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Editorial

On the 1st of February in Mansel Lacy Church we celebrated the life of Robin Cox who died on the 21st December. His funeral had taken place in Brighton on 28th January. The memorial service conducted by Angie Deane was full of music and many tributes to Robin from university colleagues of yesteryear to his grandchildren of today. His family wanted this to be a celebration of a wonderfully happy and full life, so wanted some colour in the proceedings. This was followed by refreshments and a chance to chat in Weobleys Hopelands.

Many thanks are due to Nigel Hartshawn who has delivered papers and sundries to this area for many years and who has now retired. Hopefully the delivery system will continue with Sue West, from Kington who has offered a delivery of papers and milk if there is sufficient demand. Please support this enterprise by ringing 01544 230076 or sending an e-mail to: suewest7762@gmail.com

Someone else who needs our support is Mia Grice who is off to West Virginia in the USA later this year she is working hard trying to raise the required sum of £2,000. See her profile on page7 and be generous as the Parish Council has.

The shape of "Foxley Remembered" is beginning to emerge and is looking to be a very worthwhile project. It needs your support in memorabilia so search deep in your families archives and find some startling effects for us all to share.

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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 Joyce Potts, editor, within the copy deadlines. Tel: 01432 356392 e-mail - joycemike06@gmail.com

Community Association News

Dear All,

Well 2019 has arrived wet and windy but we hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and are looking forward to a happy new year.

The association has been busy planning events for 2019 and we hope that you will be able to come along a support some of the events which this year will be different and interesting.

Saturday, 9th March – Defibrillator demonstration/coffee morning 10am – 12pm:

Saturday, 27th April – Skittles evening: to be held at the Credenhill Club those that attended had a laugh and enjoyed the get together you may need to book early for that one

Late May – Duck race: Date to be arranged

22nd – 23rd June 2019 - Foxley remembered: The dates had now been chosen for this event.

There would be an exhibition of photographs and documents of Foxley Camp History throughout the years broken down into timeline periods.

It is hoped there will be vintage vehicles, a parachute display, a picnic in the park with music, and a church service on site.

Hereford Big Band for the evening event; has been booked However we hope to have other artists performing that night, Marches Military Wives Choir and Hereford Youth Concert Band there will be a bar on site and some refreshments

Maggie Davey has passed to Sue H contacts for Marches Military Wives Choir and the Music Pool.

Saturday - August – Progressive supper: Date to be arranged very popular event

September – Musical evening: To be confirmed.

October – AGM: Date to be decided.

Saturday, 2nd November – Bonfire night.

December Village and Parish Christmas lunch: venue and date to be confirmed later in the year

Another event for you which will be running is a photographic competition with winning entries going forward to be printed in a Foxley Parish

Calendar so look out for the flyers and information in the coming months

Should you wish any further information about the Mansel Lacy Community Association and it's aims feel free to contact Dave Gwynne on 01981 590532

A reminder to all regarding the Mansel Lacy Community Association photographic competition. Although submission of competition entries will be in July, we would encourage everyone to keep taking photos, whenever they have the opportunity. The winners will have their photos reproduced in our 2020 Foxley Calendar and 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. 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 8in print.

Specific details of the competition and how to enter will be included in the May edition of the Foxley News.

Rob Hallett

Mansel Garden Club

The Christmas Party on 3rd December in the Community Hall at Mansel Lacy as usual went off very well with over thirty members attending. The food was excellent. It was organised by Tom & Paula Fitch with help from those members who contributed sweets of high quality. Tom also arranged for the excellent musical entertainment by Liam. The wine flowed freely again courtesy of Peter Griffiths. Many members have expressed their thanks to Tom & Paula.

Talk by Dr Anthony Evans

On Monday 7th January we welcomed Dr Anthony Evans who talked about Hereford Cathedral Gardens throughout the Seasons.

