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Editorial

Christmas being over, thoughts are turning to the Spring. Whilst putting together this magazine I'm constantly thinking quite a way ahead in time There hasn't been much take up in the offer of delivering papers and milk so after this month I will take down the advert on page 3.

There are one or two advertisers who take a long time to pay, maybe through forgetfulness or apathy, however I will have to drop these adverts eventually, because this magazine depends very much on the income from the adverts to survive.

Don't forget the LENT Lunches every Thursday during Lent 12.00 til 1.30pm. I'm very grateful for the contributions to this magazine that my good friends make, from all over the place, Canada, Wales, England all regions and the World Wide Web

As you will see I have incorporated a few selected pictures which have been sent to me over many years. Always a good backstop to fill some space. Cal

I'm very sad to report that one of the nice people in the village Ann Fairhurst lost her daughter Heather recently. The funeral was held on Thursday February 20th at Dilwyn church. Our condolences to the family.

The video of Foxley Remembered is now available at cost plus £2.00 either as a DVD or memory stick. Apply to the editor - Cal tel: 01981 590625

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Foxley News

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Foxley Flyer

The supplement to the Foxley News will be published at the beginning of the months when the Foxley News is resting. Viz. January, February April, May, July, August, October, November. It is a single A5 sized sheet. - Brief items of interest should be sent to

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Community Association News

Chairman's Report A.G.M October 2019:

Dear Members and friends,

Well a new year with new challenges; all of which we hope that the community will come together to support, looking forward to events it is hoped that the Soap Box Derby, which was run for many years on the Foxley Estate could be on the way back together with a musical evening, so please look out for more information closer to the event date, which has been provisionally booked for 4th July.

The other events will be the Annual Duck Race; Music Evenings; Bonfire Night; Skittles evening with Fish and Chips and Christmas Lunch all the date for these events will be circulated once confirmed, so if you are looking to attend or even help with the committee, please let us know (contact details below). Another very popular event is the progressive supper held within the village of Mansel Lacy, we will be looking at this during August.

We are always looking for any new ideas to run and promote events within the parish, so if you have any thing that you feel would be helpful do let us know.

Its early days so we would like to wish you all a belated happy New Year and hope that there will be something happening locally which will encourage you to join us during 2020

Dave Gwynne
Chairman Mansel Lacy Community Association
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Mansel Garden Club

Leila Jackson who was due to show a lot of slides about the show circuit and how to design a show garden failed to turn up in January and contact with her has also failed. As a fill in the 40 minute video made of the event last Summer "Foxley Remembered" was shown on the large TV screen

On February 3rd we had a talk by Octavia Hopwood who is a soil microbiologist with a passion for adventure, wildlife and videos. She has also appeared in Spiderman films as a stunt performer.

Her talk and slide show on soil was very interesting and covered a lot of ground. (No pun intended)

In March Victoria Logue will be talking about "Practical propagation"

On Tuesday we held a committee meeting to consider ways of spending a Grant awarded by the National Lottery to celebrate our 25 year anniversary. Various ideas will be resolved next month.

Garden Club Programme reminder

March 2nd 2020 Victoria Logue "Practical Propagation." April 6th 2020 Rowan McConegal "Hedgerow Medicine" All the above will be held in the Community Hall at 7.30pm The first visit of the year is to Shucknall Court

ACTUAL AUSTRALIAN COURT DOCKET 12659 CASE OF THE PREGNANT LADY

A lady about 8 months pregnant got on a bus. She noticed the man opposite her was smiling at her. She immediately moved to another seat. This time the smile turned into a grin, so she moved again. The man seemed more amused. When on the fourth move, the man burst out laughing, she complained to the driver and he had the man arrested The case came up in court

The judge asked the man (about 20 years old) what he had to say for himself.

The man replied "Well your honour, it was like this: when the lady got on the bus I couldn't help but notice her condition. She sat down under an advert that said, 'The double mints are coming' and I grinned. Then she moved and sat under a sign that said, 'Logan's Linament will reduce the swelling' and I had to smile. Then she placed herself under a deodorant sign that said 'William's big stick did the trick' and I could hardly contain myself. But, my honour, when she moved the fourth time and sat under a sign that said, Goodyear Rubber could have prevented an accident!' ... I just lost it.'

CASE DISMISSED

Lacy Ladies & Gentlemen talks

Our last talk of the year was in November where we welcomed David Williams aka Mr Hog. He gave a very interesting talk about joining the Boys Brigade in 1957 aged only 15. He's very sure his Dad paid someone to take him off his hands at such a young age. He was in the Royal Artillery and was sent to Bradbury Lines in Hereford. The talk also contained photographs of David throughout his time there.

Our next talk is on the 26th March and will be Tales from Ovid by our very own entertaining Brian Gorst.

