

Foxley News

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



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Editorial

Sadly we have to say goodbye to an old resident of Mansel Lacy when he lived in Ivy Cottage (The Old Post Office) Brian Smith. He was always helpful in the village, anything needed he was there, so he will be missed. His funeral was on 17 May at the crematorium, I was there amongst a huge attendance along with some of his 14 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

As usual I like to welcome new people to the area, Les and Chris Reading in Yarsop and Graham and Hebe Smith In Mansel Lacy. (see page 9),

You will see on page 7 that the PCC have decided to offer you a lunch for a donation starting at 12.30 on 14 June. Do come along and if possible let the PCC members (see page 17) know, to help with the catering numbers..

Sorry to hear that our vicar Rana had a small dose of Covid recently, but has recovered quickly and is now in good health.

Over the last few years the population of Mansel Lacy has changed quite dramatically, with older members popping off and new people moving in. So that the overall age of the residents has dropped with the tinkling laughter of children again being heard. They can look forward to the future hopefully if the world doesn't get too hot and that large asteroid is diverted and the black hole doesn't swallow us up. That sounds pessimistic and I'm an optimist so I'm sure everything will turn out fine.

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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

Dear Members, friends, and readers.

What a great start to the Spring; the past few weeks have seen sunny days and gardens bursting in flower and for the Association the start of a very busy period, the first of which was the annual duck race held on Saturday 14th May, in the village followed by tea and cakes in Ken and Leslie Kings garden, Ken and members worked hard to prepare the stream and set up the garden for those attending. Cakes were provided by members and proved very successful, I'm sure we would like to thank all those who made the day something that will continue to be a regular event.

So what's next - The Queens Jubilee being held in the village on Sunday the 5th June, the response for places has been tremendous and I am sure it will be a great success, members of the committee have worked very hard to make it something that will be remembered in the years to come. Saturday the 2nd July is picnic in the park held on the Foxley Estate by kind permission of the Davenport family, it will include live music for local artists and some refreshments on site, although tickets will be sold on the gate booking earlier is at a lower rate and advisable the event will start at 1530 and the first act will be at 1545 hrs so give yourself time to pitch up, many I am sure will remember the previous event held on the estate and the opportunity for those who were resident on the estate to revisit the site and remember their time there. The event will be advertised locally so let's make it a day to remember.

I hope that we can meet up shortly and enjoy getting together for social activities; so keep safe, keep well and enjoy the remainder of 2022

If anyone would like to know more about Mansel Lacy Community Association or would like to join any of the events or to get involved please contact me on 07508517919

Dave Gwynne Chairman

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Mansel Garden Club

Talk by Victoria Logue – “The Highs and Lows of Growing Vegetables”

Growing vegetables is not easy especially if you are a beginner, but Victoria talked us through the basics and the problems that we might come up against. Choose a sunny, sheltered spot, remove weeds and add compost or manure. It is easy to get carried away and grow too much so the size of the plot is determined by how many vegetables you can eat in a season. Only grow vegetables you like to eat. If space is limited consider growing dwarf varieties or even using containers.

Do not sow too many seeds at a time, it is really difficult to eat 15 lettuces in a week so sow few and often. This, of course, applies to all the vegetables you grow in order to avoid a glut.

Now we have to protect our precious seedlings from slugs, snails, caterpillars, aphids, white fly, pigeons, frost, wind, blight and even your own cat!

Don't give up as Victoria explained many remedies for dealing with these small problems, just think about the joy and satisfaction of eating your home grown vegetables.

Should you have a major disaster all you have to do is put the offending vegetables in the compost bin and coming next month to the garden club is a talk on composting by Sue Mabberley.

The April meeting, held at Mansel Community Hall, subject Compost. Some members showed disinterest, wondered how anyone could talk for an hour about Compost. Sue Mabberley did just that, she arrived with samples of her compost, we soon realised how very important good compost is, that it does take time, but the rewards are so worthwhile. Sue gave us a step by step guide but included information about her garden, her plants, her successes and failures. Compost was the backdrop to success. Sue has gardened at Nant-y-Bedd, Gwyne Fawr, Abergavenny, NP7 7LY, for 41 years, at over 1000 feet the garden is challenging, more rainfall, spring arrives late, her garden is open to the public.

Sue has featured in Garden magazine, Country House and Gardens, Alan Titchmarsh has visited with his team. The garden is a partner RHS Garden in Wales, browse her web site for further information.

Sue was inspirational, and hopefully inspired members to get composting.

The May meeting at The Old Corn Mill, Aston Crews, Ross on Wye, HR9 7LW, was nearly out of county, it is becoming harder to find gardens we have not visited. Parking at the farmyard, less able could drive the steep drive down to the house. 22 members and friends walked down the woodland path to find the beautifully converted Old Corn Mill in the bottom, surrounded by garden.

Jill Hunter initially planted around a 1000 trees on this 4 acre plot, also retaining some of the originals, shrubs were chosen for all year interest, grasses and ferns flourish, the majority of plants from gifted cuttings. Nesting boxes to encourage birds, a stream quietly meandering The Old Mill pond looking very much as it must have originally. Stunning Acers, a wild meadow, which leads to an adjoining field where sheep graze.

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Lacy Ladies & Gentlemen in suspension

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An abundance of seating to rest and take in the views of unspoilt countryside.

Hidden statues and obelisks, placed in just the right places, and despite looking easy and not at all contrived, the general feeling was, and Jill agreed, to get this right it was indeed quite a lot of work, simplicity is not that simple.

Jill served us delicious tea, cake and biscuits and very happily chatted to members, about her garden, also showing us original photographs of The Old Corn Mill, when it was near derelict, luckily her son is an architect with some vision.

It was a beautiful garden, and had a feeling of peace and tranquility, and well worth a visit.

Our next outing is closer to home, The Rhodds, Lyonshall, HR5 3LW, on Monday 6th June, 2.30 pm, a revisit, but gardens change, enthusiastic owners are seldom happy to leave things alone, and there is always room for another plant, hence revisits are always interesting.

Pam Powell

How to save money - On day one, save 1 penny, day two save 2 pennies day three 3. etc. on day 100 save one pound, on day 365 save £3.65. Guess what you will have saved £667.95. at year end. I haven't checked the accuracy of the maths but somebody no doubt will and let me know



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Lunch in church

We, the Parochial Church Council, have offered you the breakfast club, which was very successful so now we are converting to lunch. At 12.30pm on Tuesdays When is : 14 June, 12 July, 9 August and even 13 September



**Duck Races
and the
winners
were:-**

**Uncle Pops
Peter Kettle
Rachel C**

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