Dr Evans is a retired GP but now spends his time as a trustee and vice chairman of the gardens and is the coordinator of the cathedral's volunteer gardeners. He is a member of the RHS, Alpine Garden and Hardy Plant societies and has a diploma in horticulture. His love and knowledge of gardening and plants certainly shone through as he showed us many beautiful slides of the gardens at different times of the year.

The gardens cover six acres and are divided into individual gardens surrounded by lawns, walkways, wild areas and specimen trees leading down to the banks of the river Wye.

We saw slides of beautiful spring bulbs in the Chapter House, a colourful courtyard garden, interesting borders with hydrangeas, dahlias, roses and a stunning wild flower bed. In the College garden there are plants reflecting an ecclesiastical theme with one bed containing three bishops! Dahlias of course, the Bishop of Llandaff, Bishop of York and Bishop of Auckland.

The lower lawn has a vegetable garden and the riverside garden banks are planted with daffodils as they do not mind flooding from the river.

The talk was about the garden throughout the seasons and we saw stunning slides of the garden in winter covered in snow.

Tours of the garden by knowledgeable volunteers take place every Saturday and Wednesday afternoon at 2.30pm from May to September and it is well worth having more than one visit to see the changes throughout the season.

On Monday 4th February we welcomed Nathalie Mignotte who talked about the gardens of Versailles and the domains of Queen Marie-Antoinette.

The extensive gardens were created by Andre Notre in 1661 under the supervision of King Louis XIV and took 40 years to complete. The gardens are said to be the largest and most beautiful ever and are a good example of French style formal gardens. From the lovely slides that Nathalie showed us we could see how impeccably the gardens are kept with massive topiaries clipped into immaculate shapes.

The garden is divided into parterres containing many beautiful flowers and the pathways lead down to a Grand Canal large enough for the King to sail down in his boat and inspect his domain. The many fountains were built around Roman and Greek mythology themes and there is a vast collection of outdoor sculptures. One of the walkways is lined with orange, lemon and pomegranate trees and a large Orangery was built to house the trees during the winter to protect them from the frost.

The patterns and symmetry of the gardens can be admired from the windows of the impressive Chateau where the vast size of the gardens can be fully appreciated.

Nathalie showed us a video of the Dancing Fountains, a night time show with the fountains lit up and moving to the sound of music.

This stunning garden deserves a visit, good walking shoes and lots of energy needed to see it all in one day, but I am sure it is well worth it!

Sue Carpenter

Lacy Ladies & Gentlemen

At the latest meeting of Lacy Ladies & Gentlemen, over 20 of us settled down to be entertained by Dick Alford (aka Bimble) who for 30 years was a village Bobby in Kington. His talk covered the initial training with it's Boot Camp overtones, and then went on to give an insight into life walking the beat. Amusing incidents such as dealing with a dangerous dog at Brilley and adjudicating at a domestic dispute over roast beef were balanced by sobering experiences as a Family Liaison Officer in the aftermath of the London 7/7 bombings, with being part of events like the opening of the Kington By-pass somewhere in the middle. In his entire career Dick only had to use his truncheon twice, once to protect a fellow Officer and once as a garden tool when his dibber went missing! On retirement Dick went on to do another 11 years as a Kington Community Police Officer. A final sobering thought was that when Dick started there were ten Officers in Kington, now only one. An amazing life of public service ably presented and well received.

January 24th "019

Our New Year Lunch was by popular request at the Bay Horse, Kings Acre Road. 31 Ladies & gentlemen attended, one lady was unable to join us through illness, so she was delivered a 'Takeaway'. A two course meal was served. I hope everyone enjoyed the pleasant get together.