Angela Starling

The Dentist - always carry spares

A dinner speaker was in such a hurry to get to his engagement that when he arrived and sat down at the head table he suddenly realised he had forgotten his false teeth. Turning to the man next to him he said "I forgot my teeth". The man said, "No problem" he reached into his pocket and pulled out a pair of false teeth, "Try these" he said The speaker tried them, "Too loose" he said. The man then said "I have another pair, try these", "Too tight". The man was not taken aback at all, "I have one more pair, try them". The speaker said "they fit perfectly" with that he ate his meal and gave his speech. After the dinner meeting was over, the speaker went over to thank the man who had helped him "I want to thank you for coming to my aid, where is you office? I've been looking for a good dentist". The man replied, "I'm not a dentist I'm an undertaker".



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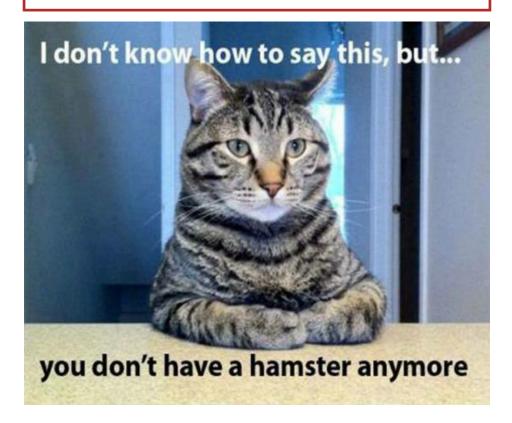
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It is important for men to remember that, as women grow older, it becomes harder for them to maintain the same quality of housekeeping as when they were younger. When you notice this, try not to yell at them. Some are oversensitive, and there's nothing worse than an over-sensitive woman.

My name is Ron, Let me relate how I handled the situation with my wife, Maggy. When I retired a few years ago, it became necessary for Maggy to get a full-time job, along with her part-time job, both for extra income and for the health benefits that we needed. Shortly after she started working, I noticed she was beginning to show her age. I usually get home from the golf club about the same time she gets home from work. Although she knows how hungry I am, she almost always says she has to rest for half an hour or so before she starts dinner. I don't vell at her. Instead, I tell her to take her time and just wake me when she gets dinner on the table. I generally have lunch each day in the Men's Grill at the Golf Club, so eating out is not an option in the evening. I'm ready for some home-cooked grub when I hit that door. She used to do the dishes as soon as we finished eating. But now it's not unusual for them to sit on the table for several hours after dinner. I do what I can by diplomatically reminding her several times each evening that they won't clean themselves. I know she really appreciates this, as it does seem to motivate her to get them done before she goes to bed.

Another symptom of ageing is complaining, I think. For example, she will say that it is difficult for her to find time to pay the monthly bills during her lunch hour. But. boys, we take 'em for better or worse, so I just smile and offer encouragement. I tell her to stretch it out over two, or even three days. That way, she won't have to rush so much. I also remind her that missing lunch completely now and then wouldn't hurt her any (if you know what I mean). I like to think tact is one of my strong points. When doing simple iobs, she seems to think she needs more rest periods. She had to take a break when she was only half-finished mowing the front lawn. I try not to make a scene. I'm a fair man. I tell her to fix herself a nice, big, cold glass of freshly squeezed lemonade and just sit for a while. And, as long as she is making one for herself, she may as well make one for me, too. I know that I probably look like a saint in the way I support Maggy. I'm not saying that showing this much patience and consideration is easy. Many men will find it difficult. Some will find it impossible! Nobody knows better than I do how frustrating women get as they get older. However, guys, even if you just use a little more tact and less criticism of your ageing wife because of this article, I will consider that writing it was well worthwhile. After all, we are put on this earth to help each other. NOTE:

Ron died suddenly on January 31 of a perforated rectum. The police report says he was found with a Calloway extra-long 50-inch Big Bertha Driver II golf club jammed up his

rear end, with showing, and a nearby. His wife charged with

The all-woman to find her "Not fence that Ron, accidentally sat



barely 5 inches of grip sledge hammer laying Maggy was arrested and murder.

jury took only 10 minutes Guilty", accepting her desomehow without looking, down on his golf club.

