelmed beyond what they can bear.

It is because of Easter that Christians have hope. Jesus was raised from the dead and having conquered death he opened the door so that all who believe will have eternal life. With this hope in mind, nothing, not even death, can erase the hope we have.

I hope and pray that we will all recover from the horrors of this winter and enjoy the new hope that Springtime and Easter brings. Happy Easter, everyone!

With every blessing,

Rana

Normal Sunday Services as follows:

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