Next meeting will be on March 28th when 'Views of New Zealand' will be presented by Alf Jenkins Everyone welcome
Joyce Lewis

Policing in the 70's

With current government cutbacks readers may be interested to know that I moved to Eardisley on the 17th of January 1973 as the last village Policeman to live in which was then, the Police station and house on the Kington road, the last house on the right hand side past Upper Court. My son Julian was just three months old and slept in his carry cot in front of a coal fire. He's now 45! The next morning I woke up to find 2 swedes, a net of sprouts and potatoes left anonymously at the back door. A lovely welcoming gesture. At that time, there was a Sergeant at Kington who lived at the Police House in Market Hall Street with four more Police houses in Llewellyn road. There were Police stations and houses at Pembridge, Mansel Lacy and of course Eardisley. There were two Police houses and a Police station in Back lane Weobley and a single unmarried officer living in lodgings at Dunfield House Cottage, Kington. This made a total of 10 locally based uniformed Police Officers and a Sergeant. We certainly did keep a firm, controlling hand on local criminality! Bill Rowlett. (now proprietor of Oak Tree Funeral Services)

Ol' Fred had been a faithful parishioner at his church and was in the hospital, near death. The pastor of his church was called to administer the Sacrament of the Living. As the pastor stood next to the bed, Ol' Fred motioned for something to write on. The pastor lovingly handed him a pen and a piece of paper. Ol'Fred used his last bit of energy to scribble a note, then suddenly died.

The pastor thought it best not to look at the note at that time, so he placed in his coat pocket. At the funeral as he was finishing his message, he realized he was wearing the same coat when Ol' Fred died. He said, "You know, Ol' Fred handed a note before he died. I haven't looked at it but knowing Fred, I am sure there is a word of inspiration there for all of us."

He opened the note, and read, ***"Please move --- you're standing on my oxygen tube!"***

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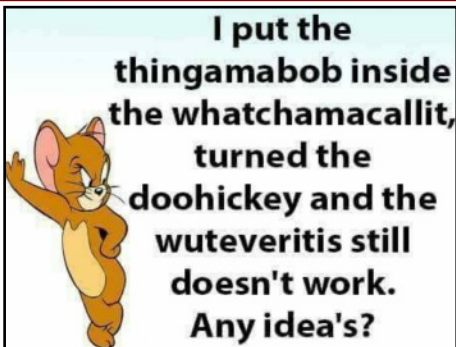
My name is Mia Grice, I am 17 years old and live in Mansell Lacy just outside of Credenhill. I have been selected to attend the World Scout Jamboree in the summer this year where over 40,000 scouts from around the world will come together where we will share a unique adventure. I am spending time on a large reserve in West Virginia, USA, but also spending time in Washington, New York and Canada. I will be attending as part of Unit 81, which is the unit assigned to the Scouting County of Herefordshire and Worcester. They have agreed to take part and fundraise as much as possible for our trip.

In order to raise money, I have been advised to contact local supporters who may wish to help in funding my MASSIVE adventure.

Many thanks, in anticipation.

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A SENIOR'S PERSPECTIVE OF **FACEBOOK**. AIN'T IT THE TRUTH!

For those of my generation who do not, and cannot, comprehend why Facebook exists: I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles.

Therefore, every day I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I did the night before, what I will do later and with whom.

I give them pictures of my family, my dog, of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch, and doing what anybody and everybody does every day. I also listen to their conversations, give them the 'thumbs up' and tell them I like them. And it works just like Facebook.

I already have four people following me: two police officers, a private investigator and a psychiatrist.

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The Stranger

A few years after I was born, my Dad met a stranger who was new to our small town. From the beginning, Dad was fascinated with this enchanting newcomer and soon invited him to live with our family. The stranger was quickly accepted and was around from then on.

As I grew up, I never questioned his place in my family. In my young mind, he had a special niche. My parents were complementary instructors: Mom taught me good from evil, and Dad taught me to obey. But the stranger... he was our storyteller. He would keep us spellbound for hours on end with adventures, mysteries and comedies.