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He is engraved in stone in the National War Memorial in Washington, DC - back in a small alcove where very few people have seen it. For the WWII generation, this will bring back memories. For you younger folks, it's a bit of trivia that is a part of American



history. Anyone born in 1913 to about 1950, is familiar with Kilroy. No one knew why he was so well known - but everybody seemed to get into it. So who was Kilroy? In 1946 the American Transit Association, through its radio program, "Speak to America, sponsored a nationwide contest to find the real Kilroy, offering a <u>prize</u> of a real trolley car to the person who could prove himself to be the

genuine article. Almost 40 men stepped forward to make that claim, but only James Kilroy from Halifax, Massachusetts, had evidence of his identity. 'Kilroy' was a 46-year old shipyard worker during the war who worked as a checker at the Fore River Shipyard in Quincy. His <u>job</u> was to go around and check on the number of rivets completed. Riveters were on piecework and got paid by the rivet. He would count a block of rivets

and put a check mark in semi-waxed lumber chalk, so the rivets wouldn't be counted twice. When Kilroy went off duty, the riveters would erase the mark. Later on, an off-shift inspector would come through and count the rivets a second time, resulting in double pay for the riveters. One day Kilroy's boss called him into his office. The foreman was upset about all the wages being paid to riveters, and asked him to investigate. It was then he real-



ized what had been going on. The tight spaces he had to crawl in to check the rivets didn't lend themselves to lugging around a paint can and brush, so Kilroy decided to stick with the waxy chalk. He continued to put his check mark on each job he inspected, but added 'KILROY WAS HERE' in king-sized letters <u>next</u> to the check, and eventually added the sketch of the chap with the long nose peering over the fence and that became part of the Kilroy message. Once he did that, the riveters stopped trying to wipe away his marks. Ordinarily the rivets and chalk marks would have been covered up with paint. With the war on, however, ships were leaving the Quincy Yard so fast that there wasn't time to paint them. As a result, Kilroy's inspection "trademark" was seen by thousands of servicemen who boarded the troopships the yard produced. His

message apparently rang a bell with the servicemen, because they picked it up and spread it all over Europe and the South Pacific. Before war's end, "Kilroy" had been here, there, and everywhere on the long hauls to Berlin and Tokyo . To the troops outbound in those ships, however, he was a complete mystery; all they knew for sure was that someone named Kilroy had "been there first." As a joke, U.S. servicemen began placing the graffiti wherever they landed, claiming it was already there when they arrived.



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Slow Worm, Deaf Adder or Blindworm Anguis Fragilis

If the adder could hear and the blindworm see, neither man nor beast would ere go free Before moving to Mansel lacy we heard this was quite a special place to see these beautiful creatures. We have not been disappointed and have seen one or two at least per year. One was curled up inside a brick of a wall we were rebuilding. So that changed to a gentle repair and all holes left, much to the

frustration of my These peaceful, be found grassland. and of course pecially with the heap. They have appearpery grevish are males are brown my photo above. a thin line down live at least 20



husband David! gentle lizards can heathland, tussocky woodland edges mature gardens esgood old compost a very shiny copance. The males brown and the fewith dark sides as in Some females have the back. They can years in the wild and

up to 50 in captivity.

Mating kicks off in May and the males can become aggressive towards each other during this time. During courtship the male takes hold of the female by biting her neck and they then entwine bodies. Courtship can last as long as 10 hours! The females will incubate the eggs internally. Slow worms are Ovi viviparous which means when they lay their eggs they will hatch instantly or within a few minutes and normally have between 6-12 young

Unlike other UK reptiles the Slow worm does not bask in the open but prefers to hide under logs (in bricks) or in compost heaps. They come out at dusk and feed on slugs, up to 50 a night! or invertebrates and worms.

During the winter they spend it in Brumation/Hibernation under leaf piles on in tree roots. They are mainly found in Wales and South West England and are absent from Ireland. Unfortunately they are on the menu for lots of other animals such as Adders, Pheasants, Hedgehogs, badgers and cats. To avoid being eaten the Slow worm will first defecate which produces a foul smell that may put off some predators. The second is to shed their tail that will wriggle to distract the attacker while it escapes. The tail will then grow back, but never as good as the first.

Gamekeepers are encouraged to help these lizards out by doing things us gardeners could also do such as keep rough edges, leave some grass higher in areas. Leave some loose soil in heaps to hibernate in. Put sheets of corrugated steel on the floor for the daytime cover in sunny spots. Really the usual stuff of if you want wildlife in your space. Don't keep it too tidy.

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One night, a dieting woman made a cake for the church potluck. Temptation got the best of her, and she ate it—all of it. Embarrassed, she then made a second cake. Her husband never suspected a thing—especially since she ate a piece out of the second cake too.

A first grade teacher had twenty-five students in her Clarkston, MI class. She presented each child in her class the first half of a well known proverb and asked them to come up with the remainder of the proverb. It's hard to believe these were actually done by first graders. Their insight may surprise you. While reading, keep in mind that these are just 6-year-olds, because the last one is classic although sad to see it said!

