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## An amazing year draws to a close!

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CAPs forum

Does your community  
need a CAP? Contact  
us - details on left.

### CURRENT CAPs STATUS

Michaelchurch CAP ●  
The Bridge Inn  
Michaelchurch

Weobley CAP ●  
The Rookery, Weobley  
Primary School

Mansel Lacy CAP ●  
The Community Centre  
Mansel Lacy

Lingen CAP ●  
The Village Hall  
Lingen

South Wye Learning ●  
Centre CAP,  
Redhill, Hereford

Woonton CAP ●  
The Lion Inn  
Due to go live 22 Dec

Longtown Kiosk ●  
Approved subject to  
roll-out

Eardisley CAP ●  
Approved subject to  
roll-out

Preston on Wye ●  
Approved subject to  
roll-out

The Fromes (Bishops  
Frome) Approved  
subject to roll-out

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### News in Brief

**Weobley and  
Mansel Lacy CAPs  
Launched**

**AWM SRB Funding  
to end in March**

**Mansel Lacy  
launched**

**Weobley launched**

**Woonton  
connected by BT**

**Preston on Wye  
approved**

**The Fromes  
approved**

**Roll-out approval**

**New On-line CAP  
Forum for Steering  
Groups created**

**Welcome to the  
family**

**Full page feature in  
the Hereford Times**

**Seasons greetings**

**Communicate &  
participate -  
contact us.**

## Weobley and Mansel Lacy CAPs Launched



The Mansel Lacy and Weobley CAPs were both launched in November attracting large attendances and great interest from their respective communities. All age groups were represented as can be seen from the pictures. Most impressive was the number of people - especially older - who were thrilled to find friendly and easygoing help available. Steering Group members were on hand to show what was possible and how the technology could enhance peoples lives.



# News Roundup

## Funding for the CAPs project to end in March 2007.

Advantage West Midlands (AWM) one of the main project funders has stated that the SRB (Single Regeneration Budget) funding must cease on 31<sup>st</sup> March and cannot extend to September as we had hoped. We are actively applying for additional AWM funding to match the European half of the CAPs money which can be extended to September. This will not affect CAPs already established or any new CAPs which are installed prior to the end of March. It does mean however, that time is a huge factor now in getting potential CAPs up and running. To be certain (subject to approval) of becoming a CAP, it is recommended that your bid is before the January Project board meeting. The February meeting is pushing it! If we do manage to get match funding, then the outlook is positively better.

## Mansel Lacy

The Mansel Lacy CAP opened officially on November 29th. A friendly welcome to the Community Room in the Church along with a glass of wine and refreshments set the scene for a launch attended by a wide cross section of age groups. Speeches by CAP Chair Cal Edwards, Councillor Charles Mayson and Project Manager Mick Leonard, opened the CAP. This was followed by a lively and

enjoyable evening which saw many converts to the CAP ethos and not a few ICT virgins taking their first tentative steps into the technological world.

## Weobley

The Weobley CAP opted for a dual opening ceremony an two different dates. The first on 27th November was at 1:00 pm. The second on 6th December at 7:00 pm. Both were very well attended by all ages and computer ability. As Ken Turner, CAP Secretary said "Everybody's talking about it. For instance this is a wonderful way for people to keep in touch with family and friends overseas. It's a brilliant idea."

## Wootton

BT have finally connected Wootton. They are now waiting for ADSL to be applied when they will be live. We expect this to happen by 22nd Dec.

## Preston on Wye approved

Preston on Wye have received Project Board approval, subject to roll out approval by the funders (see below).

## The Fromes Approved

Bishops Frome and Fromes Hill known collectively as The Fromes have received Project Board approval, subject to roll out approval by the funders (see below).

## Roll-out approval

We have been told verbally that roll-out approval has been given, however we cannot act on this

until we have confirmation in writing.

## New on-line forum

An on-line Yahoo based forum has been created for the exclusive use of CAPs Steering Group members, Coordinators, Volunteers and the CAPs Project Team. If you are one of the above you should shortly be receiving an invitation to join the group. If you do not receive an invite within a week, please contact Lucy on 01432 383677.

Please join the forum - it will give you access linking you to everyone else in the CAPs family. It will allow you to post your queries and find answers to questions relating to CAPs. You can raise issues and, hopefully, get them resolved. There is lots of useful information to help you run your CAP.

## Welcome to the family

Yarpole and Leintwardine have both formed steering groups following successful community meetings. They are now building their bids and hope to get it in to the January project board meeting


## Did you see our feature in the Hereford Times on 30th November?





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## CURRENT CAPs STATUS (Cont)

Canon Pyon   
Steering Group building their bid

Cradley   
Steering Group building their bid

Yarpole   
Steering Group formed and building their bid

Leintwardine   
Steering Group formed and building their bid

Pembridge   
Community meeting planned for 16th Jan 07

6 further communities have expressed interest and are pursuing




Other enquiries are in the pipeline

**Could YOUR community fill this space? Contact us.**

## CAP - Communicate And Participate

This is **YOUR** newsletter and it needs your input to make it work. Through it we can share news, views and ideas to improve CAPs and make them sustainable. It is hoped that it will become an

interactive forum with Steering Group members, CAP volunteers and users all sharing their thoughts, feelings and ideas about their CAP. It's **Your** CAP and we value your input. **If you're thinking it, Email it!**

Key: Live   
Active SG   
Active champion 

*Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New*