If I wanted to know anything about politics, history or science, he always knew the answers about the past, understood the present and even seemed able to predict the future! He took my family to the first major league ball game. He made me laugh, and he made me cry. The stranger never stopped talking, but Dad didn't seem to mind. Sometimes, Mom would get up quietly while the rest of us were shushing each other to listen to what he had to say, and she would go to the kitchen for peace and quiet. (I wonder now if she ever prayed for the stranger to leave.)

Dad ruled our household with certain moral convictions, but the stranger never felt obligated to honour them. Profanity, for example, was not allowed in our home - not from us, our friends or any visitors. Our long time visitor, however, got away with four-letter words that burned my ears and made my Dad squirm and my Mother blush. My Dad didn't permit the liberal use of alcohol but the stranger encouraged us to try it on a regular basis. He made cigarettes look cool, cigars manly, and pipes distinguished. He talked freely (much too freely!) about sex. His comments were sometimes blatant, sometimes suggestive, and generally embarrassing..

I now know that my early concepts about relationships were influenced strongly by the stranger. Time after time, he opposed the values of my parents, yet he was seldom rebuked... And NEVER asked to leave.

More than fifty years have passed since the stranger moved in with our family. He has blended right in and is not nearly as fascinating as he was at first. Still, if you could walk into my parents' den today, you would still find him sitting over in his corner, waiting for someone to listen to him talk and watch him draw his pictures.

His name?.... We just call him 'TV.'

(Note: This should be required reading for every household!) He has a wife now....we call her 'Computer.' Their first child is "Cell Phone". Second child "I Pod "

They're back! Those wonderful Church Bulletins! Thank God for the church ladies with typewriters. as an example!):

----The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

----Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

---The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus'

---Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

---Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

---Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

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A father buys a lie detector robot that slaps people when they lie.
 He decides to test it out at dinner one night.
 The father asks his son what he did that afternoon.
 The son says, "I did some schoolwork." The robot slaps the son.
 The son says, "Ok, Ok. I was at a friend's house watching movies."
 Dad asks, "What movie did you watch?" Son says, "Toy Story."
 The robot slaps the son. Son says, "Ok, Ok, we were watching porn."
 Dad says, "What?" At your age I didn't even know what porn was."
 The robot slaps the father.
 Mom laughs and says, "Well, he certainly is your son."
 The robot slaps the mother. Robot for sale.

Su Wong marries Lee Wong. The next year, the Wongs have a new baby. The nurse brings out a lovely, healthy, bouncy, but definitely a Caucasian, WHITE baby boy. 'Congratulations,' says the nurse to the new parents. 'Well Mr. Wong, what will you and Mrs. Wong name the baby?' The puzzled father looks at his new baby boy and says, 'Well, two Wong's don't make a white, so I think we will name him... Are you ready for this? Sum Ting Wong

A retired older couple returned to a Mercedes dealership where the salesman was just selling the car they had been looking at only a couple of hours earlier to a cute little blonde who was wearing quite a short skirt and a sexy top.

The old man was visibly upset. He spoke to the salesman sharply, "Young man, I thought you said you would hold that car till we checked our finances to make sure we had the \$85,000 asking price. Yet I just overheard you closed the deal for \$58,000 to the lovely young lady there. And if I remember right, you had insisted there was absolutely no way you could discount this model."

The salesman took a deep breath, cleared his throat and reached for a large glass of water. "Well, what can I tell you? She had the cash ready, didn't need any financing help, and, Sir, just look at her, how could I resist?", replied the grinning salesman sheepishly. Just then the young woman approached the senior couple and gave the car keys to the old man. "There you go, Dad" she said. "I told you I could get that idiot to lower the price. Once again.... don't mess with seniors

Carol was not the best student in Catholic School. Usually she slept through class.

One day her teacher, a Nun, called on her while she was sleeping in class. 'Tell me Carol, who created the universe?' When Carol didn't stir, little Johnny who was her friend sitting behind her, took his pencil and jabbed her in the rear. 'God Almighty!' shouted Carol.