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1. Don't change horses	until they stop.
2. Strike while the	bug is close.
3. It's always darkest before	Daylight Saving Time.
4. Never underestimate the power of	termites.
5. You can lead a horse to water but	how?
6. Don't bite the hand that	looks dirty.
7. No news is	impossible.
8. A miss is as good as a	Mister.
9. You can't teach an old dog new	math.
10. If you lie down with dogs, you'll	stink in the morning.
11. Love all, trust	me.
12. The pen is mightier than the	pigs.
13. An idle mind is	the best way to relax.
14. Where there's smoke there's	pollution.
15. Happy the bride who	gets all the presents.
16. A penny saved is	not much.
17. Two's company, three's	the Musketeers
18. Don't put off till tomorrow what	you put on to go to bed.
19. Laugh and the whole world laughs	, ,
with you, cry and	you have to blow your nose.
20. There are none so blind as	Stevie Wonder.
21. Children should be seen and not	spanked or grounded.
22. If at first you don't succeed	get new batteries.
23. You get out of something only	-
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Foxley Group Parish Council

The Foxley Group Parish Council held its quarterly General meetings on November 20 and February 5. The annual precept for 2020/2021 was unanimously agreed at £2,500. This principally covers the cost of the Lengthsman. Grants towards churchyard maintenance and a contribution towards the cost of the Foxley News

All prior planning applications have been approved and there are no new applications at the moment.

There are no additional highway safety actions for buses stopping at the Old School turn. An attempt is therefore being made to re-route all buses running in the direction of Weobley, through Mansel lacy village.

Rob Hallett

I has been brought to the parish Council's attention that some residents of Mansel Lacy are depositing grass cutting and shrub trimmings on the verges. This is not only unsightly as it builds up. It is an offence which carries a hefty fine.

In the interest of good neighbourliness and the upkeep of the village the Parish Council would ask all residents to dispose of their garden waste by either composting it within their own garden or taking it to the local tip

the Clerk Foxley Parish Council

A farmer wants to know how many sheep he has in his field, so he asks his border collie to count them. The dog runs into the field, counts them and runs back to the farmer. The farmer says, "How many", The dog says, "40" The farmer is surprised and says, "How can there be 40, I only bought 38!" The dog says, "I rounded them up."



Mental health has begun to gain greater recognition in the media this year and as a result the stigma is beginning to diminish, however there is a long way to go. The cart Shed is a local charity that offers support to the local people. We are asking if anyone would like to adopt the charity as their charity of the year, it will also help raise awareness to those who may be struggling and unable to get the support they need, to find us.

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Dear Friends,

It seems to have been a bruising year so far, with so much happening in a short space of time. We have watched in horror as wild bush fires have ravaged parts of Australia, taking out homes, businesses and lives. We prayed for heavy, fire-drenching rain and it came - causing flooding in some parts, but at least it put out some of the fires. We held our breath as the minutes ticked towards 11.00pm on the last day of January, and our nation left the European Union, and I would urge all of us to pray that we will not just survive this, but will thrive. We have heard many warnings about the effects of climate change. There have been earthquakes in Latin America, and in the Philippines the Taal volcano is expected to erupt - it has already spat out a cloud of ash and lava. And in Japan the Shindake volcano erupted on 11th January causing the Island's inhabitants to flee from flying rocks and pyroclastic flows. In Kenya there has been the worst locust infestation in 70 years as millions of insects swarmed farmland. Some countries suffer drought, some have unusual flooding. And now we have Coronavirus spreading seemingly out of control in China and many other countries, with several confirmed cases in the UK. This is all very worrying and unsettling.

As Christians we should be aware of what the signs of the time might be telling us. Jesus told his followers to watch out for signs of his returning to earth. We have nothing to fear if we love and serve God, and follow his Son Jesus. If we do this we will be caring, supporting and loving towards each other and, whatever happens, we will know that God is consistent in his love for us and the world he created. Let's pray fervently for our damaged, troubled and broken world; for God's healing and for his direction.

With every Blessing,

Rana

Church	1st Sunday	2nd Sun	3rd Sun	4th Sun	5th Sun
Credenhill	11am Holy Communion	11am All age workshop	11am Holy Communion	11 _{am} Holy Commun & Healing	10am Group Holy Communion
Brinsop & Wormsley	9.30amHoly Communion				July Brinsop
Man Lacy & Yazor		9.30am Holy Communion		9.30am Morning svce	Sept Credenhill
Kenchester		6pm Evening Prayer		6pm Evening Prayer	Dec Brinsop
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June - Jennifer Spinks/Angela Starling July - Tracey Lewis/Sue Rawlinson

August - Ann Fairhurst/Jacky Jones September - Angie Deane/Sue Hallett

October - Vera Cole / Kim Williams November - vacancy/Jennifer Spinks

December - Christmas Décor All who can give time please

If you cannot do your month for any reason, please contact: Sue Hallett 590980