The Nun said, 'Very good' and continued teaching her class.... A little later the Nun asked Carol, 'Who is our Lord and Savior?' But when Carol didn't stir from her slumber, once again, Johnny came to her rescue and stuck her in the butt. 'Jesus Christ!!!' shouted Carol.

And the Nun once again said, 'Very good,' and Carol fell back asleep. The Nun asked her a third question.... 'What did Eve say to Adam after she had her twenty-third child?'

Again, Johnny came to the rescue. This time Carol jumped up and shouted, 'If you stick that damn thing in me one more time, I'll break it in half!' The nun fainted.

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What matters to you in your local area? Is it making sure people with dementia get the help and care they need, or wanting good quality local jobs and houses? You could be the person to make a difference by becoming a Herefordshire Councillor. The next local elections for Herefordshire take place on Thursday 2 May 2019. Herefordshire needs ward and parish councillors who are capable, energetic and engaged, with a commitment to local communities and a passion for change. Perhaps you are already involved in local affairs and want to take the next step. Or you may be looking for a worthwhile and rewarding way to help your local community. No matter what your motivation, Herefordshire will benefit from having a diverse group of councillors who bring different perspectives and life experience to the role. John Coleman, Herefordshire Council's Democratic Services Manager, says that those elected to be ward and parish councillors for Herefordshire will be supported: "Herefordshire Council has launched a microsite with advice about what being a councillor entails and the chance to hear from other Herefordshire councillors about why they became involved in local democracy. "Being an effective councillor is rewarding but requires both commitment and hard work. Councillors have to balance the needs and interests of residents, the political party they represent (if any) and the Council. Herefordshire Council will provide training and support to guide all new councillors through the basics of being a Councillor and how the council functions." To stand for what you believe in and become a Herefordshire Councillor, visit www.herefordshire.gov.uk/beacouncillor

I have a very complicated benefits question. Many years ago, I married a widow who had an 18 year old daughter. After the wedding, my father, a widower, came to visit a number of times, and he fell in love with my step daughter. My father eventually married her without my authorization. As a result my step-daughter became my step mother and my father became my son in law. My father's wife (also my step daughter) and my step-mother, gave birth to a son who is my grandchild because I am the husband of my step daughter's mother. This boy is also my brother, as the son of my father. As you can see, my wife became a grandmother, because she is the mother of my father's wife. Therefore it appears that I am also my wife's grandchild. A short time after these events, my wife gave birth to a son, who became my father's brother-in-law, the step-son of my father's wife, and my uncle. My son is also my step mother's brother, and through my step-mother, my wife has become a grandmother and I have become my own grandfather. In light of the above mentioned, I would like to know the following: Does my son, who is also my uncle, my father's son-in-law and my step mother's brother fulfill the requirements for receiving childcare benefits?

*A group of Canadians were travelling by tour bus through Holland. As they stopped at a cheese farm, a young guide led them through the process of cheese making, explaining that goat's milk was used. She showed the group a lovely hillside where many goats were grazing. These, she explained, were the older goats put out to pasture when they no longer produced. She then asked, "What do you do in Canada with your old goats that aren't producing?" A spry old gentleman answered,
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The Harvest Mouse (*Micromys Minutus*) by Angela Starling

Micromys Minutus translates from Latin as “smallest tiny mouse” The harvest mouse can weigh as little as a 20p piece. It grows to between 50-70mm and apart from their small size their skeleton is also notably light, being just 5% of their total weight. Ours is 15%. This beautiful tiny mouse is a russet orange in colour with undersides of pure white. They have small but furry ears and a shorter muzzle than most mice. The harvest mouse's tail is unique being prehensile and is used as a fifth limb, normally as an emergency brake when descending head first. These little mice more than likely came over from China before the English channel was formed. They have still not moved very far north and are not found in Scotland or Wales. Most Harvest mice are found in England below Yorkshire. The Harvest mouse lives in long tussocky grass, reedbeds, hedgerows, farmland and the edge of woodlands. Areas of tall grass are favourable habitats to this little mouse as this is where they can build their nests. They are omnivores and eat a variety of seeds, fruit and invertebrates but they have also been known to eat moss, roots and fungi. They are extremely active climbers and will feed in the stalk zone of long grasses and reeds particularly around dusk and dawn. Their hearing is acute and they will react very quickly by either freezing or dropping into cover. This response can be to rustling up to 7m away. In winter they are forced to cease their climbing lifestyle and descend to ground level. They are now in competition for food with other small mammals. The Harvest mouse is the only British mammal to build a nest of woven grass well above ground level, up to 3 feet. Their nests are built depending on their needs, a small nest of 5cm in diameter for a non breeding nest. A 10cm diameter nest for a breeding one. They will have several litters a year between late May to October and most litters are born in August. Litters are normally around 3-8 pups and are born blind and hairless. These extremely tiny mice grow fast and start exploring on the 11th day. By the 16th day the young are abandoned but will continue to use the nest. The most familiar image of the Harvest mouse in a crop of Wheat or Barley. Today with farming methods this would be extremely rare. The biggest threat is cold wet weather and a threat to the management of grassland. Mowing in late summer is very bad for this little mouse due to breeding during this time also if no scrub left over winter they will have no shelter. They receive no formal legal protection at this time, but are on the red list of threatened species.

The third annual **Plant Fair at St Michael's Hospice** will be a celebration of the joy of gardening. Taking place on 3rd – 4th May, plant lovers can browse a wide range of herbaceous perennials, bedding plants, annuals, trees, shrubs, alpine, bulbs, carnivorous and indoor plants grown by professional and amateur gardeners. In addition to plants, there will be fresh strawberries and asparagus; beautiful handcrafted wooden jewellery and home decor; cards, prints, coasters and mugs; wild bird food; and pottery and preserves. This year the Fair, which is free to enter, is expanding into the Hospice's lower garden - a large, tranquil, open grass area. A golf buggy will transport visitors from the car park to the Plant Fair site. Hot and cold drinks plus fresh, homemade cakes will be available in our newly-refurbished cafe, all day on both days. Delicious two-course lunches will be served between 12pm and 2pm each day. There is no booking necessary for lunches.

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Foxley Group Parish Council

At the February Parish Council Meeting, it was noted that work to clear drains susceptible to blockage was carried out in January and various other issues brought to the Parish Council's attention by residents were dealt with such as refilling the Yarsop Grit Bin. The impact of the lengthy road closure on the A480 at Credenhill was discussed.

One Planning Application was received.

Remedial measures will be taken to improve the gated entrance to Mansel Lacy Church. Finally, the Parish Council is delighted to award a Grant of £100 to Mia Grice, who will be attending the World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia later this year

PARISH NOTICE BOARDS

There are five noticeboards provided by Foxley Group Parish Council located as follows; Mansel Lacy Village Triangle, Brinsop at the top of the road leading to the Church, Wormsley opposite the Golf Club, Moorhampton near the A480 and Yazor near the Church. These can be used to advertise any appropriate local event. To make use of this facility, please contact your local Councillor (Contact details located within the Notice Board) or if this is not visible the Clerk on 01981 590706

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

The seven Councillors on Foxley Group Parish Council are elected for four years and all come up for re-election on May 2 2019. This is a summary of activities during the period since 2015.

Two Good Neighbour Meetings held at Mansel House and Brinsop Court attended by most residents reaffirmed priorities as being maintaining highways in good condition and fostering community spirit. Despite the phasing out of Herefordshire Council financial support for the Parish Lengthsman scheme, the state of both the major and minor roads has been improved with resurfacing work and carriageway patching carried out on the A480 and an ongoing programme of sign cleaning, visibility splay cutting, pothole repairs and drain and grip cleaning on the minor roads, with sections of the Weobley Road and Yarsop Lane being resurfaced. After a string of accidents the Crossroads adjacent to the Old School at Mansel Lacy, it has been designated an Accident Cluster Site and received improved signage and enhanced grip surfacing

In respect of Planning Applications, the Parish Council's policy in respect of commercial development is to support applications which, on balance, support our rural economy whilst for private development each case is considered on its merits. In all cases the Parish Council has to conform to Herefordshire Council and National Policy guidelines.

The Parish Council has continued to support the maintenance of the Churchyards at Mansel Lacy and Brinsop and to contribute to the costs of producing the Foxley News. A grant was also made to support Hereford Citizen's Advice Bureau and all Parish Notice Boards were replaced.

The Council continues to press for the earliest possible implementation of Superfast Broadband and has converted the Mansel Lacy red telephone box into a defibrillator location and library.

In times when many Parish Councils are having difficulty in recruiting Councillors, Foxley has been able to fill a vacancy for the Brinsop Common Ward with an excellent local candidate, Mark Mangan, and is seeing an increase in feedback from residents.

Since 2015/6, the Parish Precept has been raised from £1750 (excluding election provision) to £2500 (excluding election provision), principally to replace the Lengthsman Grant from Herefordshire Council, which in 2015/6 amounted to nearly £1350. Our precept remains one of the lowest in the county.

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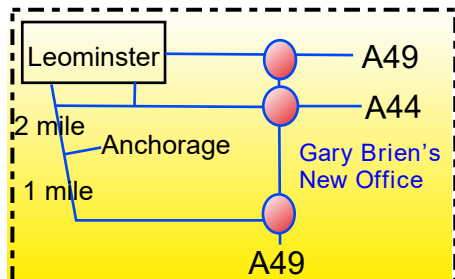
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Dear Friends,

In Mark 4 and Matthew 13 Jesus warns us about the 'Thorns' of life, thorns that will strangle our faith even though it may have grown considerably. None of us is immune to life's thorns, however mature a Christian we might believe ourselves to be. Jesus' warning refers to life's worries that fill our thoughts and distract us from spending time in his presence, that cause us to worry rather than to pray and worship. The thorns include the deceitfulness of wealth that causes us to give our time, effort and attention to the things of this world – creating and spending money, chasing godless dreams and acquiring 'stuff' in order to keep up with, or even out do, our friends and neighbours. 'Thorns' also refer to the many distractions available to those living a first world life, so that we pursue other things, people, past times and relationships, instead of pursuing God. Not all of these things are necessarily bad in themselves; it is important to be involved in the community and to support people and causes, but where they cause us to take our eyes off Jesus, they can become detrimental to our spiritual well being. So, let's be alert, take stock of what fills our time, minds and effort, look out for and recognise those thorns, and make the effort to pull (ouch!) or cut them out so that they do not cause us to falter in our relationship with the Lord Jesus.

On a lighter note, the breakfasts, provided by the church now on a monthly basis, have proved to be very popular. So well done to the team involved and do bring along family and friends; keep an eye out for posters saying when the next one will be.

With every blessing,

Rana

31st March Group Family Service 10.00am at Kencheste

14th April No service - join with Palm Sunday donkey procession 10.40am Credenhill shops

Easter Day - 21st April 11.00am Holy Communion

28th April 9.30am Morning Prayer

12th May 9.30am Holy Communion

26th May Morning Prayer

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
Kencheste		6pm Evening Prayer		6pm Evening Prayer	Dec Man Lacy
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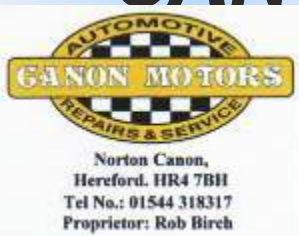
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